

Windmill Weekly (02)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for September - Responsibility

18 September 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope the second full week of term has been a good one for you and your children. It has been lovely to see everyone settling into new routines, building relationships and getting to know one another.

As part of this, some of the Senior Leaders in school have been running 'Getting to Know Me' assemblies for children in Years 1-6. So far, the children have heard from myself, Mrs Russell, Mrs Aspden and, today, Mr Davies. On Monday, Miss Atkinson will complete the final assembly in the series.

It would be great to see how much the children remember about each of the adults, so do ask them about the assemblies and see if you can find out whether there was anything in particular that stood out to them!

Friday DJ is going strong with a Swift vs Swift battle last week. It was "Blank Space" vs "I knew it, I knew you" with Blank Space coming out on top by about 50 votes. Mrs Russell chose the songs today so we will see what is played between 8.30am and 8.40am next week. If you and your children would like to be part of the vote then please make sure you are here before 8.40am and use the gate next to the bike shed to get into school.

Gates and the school building

Thank you to everyone who has clearly been making the effort to be at school on time this week. I noticed from Monday that lots of people were here and into class by 8.40am. Could I please remind parents that you should only be in the school building if you are signed in via the office and not around the corridors at drop off or pick up times. Open mornings are an exception to this but staff will have plans in place to keep everyone in the correct areas.

INSET Day

I would like to remind everyone that we have a planned INSET day (no children in school) on Monday 2nd November this year. It is the first Monday after half term.

Dates

You will notice that some key dates for events are starting to appear on the school calendar. Once synced they will also appear on the school app. The dates do sometimes change so do check back at times for added or amended events. You can view the Google calendar here:

[WPS Parents Calendar](#)

Vacancies

We currently have 3 vacancies in school. One is for a member of the office team, another is a Reception lead teacher and the final one is for a cleaner. If you are interested in any of these, please see the school website for a full description of the role.

Coffee Morning

We will be holding the next coffee morning on Tuesday 29th September from 8.45am until 9.45am in the after-school club room. Please come and meet Michelle Griffiths (SENCO) and Sally Painter (Home School Link Worker).



Key Dates

7 October	Flu Immunisation
9 October	Non Uniform Day for tombola prize
10 October	Autumn Fayre
14 October	Parent Interviews - late evening
23 October 2026	End of Term 1
2 November 2026	MONDAY - INSET Day
3 November 2026	TUESDAY - Start of Term 2

Friday 9th October NON-UNIFORM DAY!

In exchange for own clothes, please bring a small prize for the Autumn Fayre tombola, e.g. toys, books, puzzles. Second-hand is fine, but something in good condition that you'd be happy for your child to receive. If buying new, £5 max spend.

Young Carers at Windmill

Family circumstances may mean that from an early age some children and young people provide regular care and support to another family member and may take on some practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities.

At Windmill we organize a monthly support group for our amazing young carers. Our first group will take place on Tuesday 22nd September.

Please see below for more information.

YOUNG CARERS AT WINDMILL

At Windmill School, we are committed to recognising and celebrating the incredible young people in our school community who take on caring responsibilities at home.

A *Young Carer* is defined as a child under the age of 18 whose home and school life are affected by the needs of a dependent family member. This may include caring for a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, or uncle, and sometimes more than one family member. It may simply be that your child lives with someone who has additional needs, and this impacts their daily life

Young Carers often do a lot of helpful things, such as

- Cooking and preparing meals
- Helping with the shopping
- Cleaning around the house
- Managing medicines or money
- Giving personal care
- Helping the person move and get out of the house
- Looking after younger siblings
- Providing emotional support
- Keeping an eye on things generally

To support our Young Carers, we run a young carers group once a month on Tuesdays, 9.00am - 9.30am where Young Carers can:

- Relax and chat with friends
- Enjoy art and mindfulness activities
- Take some well-deserved "me time"
- Play games and have fun

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd September.

For children aged 8 and above, we can refer/connect children with the charity 'Be Free Young Carers' <https://befreeyc.org.uk/>, which offers additional support and opportunities.

