

Windmill Weekly (39)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for July - Friendship

17 July 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Today's newsletter is filled with thank yous!

As I write my final newsletter I am filled with such emotion - I'm sorry to all of you who I have cried over in the last few weeks! Being the Headteacher at Windmill has been more than just a job and it has been the greatest privilege of my life to be able to lead such a wonderful school. I am often given the credit for making Windmill the outstanding school it has become, but the truth is that I couldn't have done it alone. The staff, children and you as parents and carers have backed me throughout my whole journey and I can't thank you all enough for that! It is with great sadness that I am leaving Windmill to take up my retirement, but I am also a little bit excited about having a bit more time to myself and to be able to spend more time with my family. I can absolutely guarantee that I will be back at Windmill for various events, and maybe a little bit of dancing! I also have 100% confidence in Mr Howe and his team to lead the school forward!

It was such an amazing surprise to see so many of you at my special assembly yesterday afternoon. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you so much for the incredible generosity from you all. The lovely messages and incredible gifts have just been overwhelming! I'm sorry I won't have the chance to thank you all personally. Thank you too if you have sent me the photos that you have been taking of your children with me; they are a lovely memory too.

A Huge Thank You!

- Thank you to all of the Year 6 children who are leaving us today. They have all been absolutely amazing and we know that they are all ready for this next step to secondary school. We wish them all lots of luck!
- Thank you to the rest of the children in the school who always work so hard to do their best and have some fun too.
- Thank you to my amazing staff team! We are so lucky as a school to have such a fantastic team of staff who are always happy to go the extra mile to make sure that the experience the children have at Windmill is the best we can give them.
- Thank you to all of you for being so supportive of our school but also being happy to come and have a chat when you have had concerns.
- Thank you to the PTA and all of you who have supported their fundraising events so the children can have some additional resources that we can't afford from our school budget.
- Thank you to our Governors who are always so supportive of the school and what we aim to achieve.

Finally, lots of luck if you and your family are moving away from Oxford over the summer. I hope that you settle quickly into your new places and schools.

Staff who Leaving

Mr Habbershaw

I would like to wish Mr Habbershaw lots of luck in his new school in London. He has made a brilliant contribution to the lives of the children who have come through his class and also his sports activities. Sport in the school had flourished under his leadership.

Mr McCormack

It has been a pleasure to have Mr McCormack at Windmill, although for a short time. I wish him lots of luck with his future plans.

Cathy Oliveira

We are very sad that Cathy Oliveira, who works in the school office is leaving, but we wish her lots of luck in her new role in Cheney Sixth form.

Summer Concert

Congratulations to all of the children who performed in the Summer Concert last Friday morning. It really celebrated the range of musical talent we have in school. A huge thank you to Mrs Reading for coordinating it.

School App

As you have all been made aware, this App will be switched off from 31st July this year.

The school are moving over to the Juniper app which links into our website. The sign up process for the app is longer, we appreciate but it is more secure and should allow us to send you more specific updates and information in the future.

Emails were automatically sent out to your school registered addresses on 9th July from Juniper. Please check any spam folders if you have any issues. More details can be found on this flyer: <https://junipereducation.org/hubfs/Communicate%20fler.pdf?hsLang=en>



Key Dates

3 September	Start of Term 1 2026 / 2027
-------------	-----------------------------

CLASS PHOTOS- VIEWING CARDS

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to take the class photographs, a viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures, should be with you at home now. The QR code/sitting ID is identical to those sent home on the day that the photos were taken.

Please ask your children to give it to you as soon as possible so you have a chance to order any pictures you would like at a discounted price before the Early Bird Deadline which has **now been extended to 21st July 2026**.

If for any reason your viewing card doesn't make it home, contact Pret-a-Portrait directly after that date on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net

Dolce School Dinners

Due to increased costs Dolce is increasing the cost of a school dinner to £3.10 per meal from September 2026. This is £15.50 a week.

Clubs

The club list for September 2026 is on the school website

<https://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=19&action=saved>

Many clubs are already taking bookings. Please contact them directly to book your child a place.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher



MUSIC
at Windmill



An invitation to join the Windmill School

 CHOIR
and/or
ORCHESTRA

Choir meets every Monday in the Music Room from 3:10 - 4:00pm

Orchestra meets every Thursday in the Music Room from 3:10 - 4:10pm

If you would like to join either club, please email Mrs Reading.]

sreading@windmill.oxon.sch.uk



A song for Mrs Knapp
Lyrics by the children of Windmill Primary School
Music by Megan Henwood



You Make the Windmill Turn

At the start of the school day
We hear your music at the gate
In all seasons, rain or shine, there to greet us with a smile
You know everybody's name

Teaching dance moves in the hall
Out on the field playing football
Wearing high heels looking glamorous, treating everyone with kindness.
The best headteacher to us all.

