

Windmill Weekly (19)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for January - Hope

30 January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Cut Your Carbon Week

Thank you to all of the children who made changes to their actions to help cut their carbon throughout last week. Each class has been collecting points and we will announce the winning class next week.

Strictly Junior Dancing

If your child has been practising the dances for Strictly Junior I now have the timings for the event on Sunday 1st March. The performance for the children in Years 3 / 4 will start at 1:00pm so the children will need to be at The Oxford High School for Girls at 12:00pm. The children in Years 5 and 6 will take part in a performance starting at 4:00pm and they will need to arrive at 3:00pm. I will send letters to individual children next week but I wanted to make sure that you had details as soon as I got them.

Parent Governor election result

Thank you to all 7 candidates who put themselves forward to become parent governors. Pending ratification by the full governing board, Brid Cronin has been re-elected along with Charlotte King and Jyotsana Alexander.



Key Dates

3 February	EAL Coffee Morning 8.45am - 9.45am
6 February	Virtual Quiz Night - 6.30pm
13 February	Year 1 sharing assembly
13 February	End of Term 3
23 February	Start of Term 4
24 - 27 February	Book Fair
2 - 6 March	Book Week
5 March	World Book Day - dress as your favourite book character

Sickness Exclusion Policy

This is a reminder that we operate a 48-hour exclusion policy after the last incident of vomiting or diarrhoea. This is to keep other pupils, and our staff, safe and well.

Two Part Parent Workshop on Managing your child's behaviour

Alice from the Schools Mental Health Support Team will be delivering this parent workshop on Thursday 5th February 9-10.30 and Thursday 12th February 9-10.30.

If you would like to reserve a place please email Jackie Aspden on jaspden@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

EAL Coffee Morning

We will be running a coffee morning on Tuesday 3rd February, 8.45 am - 9.45 am, in the After-School Club room at the front of the school, for parents and carers of children with English as an Additional Language (EAL).

Mrs McIntyre (EAL Specialist TA) will give a short presentation and then there will be an opportunity to chat with other parents and carers. Please send an email to confirm your attendance. You are also welcome to email in advance with any questions you would like to be addressed: jmcintyre@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Please come directly to the After-School Club room and not through the main school office. Please do drop in and say hello!

Year 2 girls - Quarry Rovers Football Club

The local grassroots football club, Quarry Rovers, are looking for additional players for their girls' team. If your daughter is in Year 2 and interested in joining the local football team for fun, friendship and football, please contact the coach (Paul Gardner-Smith) on p_rsmith@hotmail.com. Training takes place Tuesday evening and matches are played on Saturday mornings.

Virtual Quiz Night - Coming up next week

A quick reminder that our Virtual Quiz Night is coming up on Friday, 6th February at 6.30pm. Quiz Masters Knapp are ready with kid-friendly questions for an evening of fun and friendly competition. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time. Register your team at <https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1388430647>. Group tickets are £5.

Street safety parent protest

As previously mentioned in newsletters, Classlist and the PTA, many parents are very worried about how dangerous the junctions around school are at pick up and drop off times due to reckless parking and manoeuvring. The messages in the school newsletter and Classlist are not having an impact and so some parents have decided to hold a friendly awareness raising protest. The purpose is to be visible at the main points where cars tend to illegally park to just remind drivers of the risks posed to pedestrians by illegal parking and driving.

Please join us on the corner of Margaret Road and Wharton Road (meeting point) on Friday 6 February at 8:15. You can optionally wear high-vis, with a sign, and be with or without kids!

For anyone who would like to discuss this, there is a WhatsApp group here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LU23Q5Oaa9y3M2Veuapr8T>

Unnamed Lost Property

Photos of unnamed lost property can be found here:

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/OfaMdOpiLjEsLIahO-2ikabw>

Please help us get the enormous amount of unnamed lost 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, forest school clothes- EVERYTHING!

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

Any items left at the end of this term (13th Feb) will be donated to charity.

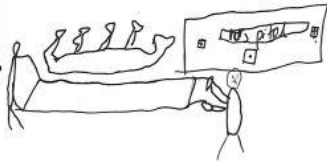
The Windmill School Joke Book is Back!

To raise money for the Windmill PTA and Comic Relief, we are creating another joke book. We're aiming to include a joke from every child and teacher in the school. There will even be a few very special celebrity submissions!

Have a look at this page from the last edition of the Windmill School joke book, 11 years ago!

Where do you take a horse when it is sick?
To the horse-pital.

