

Windmill Weekly (24)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for March - Patience

13 March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 2 Dance

I was so proud of the 32 Year 2 children that I took to perform in a Dance Festival at The New Theatre on Tuesday evening; they were amazing!

Headteacher Interviews

Due to some bureaucratic glitches in the process, the interviews scheduled for 12th March didn't happen. Candidates have been invited for a new date this side of the Easter break and that will be confirmed when they have accepted.

Milk Cup Visit

The children all seemed to enjoy our visit from Oxford United and the Milk Cup which we had on Wednesday.

ITV Meridian TV Monday 16th March

ITV Meridian are doing a story about school travel and will be filming on Monday morning. They will be talking to a group of children and families who will have given written permission for. They may well do some general filming too and wanted to let you know that any faces will be blurred or edited out. However, if you don't want your children to even potentially be filmed. Please steer clear of the film crew or tell them that you don't want your child filmed.

Parents Evening

Booking for parent interviews will close at 4:00pm on Sunday 15th March. If you still need to book, here is the link to the booking system.

<https://windmill.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Girls Football Team - Regional Final

The Under 11s Girls Football Team will be representing Oxfordshire tomorrow at a regional final in Bristol. We wish them every success and hope that they enjoy this great opportunity.

Eid al-Fitr

I would like to wish everyone who is celebrating Eid next week a wonderful celebration!

If your child will be off school for Eid please remember to call the absence line - 01865 762509, select option 1.



Key Dates

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| 16 March | iRock Assembly |
| 18 March | Parent Interviews |
| 20 March | Vision Screening - Reception children |
| 25 March | Year 4 Performance 6pm |

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| 26 March | Year 4 Performance 9.15am |
| 27 March | House Cross Country |
| 27 March | Last day of term - collect your children at 2.30pm |
| 13 April | First day of Term 5 |

U9 Boys Football

Congratulations to our U9 boys' football team for an excellent 5-3 victory against Our Lady's Primary on Monday afternoon in the cup quarter-final. The boys showed great determination and teamwork throughout the match. This fantastic result means the team now progresses to the semi-finals. Well done to everyone involved!

U11 Girls Football

Good luck to our U11 girls' football team as they travel to Bristol this Saturday to compete in the South-West finals. The girls have worked incredibly hard to reach this stage, showing great commitment, teamwork, and determination throughout the competition. Reaching the finals is a fantastic achievement and everyone at the school is very proud of them. We wish the team the very best of luck and hope they enjoy the experience. Go girls!

Mr Habbershaw

Summary points from PTA meeting held 11th March 2026

1. **Parking:** a very successful protest but more awareness on parking is required.
2. **Seesaw tips:** A PowerPoint is now available on the school website and has been circulated on Classlist.
3. **Year 6 hoodies:** PTA agreed to subsidise £450 for y6 hoodies this year.
4. **Playground update** - The quiet area of the playground is now close to completion.
5. **Uniform** - 2nd hand uniform sale was a big success on Wednesday but there are still excessive amounts of second-hand uniform.
6. **Windmill PTA** is very likely to be included in the next round of Waitrose community fundraising (April-June), with the opportunity to win £1500/£1000/£500. More comms to follow.
7. **Sound system** in school hall. Quotes and relevant planning permissions were discussed. PTA agreed to spend £2500 from the 2025 Fayre budget on sound system.
8. **Green club** needs more adult volunteers in order to keep running. This is a small commitment - 1-1.5 hours at lunchtime once a week - to facilitate a very popular club. Volunteers need not be parents: grandparents or others are welcome, and DBS checks can be arranged if required (only one volunteer per session needs a check).

- Please note Next PTA meeting is arranged for 5th May 2026.

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.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Fancy learning a BRASS instrument?



Then this information is for you!

The **brass** teacher at Windmill currently has spaces for new pupils.

If your child would like to start having lessons in please go to the link below for more information or to sign up.



<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>

BRASS LESSONS

with Oxfordshire County Music Service

Families on certain benefits can apply for free music lessons by completing the 'help with payment' section of the sign-up form.

