

Windmill Weekly (34)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for June- Equality

12 June 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Sponsored Activity Event

Well done to all of the children who took part in the sponsored activity day on Wednesday; it was a huge success on so many levels:-

- The children all participated well and seemed to really enjoy the range of activity they did.
- The weather was very kind and the rain only fell when we were between sessions so that none of the events had to be postponed.
- The whole school Conga was incredible and lots of fun. The children were brilliant at not getting too excited and carried away. The Conga line went all around the playground and field!
- The amount of money raised by the event is amazing!
- And I got to dance all day!!

Summer Dancing - 9:15am start

Next Thursday morning we will be having our annual Summer Dancing event. This is always a highlight of the year. For those of you new to the school this year, summer dancing lasts about an hour and every child in the school will be performing a dance in their year group. Everyone is welcome!

Big Science Event Open Morning

All of the children in the school have been carrying out science investigations as part of the Big Science event organised by Science Oxford. On Tuesday 16th June you are welcome to come and see what the children have been doing between 8:30am and 9:10am.

Free Science Books

We will also be giving away science non-fiction books that we no longer use. They will be out in the **small playground** so please help yourself.



Key Dates

16 June	1.30pm Festival of Voices
16 June	Great Science Share 8.30am - 9.00am
17 June	1.45pm Year 6 Production
17 June	Year 6 Performance 1.45pm
18 June	Year 6 Performance 6.00pm
18 June	Summer Dancing 9.15am - 10.15am
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
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

****** Important changes to free school meal eligibility ******

Important changes to the Free School Meals (FSM) program that will take effect from **September 2026**. The government has expanded the eligibility criteria, meaning many more families will now qualify for free school meals. Most notably, from September, **all children whose families receive Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals, regardless of household income.**

What you need to do: We are asking **all parents who receive Universal Credit** (including those currently receiving free school meals) to complete this [goggle form](#) as soon as possible. If you think you might be eligible under the new rules, but you're not sure, please complete the form and we'll check your eligibility.

What is changing? From September 2026, the Free School Meals program will look a little different. It will now be divided into two groups:

- **Expanded Free School Meals (New):** All children in years R-6 whose families receive Universal Credit are now eligible.
- **Targeted Free School Meals:** This is the current criteria, including families receiving Universal Credit with an earned income under £7,400. (The school also receives extra funding, known as Pupil Premium, for students in this group. This goes directly toward supporting your child's education).

Why we need you to act now. To ensure that all eligible children are registered and can receive their meals smoothly at the start of the new school year, the government requires us to perform a new eligibility check for the 2026/27 academic year. Because the previous "transitional protections" are ending this July, all families including those whose children currently receive free school meals must be checked under the new system. Once approved, your child's eligibility is locked in and guaranteed for the entire 2026/27 school year and we can recheck automatically each year.

[Please complete this google form](#) as soon as possible to allow us to check eligibility.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation. Your support helps us ensure that no child misses out on a healthy meal and that our school receives the correct funding to support your child/ren. If you have any questions or need assistance filling out the form, please do not hesitate to contact the school office office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

Not in Year 6 but Leaving Windmill?

If your child is not in Year 6 but you know they will be leaving us at the end of this academic year please remember to complete a Leavers Form. Forms can be emailed to you if you request one at office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk or you can pick one up in the school office. It is very important a form is completed to prevent your child from being recorded as missing from education, and allows us to offer the space to another child on the waiting list once your child has left us.

Class Photos

Due to a technical issue, a number of class photos need to be re-taken. The photos will take place on Wednesday 17th June. Please ensure your child has a clean jumper or cardigan at school on this day.

Explorers
Hedgehogs
Penguins
Cherry
Ladybird
Mandarin
Dandelion
Sunflowers
Chameleon
Turtle

Sponsored Sport Event

Wednesday's sports event was a huge success: all the children took part in all five sports across the day, which was topped off with a whole-school conga!