**All the energy you give,
from reception to year six,
In every classroom, every term
You make the windmill turn!**

**Keep on moving to the beat,
You'll always be our Dancing Queen
In the staffroom, every term
You make the windmill turn!**

For twenty years you've worked so hard
You're a Stiletto superstar
In this school we all belong, you see the spark in everyone,
You make us proud of who we are

Chorus

Keep on moving, grooving, swirling, twirling,
We'll keep the windmill turning, you keep
Moving, grooving, swirling, twirling,
We'll keep the windmill turning, turning...



Your new adventure's just begun,
Thank you for everything you've done
You'll always be a part of windmill, this amazing school that you built
Now relax and have some fun!



Chorus

In the classroom every term
You make the windmill turn!

JOIN US FOR THE SUMMER!

soap
southoxford
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

28 July - 28 August 10am - 4pm

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Kids-only hangout for ages 7 and up
No grown-ups or little ones allowed!

Thursdays & Fridays

Everyone can come and play!



JUST DROP IN, ITS FREE!

Free Play	Adventurous Fun	Camp Fires	
Football	Basketball	Face Painting	Smoothie Bike
Sprinkler	Junk Modelling	Badge Making	
Henna	Super Soaker's	Lots More	

www.soapoxford.org.uk
Whitehouse Road, OX1 4QH

FUTURE NETBALL STARS WANTED! 🏆💙

Following a massive 2025/26 season, Abbey Netball Club's Junior Section is growing, and we want YOU to join the club for the upcoming season!

Our junior section is thriving, coming off the back of an amazing season where our U15s secured league titles and our U13s finished as runners-up. 🏆

We are also thrilled to announce a BRAND NEW U11 section for this year! ☀️

Whether your daughter is a seasoned player or looking to start her netball journey, here is where you can find us each week:

- 🏐 U11 Squad (Year 5/6) : Wednesdays | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Headington Senior School
- 🏐 U13 Squad (Year 7/8): Thursdays | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Swan School

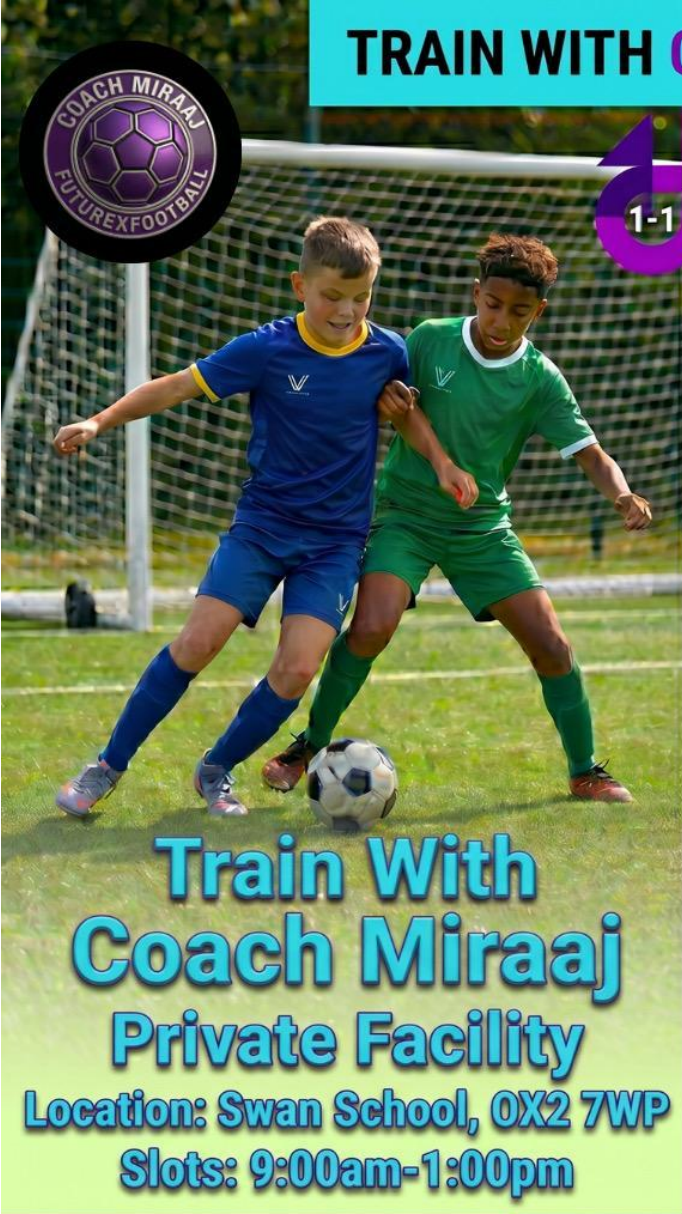
📅 Our U11 and U13 squads play their matches on Sundays.