From
£7.00

per lesson
(depending on
group size)



Sign up or find out more at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest



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**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

There is currently spaces to take on more brass students.

Trumpet, trombone, French horn and baritone lessons are currently available from Year 3 upwards. Group, paired and individual lessons are available. Please see the flyer above for more information.

Windmill Primary School



Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club

Ewa Bogacz, ebogartoxford@gmail.com, 07834671850

Dear Parents / Carers,

10.03.25

We are pleased to announce that we are running a **Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club** for KS1 and KS2 children.

The aim of the club is to enable our children to express their natural artistic skills, unleash their imagination as well as to relax after school tasks. Children just love it!

Young artists create decorative and sculptural projects out of air-dry clay as well as develop their skills in painting. The club is run by a local artist and teacher Ewa Bogacz

Wednesdays – only KS2 children (years 3,4,5,6) between 15 April and 8 July (time 3:10 to 4:30, Classroom: 1 Cherry)

COST: £144

Thursdays – KS1 and KS2 children (years 1,2,3,4,5,6) – places limited. between 16 April and 9 July (time 3:10 to 4:30, Classroom: 5 Blue Jay)

COST: £144

TO ENTOLL - simply would you please send Ewa an email or a text message with your child details: name, school, year group, class and parent phone number – I can't register a child without emergency phone number.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS WITHOUT REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FIRST AND RECEIVING A CONFIRMATION.

Thank you. Payment via bank transfer please. After receiving your child details, I will send you my bank information.

THANK YOU!





Summer Term 2026

On The Stage - Battle of the Idols!



Open to all children from Reception - Year 6

We are delighted to be running our 'Battle of the Idols' themed 'On the Stage' club in the Summer 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 feature music from Taylor Swift, Benson Boone, Ariana Grande, Bruno Mars, Huntrix and many more!



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 on Fridays for 11 weeks starting Friday 17th April - Friday 10th July (NO CLUB Friday 19th June due to Inset Day)

HOW TO BOOK:

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



rattleandrollperformance.com
enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com
07722 014301



Follow us on social media

Summer 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 Summer Term! Dance Club is designed to increase fitness, coordination, and stamina, whilst also being lots of fun!

LOCATION:

Windmill Primary School

COST:

£11.50 per session, booked termly

All childcare vouchers accepted and payments can be made in instalments

DATES & TIME:

The club will run from 3:10-4:40pm on Wednesdays for 13 weeks starting Wednesday 15th April - Wednesday 15th July

HOW TO BOOK:

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



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**JOIN
FOR £1**

**Plus 50% off lessons
for 3 months**

Use promo code SWIM50

Our swimming lessons are designed to help you, or your child, learn to swim and become confident in the water.



Barton Leisure Centre,

Waynflete Road, Oxford OX3 8GA Tel: **0330 109 8770**

Ferry Leisure Centre,

Diamond Place, Summertown, Oxford OX2 7DPL Tel: **0330 109 8771**

Leys Pools & Leisure Centre,

Pegasus Road, Oxford OX4 6JL Tel: **0330 109 8773**



[oxfordcityleisure.com](https://www.oxfordcityleisure.com)



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MORE

T&Cs apply, see website for details. Offer available 1st March – 31st March 2026 in centre and 1st March – 22nd March 2026 online. Available to new customers only on all swimming lessons.



FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth

FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parents - Live Talks page

JOIN AN iROCK BAND TODAY

iRock

There are spaces in bands at your school
secure a spot and join the fun!

At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly 30-minute in-school band lessons are designed for pupils from from age 4 to 11.

Music for all!

Through our partnership with **RSL Awards (Ofqual-regulated)**, a global provider of creative and performing arts qualifications, iRock offers **exam-free music qualifications** as part of our curriculum. Each week, children build their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they progress through iRock lessons, all within a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong.

Feel like a rockstar!

The excitement culminates every term in a live concert, where children perform as a band for their families and peers. These performances sit at the heart of the iRock curriculum, bringing together the skills children have developed in lessons while offering more than just a showcase; they provide an opportunity to build self-esteem, strengthen confidence, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

Choose your instrument...



