

# Windmill Weekly (10)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for November - Freedom

14 November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **One Way System**

If you enter the school on the side where the flags are hanging, we do have a one way system. This is because the path is very narrow. If parents / carers who are leaving school are trying to push bikes and buggies against the flow of parents arriving, it becomes a health and safety concern. This week we had a couple of children hurt as a result of this issue. I know that it takes longer, but **please can all families follow the one way system at all times.**

## **Takeover Day**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November we will be holding our annual Takeover Day, when the children in the school take on the adult roles. This is always a highlight of the year for the children.

## **Pre-Loved Sale**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November the LAW (Learning at Windmill) pupil council will be running a Pre-Loved sale. We will be asking for contributions of toys, books and games that are in very good condition to be donated. The sale is to raise money for playground games. Contributions can be sent into school from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Parents Guide to Roblox**

We know that many of your children love to play Roblox online. However, there are some risks involved with this game. Our governor who ensures that Safeguarding procedures in school are robust has suggested we share this link with you, following some recent training that she did.

[Roblox: a parent guide | Parent Zone](#)



## **Key Dates**

20 November	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10pm
21 November	Takeover Day
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
15 December	iRock Assembly / Performance
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 <b>2.30pm</b>
6 January 2026	Start of Term 3 at 8.40am

### **Girls U11 Oxford City Football Tournament**

Congratulations to our amazing U11 girls' football team, who were crowned tournament champions! The team won their first five group matches and then drew their next three, finishing joint top of the group. They went on to beat St John Fisher in a tense penalty shootout in the semi-final, before securing victory over Cumnor Primary in the final. We go on to represent Oxfordshire in the Regional finals in the new year.



### **Reception Applications for 2026/2027**

Reception applications for entry to primary or infant school in the 2026/27 academic year can be submitted from 4 November. This is for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.

Applications can be submitted online at: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 15 January 2025. Applicants are encouraged to list 4 schools as preferences and to consider how they would manage school runs to their preferred schools.

For any enquiries, the School Admissions Team can be contacted on 0345 241 2487 or [admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### **Children in Need**

Today is Children in Need and if your child has come to school dressed in red and yellow or non-uniform you can make your donation to the charity by visiting [Donate to BBC Children in Need](https://www.bbc.com/children-in-need). Please do not bring cash into the school but donate through the link provided.

### **Individual Photographs**

We have appointed a different company this year to take children's individual photographs on MONDAY and TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November. Your child will bring home a QR code with information on how you can preview the photos once they have been taken.

The schedule is as follows- please ensure your child comes to school with a clean jumper/cardigan (and perhaps pack a spare just in case as we do not have clean spares at school).

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November:

Reception  
Year 2  
Year 4  
Year 6

## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November:

Year 1

Year 3

Year 5

Sibling Photos on Tuesday afternoon - we regret only sibling photos will be accommodated, and no other family photos are possible.

If your child has a non-uniform event during the day, please ensure they have their uniform to change into for the photos.

### **Cycle Safety**

With the congestion charge starting in Oxford last month more and more of us might be deciding to use bikes to travel to and from school.

If you do use your bike a helmet, while not a legal requirement, is a very good idea. It can reduce serious head injuries by 70% and reduces the risk of fatalities from head injury by 44%. Here is a link for advice on fitting a helmet to ensure the best protection <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/knowledge/bike-kit/article/izn20140519-All-Cycling-Buying-and-fitting-a-helmet-0>

What is a legal requirement however are lights on your bike and you can be fined up to £50 for not being properly equipped. Anyone cycling between dusk (about 4pm) and dawn (about 7am) will need lights on the front and back of their bikes. In low light and weather depending, at this time of year lights may be necessary outside of those times. This means children going to and from school, especially after school clubs will need lights.

Please also remember that cycling on the pavement is not legal in the UK unless on designated cycle paths. Whilst this rule is often overlooked for young children if your child is old enough to be cycling alone they should be cycling on the road. This is true in school too and cyclists are respectfully reminded to pay attention to the Cyclists Dismount signs within the school grounds to help keep the children safe while on school property.

This is a link to a useful booklet with advice for young people to safely use the road and share it with other road users. [https://www.think.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Tales-Of-The-Road\\_web-accessible.pdf](https://www.think.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Tales-Of-The-Road_web-accessible.pdf)

### **Windmill Christmas Disco!**

The Christmas Disco takes place on Friday 12th December from 6.00pm - 8.00pm, with music, dancing, a chill-out area, tuck shop and bar for adults.

Tickets are £3.00 each, and will be available via Claslist. Tickets are limited because of hall capacity and regulations; all attending need a ticket (adults, children, and volunteers).

The disco can only run with the help of volunteers. Any helpers will get priority access to buy up to 2 tickets for each slot they volunteer for. You can volunteer for as many slots as you like.

If you would like to help out and secure your priority tickets, please head over to the event page [here](#), sign up for a slot (or slots), and buy your tickets. Once the volunteer helper rota is full and all helpers have booked their priority tickets, the rest of the tickets will be released.

There are no physical tickets, so in order for us to confirm details at entry, there are some questions to answer when buying tickets. Please provide details for every person you are buying a ticket for, adults and children. All children must be supervised by an adult.

Please get in touch with Kai Zolleis or Gavin Robey if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher



USE  
PROMO CODE  
WINTER  
SWIM

**JOIN  
FOR £1**

**and pay nothing on swimming  
lessons until January!**

let's do  
**MORE**

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>

# Snap Happy



## Photography and Film Club @ Windmill

Monday / Tuesday 15:10-16:15

Age 8+

Fully qualified teacher, DBS checked



Come and have fun learning how to:

- Compose photos
- See the world around you differently
- Use household objects for your art
  - Create animations
- Use different camera settings
- Make beautiful gifts for friends/family
  - Tell stories without words



**Beginners welcome!**  
All equipment provided

Any questions, please get in touch!  
[snap.happy.oxford@gmail.com](mailto:snap.happy.oxford@gmail.com)

Snap Happy



Spring Term 2026

# Disney Dance Club



Open to all children in Reception & Year 1

We are delighted to be running our Disney themed Dance Club in the Spring Term! Dance Club is designed to increase fitness, coordination, and stamina, whilst also being lots of fun!

**Disney**



## LOCATION

Windmill Primary School

## COST

£11.50 per session, booked termly  
We accept all childcare vouchers and lessons can be paid in instalments.

## DATES & TIMES

The club will run from 3:10-4:40pm for 11 weeks, starting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

## HOW TO BOOK

Scan the QR code to book and use code DAWMPS1 to take you straight to the club or visit our [website](#)





Spring Term 2026

## On The Stage - K-POP!

Open to all children from Reception - Year 6

We are delighted to be running our K-POP themed 'On the Stage' Club in the Spring Term! This club is a combination of dancing, drama and singing with a specific focus on building confidence and boosting teamwork. The dances, songs and drama pieces will take inspiration from K-POP music and will all be age appropriate.



### LOCATION:

Windmill Primary School

### COST:

£14 per session, booked termly  
All childcare vouchers accepted and payments can be made in instalments

### DATES & TIME:

The club will run from 3:10-5:10pm, for 10 weeks starting Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

### HOW TO BOOK:

Scan the QR code to book and use code OSWMPS1 to take you straight to the club or visit our [website](#)

