

Windmill Weekly (09)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for November - Freedom

7 November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half-term break.

Flag Display

I have been asked a few times how long we will be keeping the flags display in place. We agreed at the PTA meeting on Tuesday evening that we will keep it up until Christmas.

Matt Lucas Visit / Change to Takeover Day Date

As you know Matt Lucas's visit to school was cancelled due to him being unwell this week. It has now been rescheduled for next Friday. As this clashes with Takeover Day, we will be moving Takeover Day back a week to Friday 21st November.

Pudsey Bear Visit

It was great to have a visit from Pudsey Bear on Tuesday. There is the possibility that some of the footage filmed may be played out on the national Children in Need BBC coverage on Friday 14th November.

Children in Need - 14th November

We will be supporting Children in Need by asking children to pay £1 if they want to come to school wearing some yellow or red. The children in Key Stage 2 can also choose to take part in a 3-legged sponsored event at 2:30pm. They will walk laps of the field and can be sponsored per lap. Sponsor forms will be handed out on Monday.

Anti- Bullying Week 10-14th November

"Odd Socks Day" -Wear odd socks on Monday 10th November to celebrate individuality and kindness



Key Dates

10 November	Anti Bullying Week
11 November	SEN and Pastoral Coffee Morning 8.45am - 10.00am
21 November	Takeover Day
18 & 19 November	Individual Photos
20 November	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10pm
1 December	Pantomime for whole school

3 December	Reception Christmas Play 9.15am - 10.00am
10 December	Year 2 Christmas Play 9.15am
10 December	Cheney Concert for Orchestra / Choir
11 December	Year 2 Christmas Play 2.00pm
12 December	Year 1 & Orchestra Performance 9.15am
12 December	Christmas Disco
17 December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert 2.00pm
18 December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert 9.00am
19 December	House Christmas Quiz - whole school
19 December	End of Term 2 at 2.30pm
6 January 2026	Start of Term 3 at 8.40am

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.

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 come directly to the Afterschool Club room and not through the main reception.

Please do drop in and say hello!

Unnamed Lost Property

Photos of unnamed lost property can be found here:

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/021foBkINhW1iQfNn70bcD3pQ>

Please help us get your property back to your child as soon as possible by naming everything you can imagine- all uniform items, coats, water bottles, PE kit, gloves, hats, lunchboxes, etc.

Please come before school 8:30-8:40am, or after school 3:10-3:30pm, to claim your items. Alternatively, please email coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

CLUB NEWS:- Tennis Club - Friday 14 November

Important - unfortunately we have to CANCEL the Windmill School Tennis Class on Friday 14th November due to staff availability.

I have tried to find a substitute teacher but unfortunately this has not been successful.

Therefore the class is CANCELLED on Friday 14th November (We will resume as normal the following week).

I will issue a refund to you for this class.

Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience caused. I hope by giving you notice you are able to arrange an early pick up or alternative arrangements for your son/daughter.

Kind regards, Tom Francis

PTA UPDATE

New Committee

Elections were held at the AGM on Tuesday 4th November. Your new committee is:

Chair - Jess Goodman

Secretary - Martin Gillies

Treasurer - Fergus Alexander

Communications - Taryn Wheatley and Saima Aziz

Committee members - Kai Zolleis, Jen Skym, Elizabeth Nuthall

Huge thanks to outgoing Chair Kai, who has put in enormous amounts of work and dedication over the past four years to get the PTA back to strength post-pandemic, and to outgoing Comms Officer Amy, who also did a fantastic job running this year's Fayre.

Full minutes of the AGM as well as annual reports will be posted on Classlist very soon. Thanks to all who came along.

Spending - £300 per class

At the AGM, it was agreed that each class would once again be allocated £300, for teachers to spend as they wish (a total of £6300!). In recent years this has supported school trips, visitors to the school, and classroom resources, so we're really pleased to be able to do the same this year.

Don't forget that classes or year groups are also welcome to organise their own ad hoc fundraising for specific events or class purchases (from cake sales, to sponsored events, to pre-loved sales - there are lots of options!). If you would like to organise something for your class, the PTA are very happy to provide advice and assistance; just get in touch.

CHRISTMAS DISCO - Friday 12 December

Save the date! The Christmas Disco always sells out, and is one of the social highlights of the year. Includes disco, tuck shop, chill-out room and bar.

Tickets on sale very soon via Classlist - make sure you secure yourself a spot by volunteering to help out, and earn a priority ticket.

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.

CHILDREN'S FLU VACCINATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Visit our website to:

- Register a new consent form
- Book a community clinic appointment
- Find your school code
- Find out more information



<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/parents/>

For further information about the Flu vaccine follow the
link below

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>



Magical Maths is coming to Windmill Primary School!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Professor Poopenshtinken and his friends will be coming to **Windmill Primary School** to introduce a brand new after school club, designed to show your children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

Our fantastic after school clubs will help to boost your child's engagement and enjoyment in maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities.