Hassle-free, rolling **monthly subscription***



No experience needed and all instruments are provided



Every lesson supports progress towards music qualifications with **RSL Awards**



Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos



First lesson money-back guarantee (and you can cancel at anytime)



Start your child's
iRock journey!
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> www.irockschool.com/enrol

☎ 0330 174 2655

✉ info@irockschool.com

*Monthly cost shown after selecting your child's school. (before enrolment is confirmed).

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ST GILES' CHURCH CHOIRS

We train young people to perform challenging, uplifting music, pursuing excellence and fun.

Developing musical and personal skills that children can carry through life is at the heart of what we do.
Singing is beneficial for protecting wellbeing.

Want to sing your way to lifelong skills?
Contact us: choir@st-giles-church.org
www.st-giles-church.org/music

Interested in joining our choirs? Read more here...

Who can join?

We welcome boys and girls from around age 6. Many stay until they leave school, or beyond.

What standard is needed?

No prior experience required! We look for enthusiasm to learn. Choristers are taught music, and organ lessons (sometimes subsidised through Young Organ Scholar Trust scholarships) are also available.

What's the commitment?

Weekly rehearsal and service
See our website for further info



Is there a cost?

No: our mission is to extend choral training to all. Some families make donations to support our work, but this is not a requirement. Bursaries may be available to support the costs of trips.

Do choristers need to be Christians?

The choirs are open to young people of all faiths and none.

Is it fun?

Oh yes. The large number of choristers who stay with us as they become teenagers suggests that they enjoy being part of our community. Regular activities and an annual tour to Italy probably also help...!

Contact Dr Nicholas Prozzillo,
Choir Director:
choir@st-giles-church.org

Come and experience being a chorister for yourself at our

Choristership afternoon

We're running a free afternoon of music-making for young people from 6 to 18 from across Oxford. We'll rehearse great music, take part in fun activities, and then perform to parents, families, and friends.

SATURDAY 16 May 2026, 1.30pm
ST GILES' CHURCH, OXFORD

For a place, register on Eventbrite by scanning this QR code:



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ST GILES' CHURCH CHOIRS

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEVELOPMENTAL COORDINATION DISORDER ACTIVITY CLUB

These fun and friendly sessions will promote participation and confidence in physical and practical motor-based games and activities

Sessions will be run by Oxford Brookes University Occupational Therapy staff and students



Who is the club for?

*Primary School Children (aged 5-11 years old)

*Children with a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of dyspraxia or developmental coordination disorder

(difficulties identified by the school or a health professional that make fine or gross motor skills difficult; there may also be difficulties in following instructions and maintaining concentration)

*Children who are able to participate in a small group

Please note:

We are unable to accommodate children who require one-to-one support at all times

Where is the club?

Oxford Brookes University
Marston Road Campus
Jack Straw Lane
Oxford, OX3 0FL

*Free 2-hour on-street parking is available in the local area



When is the club?

Six week block, from 4.00pm to 5.00pm, on:

Wednesday 15/4/26

Wednesday 22/4/26

Wednesday 29/4/26

Wednesday 6/5/26

Wednesday 13/5/26

Wednesday 20/5/26



How much does it cost?

£12 per session

(paid up-front for all sessions - £72 total)

Who should I contact?

If you would like to receive more information, please contact dodactivityclub@brookes.ac.uk





Easter Fun at Hill End !

Family Adventure Days

Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 April

Step back in time this Easter at Hill End! Visit our Ancient Settlement village and fabulous roundhouse, and learn skills from years ago.



Explore 67 acres of springtime nature and enjoy nature crafts, folklore guided walk and wood whittling!



Wild Days for 7-12 year olds


Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 March

Bushcraft, nature walks, campfire cooking, and den-building in the stunning surroundings of **Hill End** and **Wytham Woods**. Our expert tutors will lead exciting hands-on activities, making learning fun while kids connect with nature and new friends.

Booking Essential: <https://hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events>

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Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ

01865 863510



Go Wild this Easter!

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