

Windmill Weekly (32)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for May- Excellence

22 May 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Eid Mubarak!

I hope that everyone who is celebrating Eid next week has a lovely time.

Walk to School Week

Thank you to everyone who has made the time to support Walk to School Week. We will be looking at the WOW travel tracker to see if there has been an increase in car free journeys.

Celebrate Pride Month and Diversity

On Friday 5th June the children can come to school dressed in bright coloured clothes. This is to celebrate Oxford Pride Month and diversity. Children **do not** have to pay anything.



Key Dates

1 June	Start of Term 6 at 8.40am
3 June	Class Photos
3 June	Year 5 Assembly 6.00pm
4 June	Year 5 Assembly 2.30pm
12 June	Barn Dance
16 June	1.30pm Festival of Voices
17 June	1.45pm Year 6 Production
18 June	Summer Dancing 9.15am - 10.15am
18 June	6pm Year 6 Production
19 June	INSET DAY - school closed to pupils
19 June	Legoland discounted trip
22 - 26 June	Kilvrough for Year 6
26 June	Year 1 Play 9.10am
17 June	Year 6 Performance 1.45pm
18 June	Year 6 Performance 6.00pm
30 June	Sports Day for Key Stage 2 1.30pm
30 June	Reception New Parent Meeting 9.15am - 10.00am
2 July	Sports Day for Key Stage 1 and Reception 9.15am
3 July	School Disco
6 July	iRock Assembly
9 July	Big Meal for Year 6
10 July	Summer Concert 9.00am
17 July	Leavers Service for Year 6 9.00am - 10.00am
17 July	End of Term 6 - break up at 2.30pm
3 September	Start of Term 1 2026 / 2027

Windmill Bake Off

Thank you to everyone that entered the Windmill Bake Off, the entries were all amazing and we are grateful for all your hard work that was put into making the event successful. Thank you to everyone that helped on the day, we couldn't do it without you!

Here are the winners:-

Adult Category

	Savoury	Large Bake	Small Bake
1 st	Caroline Shannon	Seraj Ali	Gabi Coman
2 nd	Mita Shrestha	Hagit Zucker	Shimon Whiteson
3 rd	Mrs Williams	Stuart Horrobin	Hussain Ali

Key Stage 1 Category

	Savoury	Large Bake	Small Bake
1 st	Hadiya (strawberry)	Rafi (Mandarin)	Euan (Tigers)
2 nd	Jude (Mandarin)	Harry (Mandarin)	Sophie (Explorers)
3 rd		Xanthe (Tigers)	Heidi (Cherry)

Key Stage 2 Category

	Savoury	Large Bake	Small Bake
1 st	Isla (Lavender)	Mei (Kingfisher)	Poppy (Lilac)
2 nd	Hannah (Chameleons)	Tom (Lilac)	Zephyr (Turtles)
3 rd	Ben (Lavender)	Zoe (Lilac)	Lilia (Blue Jays)

PTA News

For a reminder of other events / news please refer to last week's newsletter which can be viewed on our website www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Summer Sponsored Sports Extravaganza

Our playground equipment is looking very tired: some of it needs repairing and some needs replacing entirely. The playframe is used every day by all 630 children, for exercise, socialising, imaginative play, and more. It's a crucial part of our school community. Over the next couple of years, we aim to bring it into tip-top condition for current and future generations of Windmill pupils!

On Wednesday 10 June, we're launching our fundraising with a full day of sponsored sports activities.

Children's Challenge: 5 in 45!

Sponsor your child/ren to complete 5 activities in 45 minutes: running, dancing, throwing, basketball and football. The emphasis will be on taking part, maybe doing something new and having fun, and we'll finish with a giant whole-school conga to celebrate everyone's effort and participation.

Sponsorship will be collected through SuperKind, a fundraising platform designed especially for young children. You will find our main sponsorship page here:

<https://superkind.org/campaign/windmill-primary-new-playground-equipment-for-windmill>



You can either share this page directly with sponsors OR create your own personal linked page with your own fundraising target (see instructions below). Please share with all your friends and family: with just a small donation from everyone, we can make a huge dent in our fundraising target!

How Parents and Carers Can Join In:

Parents and carers can get involved in both the sport and the fundraising by signing up to the **Windmill Step Challenge**: pay £5 to join our StepUp group and compete with other participants for the most steps taken between 1-10 June.

Sign up here: <https://app.classlist.com/s/AI894E>

Or if you're not on Classlist: <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1474290672>

The top three on the leaderboard at the end of the challenge (midday on the 10th) will win extra breaktime for their children's class, so the heat is on!

HOW TO CREATE YOUR PERSONAL FUNDRAISING PAGE

1. View our school campaign here: <https://superkind.org/campaign/windmill-primary-new-playground-equipment-for-windmill>



Or via the QR code here:

2. Click on 'Join this Campaign' button at top of the page
3. Login (if you've used this website before) or create account as 'Child/Parent'
4. As parent/guardian you will need to approve the account and fundraiser via email
5. Create a fundraising page and share it with friends and family!

