

# Windmill Weekly (29)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for May- Excellence

01 May 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **French and Italian Café**

The children all had a lovely time visiting the French and Italian café yesterday afternoon. The aim is to give the children an opportunity to practice their language skills. A huge thanks to Mrs Parafita and Miss Brown who coordinated the event and to the children who helped to prepare and serve the food, well supported by Mrs Noonan. It was great to see the costumes that some of the children came dressed in, representing the national dress of their home country.

## **Coming into School Late**

Please can I remind you that children shouldn't be coming into school via the school hall if they are late for school. They must go through Reception so that we can make sure that they are marked in the register.

## **Sweets in School Lunch Boxes**

We fully appreciate that it's nice for children to have a sweet treat as part of their lunch box, but they shouldn't have chocolate bars or bags of sweets. Packets of crisps are also not to be eaten at morning break as we are encouraging the children to have a healthy snack. Fruit, breadsticks, small lump of cheese are all a good choice.



## **Key Dates**

4 May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
8 May	Curry & Quiz Night (adults only)
11 - 14 May	Year 5 Dorset
11 - 14 May	Year 6 SATs
13 May	Year 3 Performance 2.00pm
18 May	Windmill Bake Off
20 May	Open Morning for whole school 8.30am - 9.10am
20 May	Big Summer Sing
21 May	Year 6 Enterprise Day
22 May	Class Photographs
22 May	Orchestra Concert 9.00am
22 May	End of Term 5 at 3.30pm
1 June	Start of Term 6 at 8.40am
3 June	Year 5 Assembly 6.00pm
4 June	Year 5 Assembly 2.30pm
12 June	Barn Dance
16 June	Festival of Voices
18 June	Summer Dancing 9.15am - 10.15am
19 June	INSET DAY - school closed to pupils
19 June	Legoland discounted trip

### **Mime Artist**

We are delighted to share that on Wednesday 6th May, the professional mime artist will be visiting our school again to perform for the children as he did last year. This exciting opportunity supports our commitment to offering a rich and varied languages curriculum that also embraces creativity and art. The visit provides a wonderful link to our French learning, allowing pupils to experience a performance style inspired by the famous French mime artist Marcel Marceau. It is a fantastic way to bring language learning to life and help children make meaningful connections between culture, communication, and performance.

### **French/Italian Café - International Day**

At Windmill, we place great value on language learning, and this year our much-loved French-Italian café returned once again during the summer term. It was a wonderful success, with children from across the school enthusiastically ordering food and drinks using both French and Italian.

Pupils with a particular talent for languages, as well as those who speak French or Italian at home as a first or additional language, were able to put their skills into practice by helping to run the café stalls.

A huge thank you to our Year 6 cooking leaders, led by Mrs Noonan and helped by Miss Spence and Mrs Crozier, who worked incredibly hard, not only serving customers but also supporting behind the scenes to make sure everything ran smoothly and the kitchen kept up with demand.

Like last year, we introduced a whole-school Cultural Day alongside our celebrations, inviting both children and staff to come dressed in the colours of their home country's flag or in traditional clothing. With such a wonderfully diverse school community, it was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the different nationalities, cultures, and traditions represented at Windmill.

What a wonderful day!

### **School Library Request**

We are writing to kindly ask for your support in checking whether your child may have borrowed a *Bunny vs Monkey* or *Dog Man* book from the school library.

These titles are extremely popular with our students, but unfortunately many have not been returned after the two-week loan period. At present, we do not have any copies available in the library for children to borrow, and those currently on loan are significantly overdue.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could check at home and ensure that any borrowed books are returned to the school library as soon as possible, so that all children have the opportunity to enjoy them.

Thank you very much for your support!

The School Library Team

### **HAVE A CLEAROUT!**

We are gearing up for the Windmill Summer Exhibitions with the next 2 terms being very busy with visits from artists. We do rely on donations from parents/carers of some resources. This week is a call out for **MAGAZINES, MENS SHIRTS, NEWSPAPERS, OFFCUTS OF LACE, RIBBON** and any **SPECIAL FABRIC** (sparkly, sequined, etc). Feel free to have a clear out!

Please bring them to the school office over the next week where there will be a couple of boxes for donations. As always, many thanks for your support!

## Lady of the Manor Cup

Congratulations to our amazing team of girls for winning the Lady of the Manor cup, having beaten St John Fisher 4-0 in the final on Friday. Well done Sofia, Cindy, Jess, Mei, Amelia, Evie, Sky, Sreya and Kitty.



## The Windmill School Red Now Day Joke Book 2026 has arrived.

Filled with funny jokes and drawings by the children and staff of Windmill, along with a few celebrities!

To be the first to get your hands on it, you can pre-order using this link

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1445910721>

To buy a book, select 'book tickets' and you'll be able to choose how many copies you would like. You can share this link with friends and relatives who might also like a copy.

We'll deliver all the pre-ordered copies to children on Tuesday.

We will also be selling the books after school on Friday 8th and Friday 15th and before school on Friday 15th.

## My Clothing

My Clothing are offering a 10% discount off uniform for all new starters. Offer expires 31 July using code INTAKE26.

