

Windmill Weekly (07)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for October - Honesty

17 October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy Diwali

I hope that all of you who will be celebrating Diwali this weekend have a wonderful celebration!

Sustainability Week

Next week we will be thinking about Sustainability of the world including ensuring that there is enough food in the world to go around. As part of this we will be holding exhibitions of the work the children have been doing on Thursday morning between 8:30am and 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to visit their child / children's class/es to see what they have been learning about.

Donations of Food

As a part of our Sustainability Week, we will be supporting Asylum Welcome by having a collection of food. The items that we donate need to be long life rather than fresh so that they can be kept for longer. Items that are particularly needed include:

- Cooking oil
- Sugar
- Rice
- Pasta
- Tuna
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned sweetcorn and other veg
- Tinned fruit
- Baked beans
- Chickpeas, lentils and other beans (tinned or dried)
- Instant coffee
- UHT milk
- Jam, honey

Children can bring a contribution, if they would like to, for our food donation from Monday 20 October until Friday 24 October.



Key Dates

20 October	Sustainability Week
22 October	Phonics Open Evening - Reception parents
24 October	End of Term 1 at 3.10pm
3 November	Start of Term 2 at 8.40am
4 November	PTA AGM - 7.30pm
5 November	Open Evening for new pupils September 2026 (pre-booked appointment)
10 November	Anti Bullying Week

11 November	SEN and Pastoral Coffee Morning 8.45am - 10.00am
14 November	Takeover Day
18 & 19 November	Individual Photos
20 November	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10pm

Reception Parents' Phonics Open Evening

Parents of children in Reception are invited to attend an open evening to find out more about Windmill's approach to phonics teaching (via the Read, Write Inc. scheme). The open evenings will take place in your child's classroom at 4.30pm on Wednesday 22nd October. Please enter the school the usual way down the side alley.

CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY ONLINE SHOP IS NOW OPEN!

This week, your children should have brought home sample cards that show Christmas/holiday artwork they completed at school. Visit the online shop now to buy items like cards, mugs, story books, and plushies, all personalised with your child's brilliant artwork: shop.classfundraising.co.uk/unlock.

All purchases raise money for the PTA and is spent on resources for the school. Last year, your purchases raised over £1,300!

The shop will close at MIDDAY (12pm) on Friday 24 October (this deadline cannot be extended!) Orders will arrive at school in November, to be sorted by the Elves and brought home by your children.

If your unique order codes go missing before logging in for the first time, please contact Oriana (ori7b@hotmail.com) and/or me (cailahjackson@gmail.com) ASAP, stating your child's full name and class. Happy shopping!

100 Club Needs More Members!

The 100 Club is our school's monthly lottery draw. You can join by purchasing tickets for £1 per month or £12 for the entire year. Each month you have the chance to win prizes of £25, £15, and £10. The remaining funds are used to buy books for classrooms and the school library, as well as to support other school projects.

If you want to join, please contact Dariusz via email: mail@dariusz.tv or WhatsApp: 07929059974.

Autumn Fayre 2025

A huge thank you to everyone who came to enjoy the fayre or helped in any way last weekend! The PTA are thrilled to announce that the total raised was over £6300 (over £4000 before the corporate match funding applied to the raffle thanks to Tomi Johnson's generous employers!) - this will all go straight to fund much-needed equipment and support for Windmill, including a new sound system for the school hall.

Treasure Island winner

The winner of the Treasure Island stall was Charlotte in Strawberry class! We'll drop off a prize through your teacher next week.

Windmill PTA AGM

Quick reminder that our AGM is coming up on November 4th - this is the perfect time to get involved if you'd like to help us support the school. You can do anything from helping us run another great fundraising event for the school community or being part of the PTA committee. Drop us a line at windmillPTA@gmail.com or chat to any of the current committee (Kai Zolleis, Jess Goodman, Martin Gillies, Fergus Alexander, Amy Matthews, Jen Skym, Lizzie Nuthall) if you'd like to know more.

SEN and Pastoral Coffee Morning

We will be running a coffee morning on Tuesday 11th November, 8.45am - 10.00 am in the afterschool club room at the front of the school. This is opportunity to chat with other parents and carers and to speak informally with Mrs Griffiths (SENCO) and Ms Painter (Home school link worker). Please do drop in and say hello!

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Vacancies

School Cleaner

We are seeking a cleaner to work 10 hours per week, 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday, 2 hours between 5.00am and 9.00am **or** 3.00pm – 5.00pm.

