

# Windmill Weekly (30)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for May- Excellence

08 May 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Walk to School Week 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**

We will be taking part in Walk to School Week in the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> May when we will be encouraging children who still come to school by car to either walk, cycle or scoot for at least one day that week. Ideally, they would do all week. We all know the massive benefits to good health, as well as to the local environment, of being active and this is an opportunity to put this into practice. I will be talking to the children about it in next week's assembly.

## **Lost property**

We have an incredible amount of lost property each week and we are very concerned that almost half of it is unnamed. If every item of school uniform was named we wouldn't have any lost property as we would be able to return it straight away to the child who has lost it. Sorting lost property is taking up an unreasonable time for school staff and we need to do something different. The children in LAW (Learning at Windmill) group have been thinking about how they can help. We have ordered laundry pens and we are going to do a check next Friday on whether items of school uniform are named. We will then write the child's name in their jumper if it isn't already named. If you don't want your child's jumper to be named by us please let me know.

The PTA are also organising a push on this on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May and they will be promoting name labels to make it easier for parents / carers to label clothes.

**This photo shows how much unnamed lost property we have had since Easter.**



## **Year 6 Enterprise**

The Year 6 children always do a big fundraiser for their end of primary school treat. They would like to hold a non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. The children will need to pay £1 to come dressed in non-school uniform.



## Key Dates

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 3.10pm
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

### Windmill Bake Off - Monday 18 May

Calling all budding bakers!

The Windmill Bake Off will return on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and is open to children, staff, parents, grandparents, relatives and friends. There are 3 categories: large bakes, small bakes and savoury bakes.

Please visit the app to enter and for more information.

After school there will be a big celebratory cake sale where you can view all the entries and buy some delicious bakes to enjoy at home.

If you have any queries, please contact Louise Noonan at [lnoonan@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:lnoonan@windmill.oxon.sch.uk).

### 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 cake sale.

### PTA News

#### 1) PTA meeting

At this term's meeting, we reported a current balance of over £14,000, with over £7000 available to spend on new projects. It was agreed to allow £600 for the annual Art Exhibition, and then to focus spending and fundraising activities on the playground equipment. Our first target will be replacing the broken A-frame, followed by gradual repairs to the rest of the kit; all of which will cost around £20,000. The fundraising will be kicked off by the summer sports fundraiser: look out for more information next week. Full minutes are available on Classlist.

#### 2) New committee members sought

Martin, our fab Secretary, will be leaving Windmill at the end of the term after many years on the Committee, so we are seeking a replacement. Taryn, one half of our great Comms team, has also left, so we would also love to find someone to support Saima. Being on the committee doesn't have to be a huge

commitment - on average, it's less than an hour a week of work, and all roles can be shared. Please get in touch at [WindmillPTA@gmail.com](mailto:WindmillPTA@gmail.com) if you'd like any more information, even just to enquire informally.

### 3) Autumn Fayre Committee

Our Autumn Fayre takes place on 10th October 2026. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year, and a great community event. We are seeking people to lead the Autumn Fayre committee. There is a well-worn pattern to follow, with lots of documentation available from previous organisers, and many of the key roles for this year are already covered: what we need is someone (or more than one person) to oversee admin and logistics. This is a really great way to make a huge contribution to our fundraising efforts via a one-off event, rather than a sustained commitment. Please get in touch with [WindmillPTA@gmail.com](mailto:WindmillPTA@gmail.com), or with Jess Goodman via Classlist, if you might be interested.

### 4) 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=SCHOOOL&utm\\_medium=SHARED\\_LINK](https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1424780660?s=6655469544275968&utm_source=SCHOOOL&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.

### 5) Waitrose 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.

### 6) Uniform

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>

### **THE BIG LOST PROPERTY FREE GIVE AWAY!!!**

When? Monday 18 May 2.45-3.45 pm

Where? Windmill school green space opposite main school building

Did you know-

- Windmill accumulates tons of unlabelled lost property every term
- Everything gets photographed and sent round via a link on classlist and the newsletter
- Uniform that isn't claimed gets washed and sold by the second-hand uniform team
- All other unclaimed items then get taken to charity or go to landfill

This isn't in keeping with our school sustainability values.