👟 U11's Training starts on Wednesday 2nd September at Headington Rye Senior School from 6:30-7:30pm.

🕒 Trials will be taking place for U13s on Thursday 3rd & 10th September at Headington Rye Prep School. All trials start from 6:30-7:45pm.

Want to bring your daughter along for a session or find out more?

✉ Email us today at abbeynetballoxford@googlemail.com



TRAIN WITH COACH MIRAAJ

1-1

1-1 & Small Group Sessions

This Summer

Unlock Your Potential This Summer

- BECOME A SKILFUL PLAYER
- IMPROVE CONFIDENCE
- DEVELOP TECHNICAL ABILITY
- LEARN ABOUT THE GAME

Phone: 07561565733

BOOK SUMMER HOLIDAY SESSIONS WITH COACH MIRAAJ

WHO IS COACH MIRAAJ?

- PROFESSIONAL ACADEMY COACH

Train With Coach Miraaj
Private Facility
Location: Swan School, OX2 7WP
Slots: 9:00am-1:00pm

Limited Spaces - Book Now!

Click Link In Bio To Book





Get around for £1 - Oxford Bus Company and Thames Travel

Young people aged 18 and under can apply for a bus pass that allows them to travel for just £1 per journey within the Oxford City Zone.

Please check the eligibility criteria and application details before applying.



Sign up here

Summer

Programme 2026

MAKE FRIENDS • TRY NEW THINGS • CREATE MEMORIES



24th July
to
21st August



OXFORD
CITY
COUNCIL

FREE

 LITTLEMORE Community Centre Giles Rd OX4 4NL Monday–Thursday 12pm–4pm  Ages 11–17 Lunch Included Registration Required	 NORTHWAY Community Centre Dora Carr Close OX3 9RU Monday–Thursday 12pm–4pm  Ages 11–17 Lunch Included Registration Required	 LEYS Youth Hub Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre OX4 6JL Monday–Wednesday 5pm–7pm Friday 3pm–6pm  Ages 11–17 Snacks Included	 MULTI SPORTS Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre OX4 6JL  Football  Basketball  Every Friday Ages 11–14 3pm–4:30pm Ages 15–17 4:30pm–6pm
---	--	--	--

FUN • GAMES • FOOD • SPORTS • MUSIC • CHILL • GOOD VIBES

 youthambition@oxford.gov.uk

 07889178219 or 075914449833











Summer Holidays Affordable Family Fun Day



The whole community is welcome for a reduced price family fun day, an affordable day out for the whole family.

£5 per child for the day. Parents £1 entry.

All activities on the day are included within your ticket

Friday 28th August 2026, 10am-3pm

Reduced entry price, **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Join us at Thomley, Menmarsh Road, Worminghall, HP189JZ

PLEASE NOTE: Our gates will not be locked / monitored all day

www.thomley.org.uk 01844 338380 bookings@thomley.org.uk

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

Oxford City AC Summer Athletics Camps 2026

Camp 1: 28th – 30th July



Times

8:45–
3pm

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Where:

Horspath
athletics track

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nYRHM1Hb1HYpkdCs5>

What to bring:

- ✓ Suitable sports clothing
- ✓ Trainers and spikes (optional)
- ✓ Waterproof clothing
- ✓ Packed lunch
- ✓ Plenty of drinks
- ✓ Any required medication

Fees

Full Camp (3 Days)

£120 per athlete

Single Day Booking

£45 per athlete per day

We require a minimum of
registered athletes for
to proceed.



Activities include: Run, Jump, Throw, speed development, relay skills, beginners, members, experienced athletes: your athletics.



Ready to make new habits as a family?

Our FREE 6 week Beezee Families programme starts
this Summer Holidays in Blackbird Leys!

- Get healthy eating tips and free recipes
- Unlock the power of small changes
- Start moving more as a family
- FREE Lunch for the entire family



Thursday 23rd July 10am-12pm
@ Leys Pools & Leisure Centre

Secure your FREE place today!