The rate of pay is £12.65 an hour.

This is an all year round contract so you will need to work during the school holidays, although hours can be blocked during the holidays if desired so you would not need to work every day. All annual leave must be taken during the school holidays and cannot be taken during term time.

This could be a term time only plus 3 week contract by request. This would be all 5 inset days plus 2 weeks (20 hours) in the Summer holidays.

Please email office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk to ask for an application form or visit our website www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk for further information and to download the OCC Support Staff (August 2022) application form.

Senior Lunchtime Supervisor – Grade 5

We are seeking a reliable and outgoing Senior Lunchtime Supervisor to work within our friendly lunchtime team.

The hours of work would be 11.30pm – 1.30pm, Monday – Friday, term time only so all holidays must be taken out of term time.

Annual Salary is £5,784 - £5,969

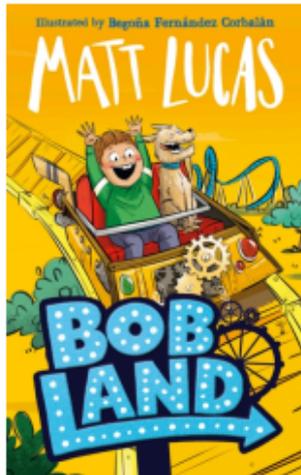
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Author Visit

Author Name: **Matt Lucas**

Date of Event: **Nov 5, 2025**

We are delighted to be hosting an event with **Matt Lucas** on **Wednesday 5th November** to celebrate the release of 'BobLand'. Independent bookshop **Mostly Books** is providing your child with the opportunity to pre-order Matt's new book at a reduced price as part of this event.



Bobland, 9780008519933: £14.00 (RRP £14.99)

What's better than the best theme park in the world? The best theme park in the world – IN YOUR OWN GARDEN!! Bob Grubb and his family live on a ramshackle smallholding backing on to the world-renowned theme park, Happy World, run by Arthur Happy and his dreadful granddaughter, Maisie.

When Bob accidentally gets into Maisie's bad books, he is banned from Happy World – FOR EVER. What is an entrepreneurial boy to do? Build his own theme park in his back garden, of course! With the help of friends and family, BOBLAND is go! But with Arthur and Maisie doing everything in their power to derail Bob's plans, will they make it to the Grand Opening in one piece, where they are due to meet the king himself? And what is the big family secret that lurks beneath it all?

Order Form

Books can be ordered direct via the Mostly Books website using the link below. Orders must be placed no later than 5pm on Monday **Nov 3, 2025** . If you place an order after this time, we cannot guarantee that it will be processed in time. Orders will be delivered to the school ready for collection on the day of the event.

Title	Price	Link
Bobland, 9780008519933	£14.00	https://mostly-books.co.uk/product/bobland-matt-lucas-school-event/

Thank you for your order.



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[From Hieroglyphics to Emojis: Festival of Ancient Writing](#) - Tuesday 11th November, 3:30 - 5:45pm
at Cheney School

We are delighted to announce a Festival in collaboration with the University of Oxford Department of Linguistics, "Read Between The Lines: From Hieroglyphs to Emojis" on Tuesday 11th November, 3:30 - 5:45pm at Cheney School.

Explore Egyptian, Minoan, Aztec and other ancient scripts and modern emojis through a range of exciting and informative activities, stalls and performances!

There will be three ten minute performances of a play exploring signs through time, followed by a discussion at 3:05pm, 4pm, and 5pm. All performances will be British Sign Language interpreted.

There will also be a labyrinth escape and fire show, Minoan dancing, facepainting and refreshments!

The event is free and open to all ages. We welcome school groups as well as individuals and families. To book, please fill in [this form](#). If you have any questions, please email lro@cheneyschool.org

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Intensive **SWIMMING COURSES**

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

- Preschool non-Swimmers – 9:30 AM
- Non-Swimmers – 10:00 AM
- Beginners – 10:30 AM
- Improvers – 11:00 AM
- Breaststroke Clinic – 11:30 AM

Cost: £37.25 for the full five-day course

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Affordable Swimming Lessons - Join for £1!

Leys, Barton, and Ferry Leisure Centres are offering a fantastic opportunity for children to start swimming lessons. Join for just £1 and pay nothing until 1st November, saving around £40! This is perfect for families looking to build water confidence or for children who haven't yet achieved the national swimming standard.

👉 Find out more and book now at: www.oxfordcityleisure.com