We've come up with a plan! Second hand uniform is teaming up with lost property to-

- Encourage labelling (if its labelled it makes its way back to your child)
- Recycle unwanted items (not just uniform, but bottles, bags, shoes, hairbands, books, etc!!)
- Reduce trips to charity shops
- Reduce washing
- Reduce landfill

The result: The Big Lost Property Give Away, 18th May, from 2.45pm to 3.45 pm

All unlabelled lost property items that have not been claimed since January 2026 will be available on the green space in front of the main school building. Come and take what you like for FREE, or a donation to Second Hand Uniform!

The second hand uniform team will be there to advise about ordering uniform and labelling.

Last chance to view all current lost property at:

<https://www.icloud.com/photos/#/icloudlinks/061qr0aijMOq5b9IalDQcdvxw/>

To claim, please email Cathy on coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk by 15th May, after that IT'S GONE!

\*\*\*\*Any unlabelled lost property not claimed will be given away on 18th May, and after that to charity.\*\*\*\*

### **Cheney PTA**

Do you have a child who will start Year 7 at Cheney next year? Would you like to be involved in Cheney school life? Cheney PTA (aka Cheney Friends) is looking for new recruits.

We have had an incredibly successful few years in which we have taken a lead role in improving the school site with the 'Greening Cheney' campaign. For more details please have a look here: [Cheney Friends November 2025.pptx](#) .

If you would be interested in joining us, please email me, Rob Bown, at [rbown@cheneyschool.org](mailto:rbown@cheneyschool.org) .

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher



May 2026



## St Nics 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

**DATES & TIMES:**

8:00am - 5:00pm  
Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May

**NEW PRICE**  
**£29.99**  
per day

All childcare vouchers accepted

**HOW TO BOOK:**

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



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**FREE  
EVENT**



The

**Library**

Cowley

**Dr. Blanka Kellermayer**  
**Parenting a Child with ADHD:**  
**Why It Feels So Hard and What Actually Helps**

**Wednesday 10th June from 5:15pm**

Join neuroscientist and parenting coach Dr. Blanka Kellermayer for a practical talk on understanding child behaviour, especially regarding ADHD. She will explain the neuroscience of the ADHD brain in simple terms and share practical, brain-based tools to support emotional regulation, reduce daily battles, and bring more calm into family life.

Free tickets required via Eventbrite  
or pop in the library to sign up



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# Library

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What's on for...

# May

"The library-  
it's more than you  
think!"

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<b>Art Weeks Exhibition</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> 				<b>1 Stay &amp; Play</b> 10-11:30 am <b>Children's Book Club*</b> 3:45 - 4:45 pm	<b>2 Storytime</b> 10:30-11 am
<b>4 Bank Holiday - Library Closed</b>	<b>5 Language Café</b> 5-6 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Rhymetime 11-11:30 am</b> Italian Language Café 12-1 pm Games & Puzzles 5-6 pm	<b>8 Stay &amp; Play</b> 10-11:30 am	<b>9 Storytime</b> 10:30-11 am
<b>11</b>	<b>12 Language Café</b> 5-6 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Rhymetime 11-11:30 am</b> Italian Language Café 12-1 pm Transformation Game 5-6 pm	<b>15 Stay &amp; Play</b> 10-11:30 am Knit and Crochet 1-3 pm	<b>16 Storytime</b> 10:30-11 am
<b>18</b>	<b>19 Language Café</b> 5-6 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Rhymetime 11-11:30 am</b> Italian Language Café 12-1 pm Simon Mason Author Talk** 5-6 pm	<b>22 Stay &amp; Play</b> 10-11:30 am	<b>23 Storytime</b> 10:30-11 am
<b>25 Bank Holiday - Library Closed</b>	<b>26 Language Café</b> 5-6 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Italian Language Café 12-1 pm</b> Book Club 5-6 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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Adult events  
Children's events

\*Booking advised

\*\*Booking essential

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