

Windmill Weekly (36)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for June- Equality

29 June 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am sorry that we didn't get a newsletter out on Friday. It was a combination of factors which included me being in South Wales with the Year 6 children, Mr Howe unwell with a bug and school staff being off due to the school closure. I think it's the first time the newsletter hasn't gone out on a Friday since I started at Windmill!

School Closure

We are all sorry that we had to close the school last week due to the risks of extreme heat. We know that this must have created some very tricky decisions when it came to child care but we know that the school with classroom temperatures in the mid to high 30s wasn't safe for either children or staff to be in. If summers are going to be hotter then we know that plans will need to be put in place to try to address how we can keep the school cooler, discussions about this will be beginning immediately.

SENDCo Signed Off

Unfortunately Mrs Griffiths isn't well and she has been signed off until the end of term. Mrs Grates, our assistant SENDCo will be managing annual reviews for children with EHCPs and statutory paperwork, If you have a question about anything else regarding your child, if they have special needs, please contact their class teacher.

Sports Days

A reminder that Key Stage 2 sports will take place on Tuesday 30th June (tomorrow) starting at 1:30pm . Reception and Key Stage 1 sports will be on Thursday 2nd July starting at 9:15am. You are all welcome to come and support your children.

Art Exhibition

We will be holding our annual Art Exhibition on Thursday 2nd July from 3:15pm to 6:0pm. Please come and see your child's art work in the school hall.



Key Dates

30 June	EAL Coffee Morning 8.45am - 9.30am
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	Year 1 Performance 9.10am
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

EAL Coffee Morning

We will be running a coffee morning on Tuesday 30th June, 8.45 am - 9.30 am, in the After-School Club room at the front of the school, for parents and carers of children with English as an Additional Language (EAL).

Mrs McIntyre (EAL Specialist TA) will give a short presentation and then there will be an opportunity to chat with other parents and carers. Please send an email to confirm your attendance. You are also welcome to email in advance with any questions you would like to be addressed:

jmcintyre@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Please come directly to the After-School Club room and not through the main reception. Please do drop in and say hello!

Leaving Windmill Primary?

If your child is NOT in Year 6 and you know they will be leaving at the end of this academic year, please could you request a Leavers form from the school office - office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Lost Property

Please view the link here for all unnamed, lost property

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/020ULdg05hYEpgHbw6qoPCV4w>

Please claim *before school 8:30am-8:40am* or *after school 3:10-3:30pm*

or email Cathy on coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

Items not claimed before 18th July 2026 will be thrown away or donated.

PTA News

Join us for the final PTA meeting of the year! Wednesday 2nd July at 7.30pm (open to all parents)

Please join us for the final PTA meeting of the year next Wednesday 2nd July at 7.30. Everyone is welcome to join, even if you can only attend for part of the meeting, and fine to keep cameras off if easier. Link for the meeting and agenda will be on Classlist. Look forward to seeing you there.

****** 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

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Windmill Primary School presents

**ENTRY
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**The
Summer
DISCO**

**FRIDAY
3RD JULY**

**4.30-
6.00PM**

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



OPEN EVENTS 2026

Open Evening

Tuesday 22 September

5:30pm - 8pm

Presentations at 5:30pm and 6:30pm

Open Mornings

Tuesday 22 September

Thursday 24 September

Tuesday 13 October

9:00am - 10:30am

Tour at 9:00am and Presentation at 9:45am

SEND Open Morning - Thursday 15 October

9:30am - 11:00am

www.cheneyschool.org
There is no on-site parking

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Science Oxford Summer Holiday Club 2026

A Summer of Space

At A Summer of Space – Holiday Club for Space explorers age 7 -11, space explorers embark on hands-on Space themed projects, science and engineering investigations and outdoor woodland adventures at the Science Oxford Centre.

Experience our out of this world planetarium show in our inflatable science dome; discover more about the Solar System and our place within it, and design rockets and rovers for intergalactic planetary exploration! Get outdoors in nature and investigate our wildlife and woodland too. Join us for 3 days of exploration and investigation where curiosity and innovation lead the way!

**Times:**

9:00am-3:30pm

(Supervised wrap around care included: early drop off from 8:30am, and late pick up until 4pm)

**Dates:**

18th – 20th August

or

25th – 27th August

**Location:**

Science Oxford Centre
Quarry Road,
Headington,
Oxford, OX3 8SB

**Cost:**

£175 for 3 days.

Lunch included.

18th-20th August:

<https://science-oxford-holiday-club-18-20-Aug-2026.eventbrite.co.uk>



25th-27th August:

<https://science-oxford-holiday-club-25-27-August-2026.eventbrite.co.uk>



Participating schools have Earlybird access to book before it becomes available to all on 6th July 2026*.

Scan the QR code above or follow the link to take you to the event page for the dates you want.

If you have any queries, please email events@scienceoxford.com

**Earlybird access is only available to pupils attending participating schools and is available on a first come first served basis.*

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Holiday Camps

**MULTISPORT
HOLIDAY CAMP**



**MON 20TH JULY – FRI 28TH AUG
10AM–4PM**

8:30AM EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE (ADDITIONAL FEE)

**SPORTS INCLUDE FOOTBALL, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, DODGEBALL,
HANDBALL, GAMES & MORE.**

OPTIONAL ARTS & CRAFTS ACTIVITY EACH DAY

OFSTED REGISTERED - CCV ACCEPTED

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 1 TO 7

ALL STAFF DBS CHECKED, EXPERIENCED & PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID QUALIFIED COACHES

LOCATION: ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, MARSTON RD, OXFORD, OX3 0EJ

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS 8.45AM TO 3.00PM

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AVAILABLE

AGES 5-13 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

THE OXFORD ACADEMY, OX4 6JZ

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Please email Cathy on QRFC.Chair@gmail.com for a code for a free day session.



Youth groups for autistic young people without intellectual disabilities

An inclusive space to
develop independence,
friendships & social
skills...



...run by a specialist,
experienced team providing
a safe, fun and structured
environment...

... based in
Wolvercote Young
People's Club



Juniors (8 - 12 years)
Saturdays
10:00am - 12:00pm

Seniors (13 - 17 years)
Fridays
6:30pm - 8:30pm



Contact us at
info@and-oxfordshire.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Looking to contribute to your local community,
while gaining valuable skills and experience in a
supportive work environment?*



We run youth groups for autistic young people and we're looking for volunteers to get involved with supporting our young people in activities and socialising in a fun and safe environment

We have two youth groups:

- Seniors (13-17 years) - Friday 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- Juniors (8-12 years) - Saturday 10am to 12pm

Wolvercote Young People's Club,
OX2 8AU



If you're interested in volunteering at one or both of our youth groups:

Please email us at
info@and-oxfordshire.co.uk