Nico Ramos



What do you get if you cross a cat and a parrot?
A carrot.

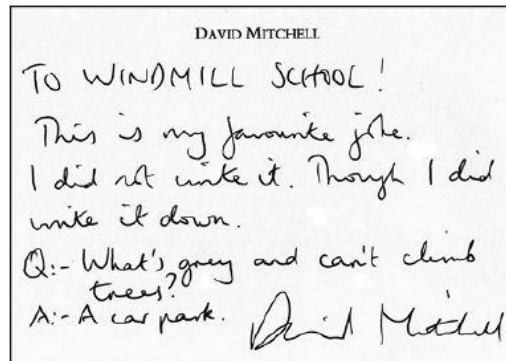
Emanuel Markland

I am on a train. I don't think much of this bunk bed.
That's because it's a luggage rack!

Alec Eddie

Why did the computer go to the doctor?
Because it had a virus!

Lara Salim



44

Year 3

What do you call Tinkerbell when she never has a bath?
Stinkerbell.

Callum Goodenough



Why is the silly 6 scared of 7?
Because 7 ate 9.

Ahmad Saqib

Where does the postman deliver his mail?
The ghost office!

Pauline Schwaebisch

How did the Black Eyed Peas band get together?
In their first year of secondary school they all got black eyes and hated peas!

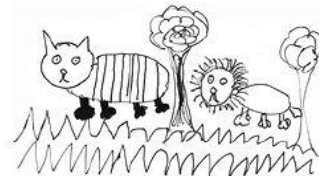
Ali Bwembya

How does a bee go to school?
In a school buzz.

Anakha Joji

What did the lion say to the tiger?
I lion you. It means I love you.

Grace Bees



45

Year 3

Every child has had the chance to write a joke in class and, so far, we've collected over 500 jokes. We know that some children might have missed out on the chance of submitting, so if your child hasn't written down their joke, you can use [Google Form](#) to make sure they're included.

We'll have an event around Red Nose Day at the end of March when you will be able to buy your copies and see your children's names in print.

Sponsorship : We are also looking for local companies who would be able to sponsor the book so that even more of the money we raise from sales will go to our two charities. If you'd like to know more about this, please email the school office.

Yours faithfully

Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

SPECIAL OFFER FROM MYCLOTHING

Free Delivery

THIS WEEK ONLY!

28 JANUARY - 01 FEBRUARY

Just use code **FREESHIP** at checkout



SHOP NOW AT

www.myclothing.com





THE ST GILES' ACADEMY OF MUSIC, OXFORD

LITURGY, PERFORMANCE, EDUCATION

St Giles' has invested heavily in its musical scene. We are proud of the impact that this investment has made in the lives of the children and young adults we have supported through this programme. It is a feeling of teamwork, common purpose, and a shared endeavour amongst friends that builds confidence and gives children a strong training that can only be a positive cornerstone within their life as a whole.

By word of mouth, by assemblies, and by work with local schools, we bring pupils from all over the city of Oxford into our choirs to learn a skillset that is too frequently enjoyed by only a privileged few. These extensive opportunities are available to all, regardless of background, faith (or no faith). An interest in singing is the starting point!

Do watch our choir recruitment video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1AdICOIN7eY&t=19s>



February 2026



St Nicholas' Holiday Club

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



LOCATION:

St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

COST:

£38 per day

All childcare vouchers accepted

DATES & TIMES:

8:00am - 5:00pm

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February



HOW TO BOOK:

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



rattleandrollperformance.com
enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com
07722 014301



Follow us on social media



SHALL WE SING ?

**Songs from around the world,
taught by ear
All singing abilities welcomed!**

“Nourishing, joyful”
“my heart always felt full!”

Pop-ups

Saturday 31st Jan, 10:30-11:30am

Wednesday 11th Feb, 7-8pm

The Coach House, 46 Quarry Rd, Headington OX3 8NU

£6.50 advance / **£8** at door

(kids free, no ticket required)

INFO / BOOK: <https://namvula.bookwhen.com>



February
Half Term

STORY

Scan to book



- Author events: Malorie Blackman, Bethan Woollvin
- Family Theatre Shows: *Two Young Dragons* & *Snow White, Rose Red, Brown Bear*
- Story Explorers: Skills workshop days for 8 -12 year olds
- Family workshops: design a video game character!
- Visit the Galleries - Narnia, Wonderland & The Story Arcade ...and lots more

Tel:01865 807600 storymuseum.org.uk

Registered charity no. 1107809