Thank you so much to all the staff who ran the day so brilliantly, and huge thank you to all those who have contributed to the fundraising: at the time of writing (and with the fundraising page still open), the total stood at £4143, plus £811 gift aid. This is a FANTASTIC amount and will mean the most broken play frame can be replaced very soon!

Big thanks also to all the adults who took part in the Step Challenge, raising a further £205: 42 participants did a massive 3.6 million steps between them over the course of the ten days, and the eventual worthy winners were Claire Bovingdon, Liliana Cifuentes and Kelly Robson.

A fantastic day, a big boost to our fundraising, and the bonus: 630 children now know how to conga!



Looking for a New Home for Frank

Frank is a lovely 15-year-old cat who is looking for a new home.

He is a gentle, affectionate boy who loves being stroked, sitting on laps, and spending time with people. As you might expect at his age, he also enjoys plenty of naps! However, don't let his age fool you - Frank is still playful and can go from snoozing peacefully to enthusiastically pouncing on a toy in an instant.

Frank is in great health for his age and has a beautiful, soft coat that he keeps in excellent condition.

He eats both wet and dry food and has always been used to going to the toilet outside. Frank has had access to the outdoors throughout his life, so he would be happiest in a home where he can continue to enjoy some outdoor space.

There is a small story behind his name: he was originally called Frank, but over the years he also became known as Otis, and now happily responds to both!

A photo of Frank is attached. If you think you may be able to offer him a loving home, or would like more information, please contact me at bhabbershaw@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Join our 100 Club.
Win cash prizes.
Support our
library.



Waitrose Green Tokens:

We have until the end of the month to get our votes in and win £1500. We're currently neck and neck with St Andrews, so please vote as often as you can until the end of June!

Legoland:

If you have bought Legoland tickets please keep an eye on your inbox for your tickets. These will be sent over the weekend from jen.skym.1@gmail.com. If you have not received yours by Monday evening, please check your junk folder and then get in touch with jen.skym.1@gmail.com Legoland parking can be bought in advance. Please check their website.

Preloved uniform:

Lots of summer dresses and logo jumpers in most sizes have been loaded up to the preloved uniform website this week, get them quick! 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>

Yours faithfully

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

Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Windmill Primary School presents

**ENTRY
£1**

The Summer DISCO

**FRIDAY
3RD JULY**

**4.30-
6.00PM**

**TUCK SHOP
CHILL OUT SPACE
YEAR 6 DJS**

If you would like to request a song to be played at the school disco please complete the google form below.

<https://forms.gle/1w4L7DAPMFdDnKdc7>

BODY POLITIC

@BodyPoliticUK



SUMMER CAMP

2026

Ages 7-11yrs



Monday 27th July - Friday 31st July

DANCE, MAKE, MOVE TOGETHER!

Join Body Politic this Summer for an action-packed week of creative arts, dance, sports, and a special end-of-week performance!

9am-4pm

Barton Park Primary School, OX3 9WN

£225 Full Price*

***Fully funded places and sibling discount available**

**Hot food &
snacks
provided**

For more information please contact Nat at education@bodypoliticdance.com
or call 07791905851

www.bodypoliticdance.com

Book Here



SILVIE



Summer 2026

St Nicholas Holiday Club

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years, with funded places available for children in Reception to Year 6

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



To book a funded place via EEQU, please scan this QR code



LOCATION:

St Nicholas' Primary School Oxford

COST:

£29.99 per day

All childcare vouchers accepted

FREE places available for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals

DATES & TIME:

08:00am - 17:00pm

Monday 20th July - Thursday 27th August

HOW TO BOOK:

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



rattleandrollperformance.com
enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com
07722 014301



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Camping takeover!

Friday 7th August - Sunday 9th August

One or two-night camp - 4pm arrivals & 3:30pm departures

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

Friday night food and drink to buy (from 5:30-8:30pm) includes build your own wraps (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 night food baked potato bar.

