

Windmill Weekly (23)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for March - Patience

6 March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

World Book Day

What a fantastic range of book characters and costumes we had on World Book Day yesterday. Well done everybody!

Strictly Junior

I was incredibly proud of all of the children who danced in the Strictly Junior competition last Sunday. Well done to them all!

Oxford United Milk Cup

It is 40 years since Oxford United won The Milk Cup. The club will be taking the cup to various institutions and Windmill has been selected to be one of them next Wednesday. We are going to have 2 short assemblies; one for Reception and Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2, The BBC will be accompanying the Oxford United visit. If you are happy for your child to be filmed and potentially be on TV please complete the google form through this link <https://forms.gle/n5XVTNN9UeNpmfZY6>

Headteacher Interviews

The interviews for the new headteacher will be taking place on Thursday 12th March.



Key Dates

10 March	Coffee Morning 8.45am - 9.45am
13 March	Year 6 Kilvrough Parent Meeting 2.30pm -3.00pm
16 March	iRock Assembly
18 March	Parent Interviews
20 March	Vision Screening - Reception children
25 March	Year 4 Performance 6pm
26 March	Year 4 Performance 9.15am
27 March	House Cross Country 9.00am - 9.30pm
27 March	Last day of term - collect your children at 2.30pm
13 April	First day of Term 5

Coffee Morning

There will be a drop in coffee morning on Tuesday 10th March, 8.45am - 9.45am. Please come to the After School Club room at the front of the school.

All parents/carers are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Mrs Griffiths (SENCO) and Ms Painter (HSLW)

Young Carers at Windmill

We ran our second Young Carers Support group last week and the children enjoyed the opportunity to get together, play games, make new friends and relax.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th March at 8.45am and we will meet in the after-school club room for 45 minutes.

Family circumstances may mean that from a young age some children and young people provide regular care and support to another family member, this could be a sibling, parent or grandparent.

If you think your child is a young carer, please speak with your class teacher or Ms Painter and they can join us next time.

Wanted

Please could you save your clear soft plastic fruit punnets. Once you have a small supply please bring them into the school office where they will be used for the Bake Off in May.

Unnamed Lost Property

Photos of unnamed lost property can be found here:

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/02eIQPDiw2qGs0Meq4-VjEqnA>

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 (27th March) will be donated to charity.

Term 4 Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter - March 2026

Please find the [latest newsletter](#) from the School Health Nursing Team - lots of information and health initiatives which you may find helpful and relevant.

Green Club

The Green Club, which is the school gardening club and very popular with the children, would like to start running again in the summer term, but we are extremely short of volunteers. We urgently need new people to help run our Monday, Tuesday, and Friday groups.

If you could spare an hour and a half once a week at lunchtime, from 12:00 pm, to help the children tend the allotment, we would be very grateful. No gardening experience is required. Grandparents and parents with small children are also welcome.

Please get in touch if you can help or would like more information by emailing

greenclub.windmill@gmail.com

Preloved Uniform - Summer Uniform 'in-person sale'

Tuesday 10th March from 3.10pm in the school hall.

The sun is starting to shine, so we will mostly be selling shorts and summer dresses, but will bring along a few other items too.

Items are either 50p or £1 and all funds go to the PTA.

There will also be some 'too good to go' uniform items for free, which have small defects (eg slightly frayed cuffs on jumpers) so please do come along to browse through this.

PTA meeting

Next Wednesday 11th March 2026, is this term's PTA meeting online from 7.30pm. All welcome, and please feel free to join late or listen in video off. Please get in touch if there are any items you'd like included on the agenda; this will be circulated on Friday. Here is the link for the meeting: <https://bit.ly/4aOtwDy>

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Snap Happy

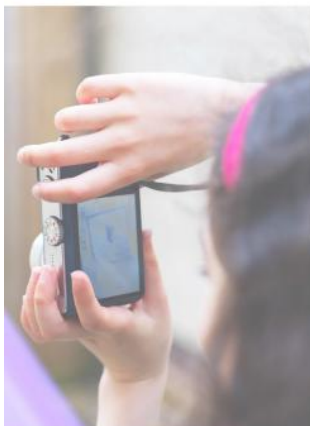


Photography and Film Club @ Windmill

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

Snap Happy

The Friends of Quarry

The Friends of Quarry is the resident's group for Headington Quarry in Oxford



OxClean 2026, Quarry Hollow Park, 1400, 7 March 2026

We will be organising another litter pick in the Quarry in support of [OxClean](#). This year's clean will take place on Saturday 7 March from 1400-1600.

Please join us at the sandpit in Quarry Hollow Park at 1400 for up to two hours.

All equipment and instructions will be provided – please bring along your children to help.

We hope to see you there.

Camping takeover!

Friday 22nd May - Saturday 23rd May

One-night camp - 4pm Friday arrival and 3:30pm close Saturday

The Thomley camping experience is a lovely, safe setting to test out camping for the first time, or just enjoy our facilities for longer than usual! The whole site is closed to visitors other than campers and you can pitch up anywhere you would like to go on our large field.

£10 per person – camp anywhere at Thomley, next to your favourite activity. Activities include – campfire songs and stories, stargazing, s'mores, cricket, giant bubbles, and all of Thomley's facilities open including splash park.

Friday night food and drink to buy (from 5:30-8:30pm) includes pizzas, chips (GF & vegan options), hot and soft drinks, and a selection of sweet and savoury treats such as s'mores bags and bonfire brownies. Alcohol available to buy. Campfire stories and songs will be run by Thomley staff.

Saturday breakfast: 8:30am-10:30am – highlights include Waffles, Pancakes and Full English Breakfast. Activities include: 11am cooking on the campfire; 12pm giant bubbles, 1:30-3pm kwik cricket. Normal café menu served from 11am- 3:30pm

No alcohol, disposable BBQs / fires and no hot food are to be brought on site by visitors due to licensing and health & safety.



Please book on the website:
www.thomley.org.uk/calendar

Bookings are to be paid for
upfront and are non-refundable



Thomley

**WINDMILL
PRE-LOVED
UNIFORM SHOP
IN-PERSON SALE**

3.10pm

Tuesday 10th March
in the School Hall

Pre-loved summer dresses and shorts

All items £1 or 50p

and

Free 'too good to go' items

Cash or card

**All proceeds to the PTA
Sustainable and reduces waste**



SHALL WE SING?

**Songs from around the world,
taught by ear.**

All voices, all singing abilities welcomed!

“Nourishing, joyful”

Pop-ups

Wednesday 11th March 7-8pm

Saturday 14th March 10:30-11:30am

£6.50 advance / **£8** at door (kids come free)

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

Regular sessions on Mondays & Fridays, 10am. See info for full details.

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