PLEASE CREATE YOUR PAGE BY June 5th.

Cheney Events

Cheney School are delighted to announce the following events:

'Nature Late' Festival, 2nd July, 6 - 8pm

Nature Late will celebrate the world of nature on site at Cheney School through talks, workshops, stalls, activities and exhibitions. The schedule is as follows:

- 6 - 6.30pm - In Conversation with Roger Harrabin, previously BBC Environmental Analyst
- 6 - 8pm - Ecology Festival for all ages with a large range of science and nature-themed stalls and activities
- 8 - 11pm - Bat Night with Ben Carpenter from Bioscan UK

If you would like to attend any part of the event, please fill in [this form](#).

It is free and aimed at all ages. There will be live performances and refreshments as well as many stalls and activities, crafts, talks and workshops.

Iris Classics Summer School, 17th - 19th August

We are delighted to be offering our tenth annual Classics Summer School this August at the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney School in Oxford. It will take place on the mornings of 18th, 19th and 20th August. This year the summer school will be themed on the ancient star myths and astronomy.

The format for each day will be as follows:

- 9 - 10.30am - Latin (ages 7 - 9); Latin (ages 10 - 11); Greek (ages 7 - 9); Greek (ages 10 - 11)
- 10.30 - 11.15am - refreshments and activities

11.15 - 12.45pm - Latin (ages 7 - 9); Latin (ages 10 - 11); Greek (ages 7 - 9); Greek (ages 10 - 11)

The classes will be run by experienced teachers and will include activities as well as language learning. They will all be aimed at complete beginners. There will be themed activity stalls and refreshments between the morning classes.

Please visit the webpage [here](#) for more details and booking.

[Classics Creative Writing Cafe](#) & [Weekly Writing Nook](#)

The Iris Project runs a monthly Classics and Creative Writing Cafe, and also a weekly Writing Nook. The cafe is a relaxed and informal opportunity to come and share ideas, have a go at writing, or just relax and read and chat in a beautiful setting. Each session has a different classical theme as a prompt if people want to have a go at writing while there. All genres are welcome!

The cafe is usually held once a month at St Alban's Church in Charles Street, Oxford from 2 until 4pm. There are hot and cold drinks and snacks available (we welcome donations towards refreshment costs).

The next date will be Saturday 6th June, 2 - 4pm - Hector and Achilles (book 22 of Homer's Iliad)

The cafe is aimed at ages 14 + to adult, and is run by Iris director Dr Lorna Robinson (author of novels [Hamadryad](#), [The Birder](#) and [Flower Gatherers](#), and short story collection [Telling Tales in Nature](#)).

Please contact her on lorna@irisproject.org.uk if you have any questions about the cafe.

You can attend as a one off or regularly - please book using the email address above.

We also run a weekly writing space with a classics library - find out more [here](#).

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.

For further details, please visit the 100 Club website at: <https://dariodarski.github.io/100Club/>
You may also scan the QR code below to access the site.



I hope that you all have a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing you all again by 8:40am on Monday 1st June.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Knapp'.

Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

The Blooming Parkinson's Garden Party

Music From

The Weekend Retro Team

Fitz & Floss

Sunday May 31st

6pm until 9pm

Headington Quarry Village Hall

Cash bar, hot-dogs & snacks

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In aid of
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[Parkinson's UK - A Garden for Every Parkinson's Journey](#) was at the Chelsea Flower Show as a showcase garden, and it will be 'transplanted' to the JR Hospital, which is very exciting.

To celebrate this, and raise awareness, a group of 20 riders (7 of whom have Parkinson's), will cycle from Chelsea Royal Hospital to the JR - 113km in total.

In the evening, we are celebrating with a [Garden Party](#) - all funds will be donated to Oxford Hospitals Charity for upkeep of the garden, and to Together Against LCH.

If people would like to support but can't make the party, here is a [link](#) to donate towards the cause.

We especially welcome teens as a safe and fun place to hang out! Anyone Under 18 is welcome, with an adult.



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

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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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- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.



When is it:

- Running throughout February, Easter, May, Summer and October school holidays (see website for dates).
- 8.30am - 5.30pm daily (activities run 9am - 5pm)
- Participants can attend individual days, or the entire week.

Pricing:

£35 per day, per child. Save 10% on a 5-day block and each additional child.

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9AM – 2PM

OPEN AIR CINEMA
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FILM SCREENINGS AT 4PM & 7.30PM
BAR - FOOD

SUNDAY 31 MAY

FESTIVAL AT BURY KNOWLE PARK
1PM – 5PM

FARM ANIMALS - BALLOON MODELLER - GO-KARTS
STALLS - RAFFLE - SPORTS - CLIMBING WALL
BANDS - MUSIC - DANCING - INFLATABLES
JEBB AND STU CIRCUS PERFORMERS
FOOD & DRINK - TEA & CAKE - ICECREAM



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LONDON ROAD

9AM – 2PM



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4PM: COCO ^{PG} (2017)

7.30PM: THE FALL GUY ^{12A} (2024)

BAR - FOOD