@ HelloOxfordshire@maximusuk.co.uk

03332 208952





MULTI-ACTIVITY SUMMER CAMP

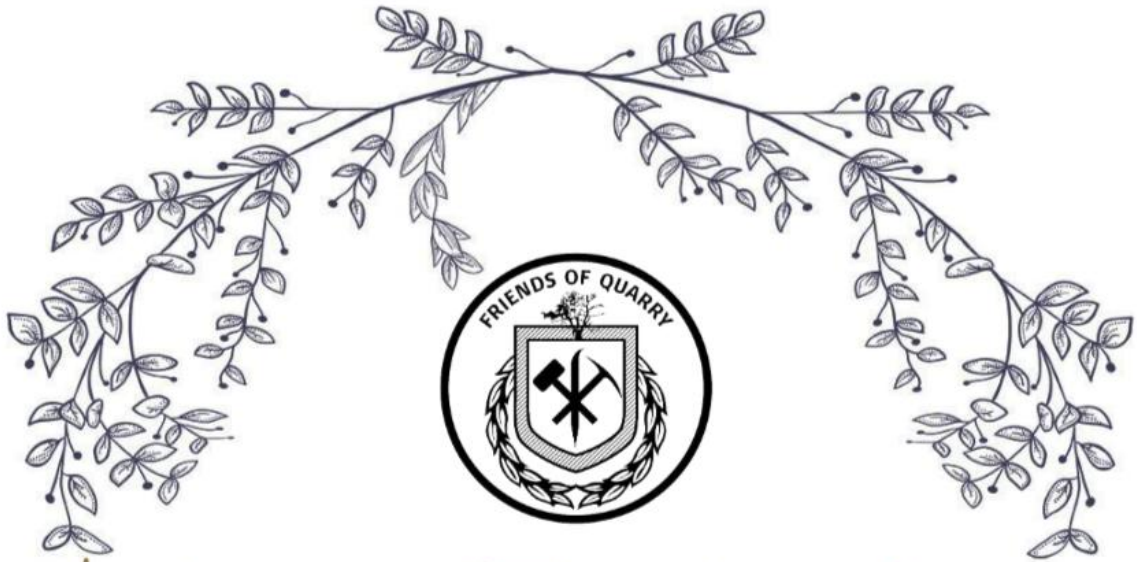
AT BURY KNOWLE

Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th July

For children aged 4 to 6

Our multi-activity camps
blend tennis education with
fun games like mini golf,
shuffleboard and cornhole.

[Click here
to book!](#)

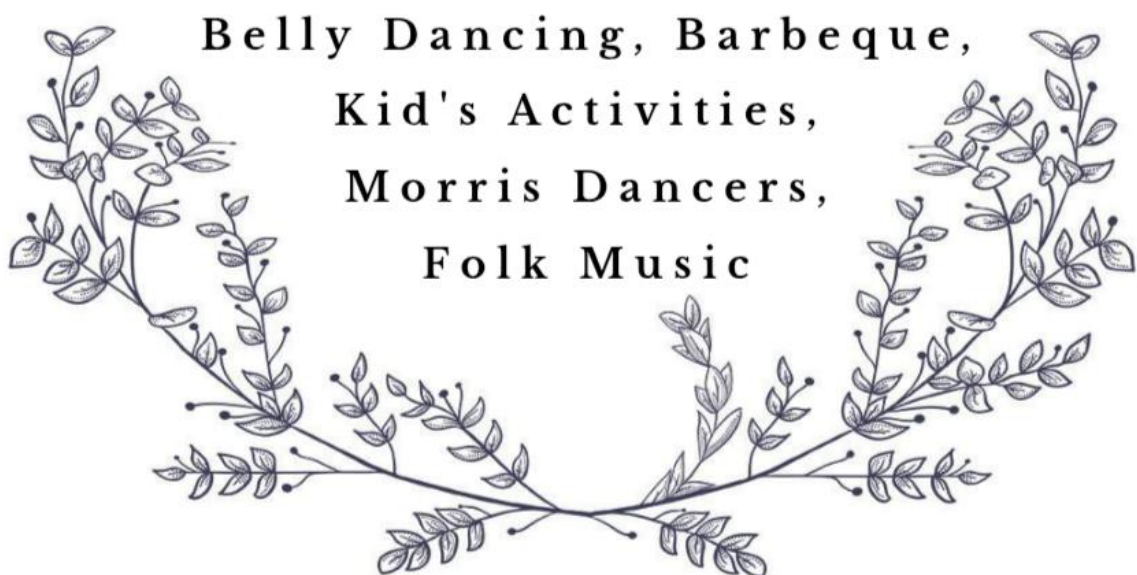


Autumn Family Social

SIX BELLS

Friends of Quarry invites you
to share an afternoon

Sunday 13th September 2-5pm





Professor Poopenshtinken's **MAGICAL MATHS**

Magical Maths is here next term!

The country's most popular educational after school club!

Professor Poopenshtinken and his friends will be teaching the next generation of maths geniuses how to **read minds**, learn amazing **number tricks** and solve countless puzzles.

Hats and wands will be worn in fast paced **maths duels**, legs will be stretched on Mathletes week and **classrooms will even be turned into bowling alleys!**

**New for
2026!**

**Spread the cost
of booking over
the term with
PayPal pay in 3!**

DON'T MISS OUT...

Scan or [click here](#) to
book your child's place
before spaces run out!



07960 411706

www.magicalmathsclub.com