This **10 week** club begins **Wednesday 14th January 2026** and is priced at just **£82.00**. To find out more or to book your child's place, visit our website www.magicalmathsclub.com or call us on **07960411706** but hurry as places are limited!

*We look forward to welcoming your children
for lots of Mathemagical fun!*



Brand New This Year:

Magical Maths Online is now **FREE** with every booking! Don't miss out on over 250 hours of interactive content designed to compliment our after school clubs and continue the fun and learning from home!

www.magicalmathsclub.com
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The booking portal is now open on the website for parents to book, click here for information; <https://magicalmathsclub.com/club/listing/windmill-primary-school-2/>

PAPAYA

The Power of Play

Rediscovering Childhood in the Digital Age

Tuesday 25th November 2025

8:00 PM to 9:30 PM

ONLINE VIA TEAMS

DR SUSIE DAVIES
FOUNDER AND CEO PAPAYA



EMILY JENNINGS
PLAY CHAMPION

[tickets £3 available here](#)

Please join **PAPAYA** for our NEW webinar

The Power of Play

Exploring the importance of play in childhood development and wellbeing, and the impact that screens are having on children. Designed for KS1 and KS2 parents. Non-judgemental, interactive, and informative.

- The Importance of Play
- Positive Solutions for Your Family
- The Impact of Screens on Childhood
- Q&A and Sharing of Top Tips



Dr Susie Davies is a GP with a special interest in adolescent mental health. She is the founder and CEO of PAPAYA and is passionate about improving mental health outcomes for today's adolescents. Dr Davies founded PAPAYA seven years ago after recognising the link between technology use and poor mental health in students. She is the author of *The Healthy Selfie: How to Like Yourself in the Digital Age*.



Emily Jennings is a Play Champion, Childhood Advocate, and Playful Places Design Consultant with a background in Psychology. She is a mother of four with over 20 years of lived experience in parenting. Emily is passionate about the power of play in supporting children's development and wellbeing. She has campaigned for better playgrounds, advised on the design of playful public spaces, and shared her insights in a TEDx talk.

BOOK NOW

Christmas

GROTTO

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EVENT LIST

MEET SANTA
WRITE LETTER TO SANTA
FESTIVE CRAFTS
HOT CHOCOLATE
MOVIE : AN ELF STORY



QUARRY PAVILION
13 DECEMBER
4:30 PM

kidactive.co.uk/xmas

Join Quarry Rovers FC and Kid Active for your local Christmas Grotto and fundraiser.
Booking essential- please book your tickets here: <https://kidactive.co.uk/xmas>

DISCO • FOOD • DRINK

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Quarry
Pavilion

13 DEC

6:15-7:15PM



INFO

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Join Quarry Rovers FC and Kid Active for a Christmas Disco.

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FREE ENTRY!

**Christmas
Fayre 25**

Benson Village Hall
Wallingford OX10 6LZ

10AM - 4PM
Sunday 30th November



Santa's Grotto

Craft Stalls

Raffle

Café

**Children's Games
& Activities**

Tombola

AND MUCH MORE

Santa's Grotto Pre-Bookings available now on
our Website!

Event held by Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue. Reg Charity Number 1194050

NEW



COULD YOU BENEFIT FROM A PHONE FRIEND?

Caring can be deeply rewarding, but it can also feel exhausting, isolating and overwhelming. But you don't have to face it alone.

With our **NEW** Phone Friends service, we can match you with a trained volunteer for friendly, regular calls and a listening ear.

- ♥ Regular, confidential calls at a time to suit you
- ♥ Share your worries, have a laugh, or simply chat
- ♥ Feel supported and less isolated while connecting with someone who understands



For more information, visit our website or contact Laura Spillane:

lauraspillane@carersoxfordshire.org.uk

01295 234 850

Fundraising Fun
SATURDAY 29 NOV
Quarry Village Hall

Family

BINGO & PIZZA

Great prizes, Tuck Shop and delicious pizza

2-4pm | Tickets £5



LIVE MUSIC

from Weekend Retro Team
& Pale Imitation

7pm | Tickets £15

18+



ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS OUR TWO CHARITIES, QUARRY ROVERS FC AND TOGETHER AGAINST LCH



Come join us on 29th November for a day of Fundraising Fun with [Together Against LCH](#) and [Quarry Rovers FC](#) at Headington Quarry Village Hall

Family Bingo and Pizza - all ages welcome - from 2-4pm <https://wegottickets.com/event/680330>

18+ gig with our two favourite local bands Weekend Retro Team and Pale Imitation from 7pm <https://wegottickets.com/event/680331>

The

Library

Headington

What's on for...

November

"The library--it's more than you think!"

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>* Oxford Bury Knowle Art Group Exhibition - On display 13th-27th *</p>	<p>Introducing: The Thursday Library Club most Thursdays from 5-6, starting 20/11. Join us for a hot drink, fun activities, and community.</p>	<p>Baby Week Special Baby Week events on 14th, 17th, and 20th!</p>			<p>1</p>
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Adult events
Children's events

*Booking essential