## PTA News

### 1. Legoland

Don't forget to purchase your Legoland tickets for our family trip on Friday 19th June which is an inset day at school. Tickets are available through Classlist for

£25 [https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1424780660?s=6655469544275968&utm\\_source=](https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1424780660?s=6655469544275968&utm_source=)

[SCHOOL&utm\\_medium=SHARED\\_LINK](#) Children must be accompanied and you will need to make your own way to Legoland. Please note this is not a school trip.

## 2. Curry and Quiz

LAST CHANCE TO BUY! The Parents', Carers' & Teachers' Curry and Quiz returns on Friday May 8th (7pm), giving you another opportunity to meet, chat, share food and drink, and - for the very last time!!! - pit your wits against the mighty Quizmasters Knapp! Tickets cost just £18, and include curry/rice/salad/bread, and quiz entry. If you'd like to attend the quiz only, there is a £6 ticket option. All tickets include your first drink free. Buy your tickets on Classlist

here: [https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1441950661?s=6655469544275968&utm\\_source=SCHOOL&utm\\_medium=SHARED\\_LINK](https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1441950661?s=6655469544275968&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK)

## 3. Waitrose Green Tokens

Attention Waitrose shoppers of Windmill! Windmill PTA is one of three charities competing to win £1500 in the Waitrose green tokens scheme at Headington Waitrose. We have three months to collect as many votes as possible via the green token slots. The winning charity gets £1500, with the runners up getting £1000 and £500, respectively. This will make a huge difference to this year's fundraising efforts! Please vote every time you shop, and please encourage family, friends and colleagues to do the same.

## 4. PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is at 7.30 on Weds 6th May, online. Please send any items for the agenda to [WindmillPTA@gmail.com](mailto:WindmillPTA@gmail.com) and look out for the link on Classlist. All very welcome!

5. The sun is shining and so if you are looking for summer uniform, please visit the preloved uniform shop. Plenty of shorts, summer dresses and lighter jumpers/cardigans for sale at 50p or £1 Also lots of PE tops/shorts/joggers available if you want to get ready for school sports

day <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/windmill-primary-school>

## **Windmill Travel Action Group - useful information about city council travel policies**

The parents of the Windmill Travel Action group would like to share an unbiased and apolitical article from Headington Liveable Streets (HLS) that we have found to be a particularly useful source of information regarding travel policies from a range of different parties, including independent candidates.

HLS have written to all the candidates for the city council elections in the Churchill, Headington, and Quarry and Risinghurst wards, asking them all the same questions relating to key traffic-related issues. All candidates from all parties were invited to respond and their answers are shared, unedited, in the link below.

The candidates were all asked the question "*Many of your future constituents will have children who attend Windmill Primary School..... what can be done to make routes to school safer for children at Headington schools?*"

<https://www.headingtonliveablestreets.org.uk/city-council-candidates-set-out-their-views-on-traffic-related-issues-in-headington>

**Do your older children like to play football?**

Quarry Rovers FC (based in Margaret Road park) are looking for players for some of the older teams and if there are any older siblings who may be interested, please do let Cathy know at [grfc.chair@gmail.com](mailto:grfc.chair@gmail.com)  
The ages we are looking for are Year 8 boys, Year 8 girls, and Year 10 girls. Thank you!

**Free Defibrillator Awareness & Resuscitation Training**

Quarry Rovers FC is holding Defibrillator Awareness and Resuscitation Training sessions. The club is providing this training this in light of the tragic accident involving Amelia Aplin (google her name if you need more info) and we'd like to open the training up to the wider community.

There is a defibrillator at Quarry Pavilion (at the end of Margaret Road) which is publicly available 24/7.

The two dates are:

Thurs 14th May 7-9pm

Mon 18th May 7-9pm

Both will take place at Quarry Pavilion. Max 20 participants. There is no cost to participants (kindly funded by county council funds from Roz Smith).

First come, first served. Please register your interest here: <https://forms.gle/47vywwTkHwbvYcLa7>

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher



# The Blooming Parkinson's Garden Party

A Balls to Parkinson's event

In aid of the  
**Oxford Hospitals Charity**

&  
**Together Against LCH**

Music from Fitz and Floss &  
The Weekend Retro Team

Cash Bar

Hotdogs and Snacks

**Sunday May 31st, 6pm until 9pm**

**Headington Quarry Village Hall**

67 Quarry Rd, Headington, Oxford OX3 8NX

SCAN ME!



**TICKETS**

£10 online

£12 door

[www.ballstoparkinsons.co.uk/events](http://www.ballstoparkinsons.co.uk/events)



Come join us on Sunday 31st May for an evening of Fundraising Fun in support of two charities that are close to the community's hearts: Team Nimmy/Together Against LCH and Parkinson's UK.

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🎵 Music from Fitz & Willow (from 6pm) and the Weekend Retro Team from 7pm - 9pm

£10 entry in advance, £12 on the door.

13 and under FREE, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult

All proceeds will go towards Together Against LCH and maintenance of the Parkinson's UK garden at the JR Hospital  
<https://wegottickets.com/f/17171>

More details about the garden [here](#) and more info about Team Nimmy/Together Against LCH [here](#).

If you can't make it to the party but would still like to donate, please do so [here](#). Thank you for your support.



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