Saturday and Sunday breakfast: 8:30am-10:30am – highlights include Waffles, Pancakes and Full English Breakfast. Saturday activities include: 11am meet the chickens and ducks; 1:30pm Iron Age den building; 3pm football. Sunday activities include: 1-:30am campfire cooking, 12pm nature bracelets and 1:30pm Stonehenge jenga.

Normal café menu served from 11am- 3:30pm on both days.

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

ANGELS

• APA • PERFORMING ARTS

SUMMER TIMETABLE 2026

ROALD DAHL
Matilda
THE MUSICAL

WICKED

KPOP
DEMON HUNTERS



TLDC
DANESBURY
Tee Lily DANCE COMPANY

Dance • Sing • Act • Perform!



DATE	WORKSHOP	TIME	VENUE	PRICE
WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY	MUSICAL MAYHEM Learn dancers and songs from the biggest musicals going! <i>with Jennie</i>	9.30AM – 2.30PM	UPTON VILLAGE HALL	£30 PER CHILD
WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY	CONDITIONING <i>with TEE LILY DANCE COMPANY</i>	3PM – 6PM	FLEET MEADOW HALL, DIDCOT	£25
WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST	COMMERCIAL <i>with GABI SHREIK</i>	3PM – 6PM	FLEET MEADOW HALL, DIDCOT	£25
WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST	BALLET <i>with HOLLY</i>	3PM – 6PM	FLEET MEADOW HALL, DIDCOT	£25
WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST	ACRO SKILLS & TUMBLING <i>with Tash</i>	10AM – 1PM	UPTON VILLAGE HALL	£25
	JAZZ <i>with BENJAMIN DIATH from THE CREATIVE COMPANY</i>	3PM – 6PM	FLEET MEADOW HALL, DIDCOT	£25
WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST	LEAPS, KICKS & TURNS <i>with AMBER from THE ARDA ASSOCIATES</i>	3PM – 6PM	FLEET MEADOW HALL, DIDCOT	£25

★ **ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!**

1-1 SESSIONS ALSO AVAILABLE!

Places are limited!

RUBICON OVERDRIVE: PLAYTHROUGH AND PAINT

FREE WORKSHOP FOR KIDS AGED 9+

Sat, June 20th, 11am - 12:30pm
The Coffee Guild, Oxford
contact@rubiconoverdrive.com



Meet the makers of Rubicon Overdrive and have a go at a new tabletop role-playing game and hobby designed for kids aged 9+.

Learn more at www.rubiconoverdrive.com



50TH

CELEBRATION



**SAT 13
JUNE 2026**



**10AM
TO 7PM**



**WESTGATE
OXFORD**





Holiday Clubs of Oxfordshire

Location: University of Oxford Sport, Iffley Road Sports Centre, Iffley Road, Oxford, OX4 1EQ

Dates: Starting Monday 20th July - Friday 28th August

Times: Core club hours - 09:00am - 3:00pm. Extended day - 08:30am - 5:30pm

Ages: 4-12 years

Facilities: Sports Hall, Astroturf pitch, Squash Courts, Studio & Swimming Pool

Activities: Sports-based structured sessions from Badminton, Basketball, Football, Rounders, Kwik Cricket, Handball, Swimming, Dodgeball, Capture the Flag, Spikeball, Parachute Games and many more! Chill Zone available with arts & crafts.

Bookings: To make a booking, please visit www.holidayclubs.oxfordshire.co.uk. Extended day discounts are available for NHS workers, University of Oxford staff and Swim School of Oxfordshire customers.

ELITE CAMPS SUMMER

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Sports, games, creative activities and new experiences

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Bicester

Botley

Didcot

Henley

Littlemore

Newbury

Thame

Wallingford

Wantage

Witney

EVERYTHING PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

- ✓ Ages 4-13
- ✓ Full days & extended days
- ✓ Childcare Vouchers accepted
- ✓ Tax-Free Childcare accepted
- ✓ Flexible booking by day or week
- ✓ Ofsted Registered

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