

Windmill Weekly (37)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for June- Equality

06 July 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Sports days

I hope that you all enjoyed the sports days this week. We were very lucky with the weather, as it was dry and not too hot; days have been quite hard to find in recent weeks! I am always so impressed by the positive attitude that the children take to their activities.

Responding to Rising Temperatures

The topic of how to prevent more school closures due to very hot temperatures has been discussed all week by the senior leadership team, Governors and PTA. Ideas that have been discussed include:-

- School starting earlier and closing at lunchtime.
- Increasing shade in the school grounds - canopies / planting more trees
- Awnings to reduce the impact of the sun in classrooms
- UV resistant blinds / window film
- Air conditioning units

Some of these are ideas that we can implement quickly and others such as AC units which will have a substantial cost included may be longer term. However, I can assure you that the school is committed to finding a solution to the issues that we are facing.

Safer Parking and Driving

There was a collision involving a child on Thursday morning, where a driver who had been parked on the corner of St Anne's Road reversed into a group of pedestrians trying to cross behind their vehicle. The parent of the child will be making a police report, and would be very grateful for any witnesses. Fortunately, the child was not injured, but this reinforces how dangerous careless parking and driving is. Nobody should be parking on the corners around the school in any circumstances, and everyone who drives to school needs to be mindful when manoeuvring that there are many children trying to cross these junctions.

Transition Morning

On Wednesday morning all of the children will be spending some time with their new class teachers as part of their transition into their new year group. They will be given details of the staff they will meet and work with to bring home to help them remember over the summer holiday.

Annual Reports

Annual reports will be sent out on Friday 10th July so please check your email boxes. If the report hasn't arrived by the end of the day, please contact your class teacher.

Key Stage 2 SATs results

You might have seen in the press that there have been issues with the marking of the Key Stage 2 SATs papers and the date for when we are told the results has been pushed back from next Tuesday to Thursday 16th July. The children in Year 6 will still get their report next Friday.



Key Dates

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 Summer Art Exhibition

I am sure you would like to join me in congratulating the children for their amazing art in this year's Windmill Summer Exhibition. Thank you so much to those of you who came. It was a wonderful event.

All the workshops are run free of charge by volunteer working artists and this year, I have launched a new collaboration with St Edward's School and Headington Rye School for some smaller workshops.

The Windmill PTA generously donated £500 to help pay for resources and transport. Glanville picture framing (Kidlington) generously donated mount board. Parents sent in old magazines, old shirts and junk for some workshops. Thank you also.

We also have our own collections at each event. Without your donations, we cannot afford to run or resource these events - the money cannot come from the school budget as this already provides for the curriculum. Please donate to this QR code. If every child donated just one pound, we would exceed our goal.

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Clubs That Have Now Finished

Chess Club and Coding Club have now both finished this academic year, please remember to collect your children next week.

PTA meeting 1 July

Thanks to those who attended the final PTA meeting of the year. The minutes will be available on Classlist very soon, but here are the highlights:

- **The main discussion was about the recent closures**, as well as measures to prepare for future heatwaves. Mrs Knapp explained why closure had been necessary and outlined work already underway to investigate cooling options.
- **A range of measures are being explored**, including external blinds, shade sails, more trees, and longer-term options such as air conditioning/heat pumps. The council's building manager will be a starting point for a discussion/survey about the best solutions.
- **The PTA agreed to support this work**, with next year's Autumn Fayre fundraising earmarked for cooling improvements where possible.
- **Other news:** The PTA won **£1,500** through the Waitrose Green Token scheme, approved funding to replace the playground A-frame, and thanked Mrs Knapp at her final PTA meeting before she leaves as Headteacher.



Join us for the summer disco today

Friday 3rd July, 4:30-6:00 pm. T

There will be music from our Yr 6 student guest DJs, tuck shop (including ice pops) and outdoor space.

Entry is £1 each for both adults and children, pay on the gate on the evening. Cards accepted, cash preferred - the tuck shop will be cash only.

Yours faithfully

Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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.*

INTRODUCING SWIM SCHOOL GAMES WEEK

This summer we are switching things up, stepping away from normal lessons and focusing on what other Aquatic skills we can enjoy in the water!

We are offering 2.5hour taster sessions in Synchronised Swimming, Waterpolo, Junior Lifeguard & Diving/Distance. Each session will be delivered by Qualified Coaches, giving swimmers to opportunity to be taught by the best without the pressure of joining clubs.



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Autumn Term 2026

Disney Dance Club



Open to all children in Reception - Year 1

We are delighted to be running our Disney themed Dance Club in the Autumn Term! Our Disney Dance Club is a fun dance class that teaches our youngest dancers coordination and fitness all set to everyone's favourite Disney songs!



LOCATION:

Windmill Primary



COST:

£11.50 per session, booked termly

All childcare vouchers accepted and payments can be made in instalments. Payment via direct debit or childcare vouchers is due by September (payment via card will be taken at time of booking)

DATES & TIME:

3:10-4:40pm on Wednesdays for 14 weeks
Wednesday 9th September to
Wednesday 16th December

HOW TO BOOK:

Scan the QR code to book and use code DAWMPS1 to take you straight to the club or visit our [website](#)



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Autumn Term 2026

'On The Stage' - Disney Heroes & Villains!

Open to all children from Reception - Year 6

We are delighted to be running our 'Disney Heroes & Villains' themed 'On the Stage' club in the Autumn Term! This club is a combination of dancing, drama and singing with a specific focus on building confidence and boosting teamwork. The dances, songs and drama pieces will be inspired by much-loved Disney characters & featuring music from the new Toy Story 5 film!



LOCATION:

Windmill Primary

COST:

£14 per session, booked termly

All childcare vouchers accepted and payments can be made in instalments. Payment via direct debit or childcare vouchers is due by September (payment via card will be taken at time of booking)

DATES & TIME:

3:10-5:10pm on Fridays for 14 weeks
Friday 4th September to
Friday 11th December

HOW TO BOOK:

Scan the QR code to book and use code OSWMPS1 to take you straight to the club or visit our [website](#)





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