If you think your child is a young carer and was not known to us last year, please either speak to their class teacher or you can contact any of the staff below.

Sally Painter, spainter@Windmill.oxon.sch.uk

Michelle Griffiths or Lydia Grates, Senco@Windmill.oxon.sch.uk

Adam Gibbs, agibbs@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

The Magic of Reading at Home

At Windmill Primary School, we endeavour to instil a lifelong love of reading in all our pupils. We want children to discover that books can transport them to new worlds, introduce them to fascinating characters and ideas, spark their imaginations and open the door to a wealth of knowledge.

Reading at home is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's learning. Just 10-15 minutes of reading together each day can make a real difference to vocabulary, comprehension, confidence and, most importantly, a child's enjoyment of books.

Reading doesn't always have to mean your child reading independently. Sharing a story, taking turns to read, listening to an audiobook or simply talking about a book together all help to develop a love of reading. The key is to make reading a positive and enjoyable part of family life.

If your child struggles to find books that capture their interest, take a look at BookTrust's Bookfinder. You can search for books by age, interests, themes and reading level, making it a fantastic way to discover something new that your child might enjoy.

As Dr Seuss said:

"You can find magic wherever you look. All you need is a book."

Flu immunisation - Wednesday 07 October

Please see the letter at the end of the newsletter for full details. Please read the letter before clicking on the consent form link -

<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=OX123047>

Club news

The Lunas dance club on Thursdays from 3.10pm - 4.00pm is now accepting children from Year 1 to Year 6. Children must be able to follow instructions within a group setting.

There are a few spaces available in the Chess club for children in Years 3-6. Please see the club list on the school website for full club details.

Windmill PTA Autumn Fayre: Saturday 10 October, 1pm - 4pm

The Autumn Fayre is back on Saturday 10 October from 1pm - 4pm. Bouncy castle, tombola, raffle, hot food, cakes, a tuck shop, book sale, a plant stall, face painting and fairground games. The school choir sing at 3pm, and Years 1 and 2 are putting on a dance. Free entry and everyone is welcome, so do bring grandparents, neighbours and friends.

Volunteers

We need volunteers, even half an hour helps. Sign-up lists for every stall are now open on Classlist, under the Autumn Fayre 2026 event. Your call reps will be in touch about the stalls your year group is running.

Some slots belong to no year group: setting up on the Friday afternoon and the Saturday morning, and clearing away at the end. Anyone can take those. Sign up here: [Classlist.com](https://www.classlist.com)

Any questions please email windmillpta@gmail.com

Join us for the first PTA meeting of the year! Monday 21st September at 7.30pm (open to all parents)

Please join us for the first PTA meeting of the year next Monday 21st September at 7.30pm. 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.

[Join from Zoom Workplace app - Zoom](#)

Autumn Fayre News

Got a prize? We need it for the Autumn Fayre raffle!

The Autumn Fayre raffle on October 10th is one of the PTA's biggest fundraisers (last year: £1135, doubled-matched to £3,405). To do this, we need prizes from generous parents and local businesses. Big, small, quirky, useful, anything goes.

Think vouchers, experiences, treats, bottles, hampers, tickets...if it's something you'd want to win, it'll work.

To donate, please email us at windmillfayre@gmail.com or message me (Tomi Johnson) on Classlist. We can even collect from you.

Funds raised go straight back into things for the children: trips, resources, playground, sensory room.

Thanks in advance,
Tomi

Past raffle highlights: scooter, deer park trip, fitness sub, beauty treatments, whisky, canoeing, family photos, aerial acrobatics, cookbooks, massages, games.

Vacancies

We are seeking a school cleaner to start after 30 September 2026. 10 hours per week, 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday, 2 hours between 5.00am and 8.30am or 3.00pm - 5.00pm. The rate of pay is £13.07 per hour.

This is an all year round contract so you will need to work during the school holidays, although hours can be blocked during the holidays if desired so you would not need to work every day. All annual leave must be taken during the school holidays and **cannot** be taken during term time.

This could be a term time only plus 3 week contract by request. This would be all 5 inset days plus 2 weeks in the Summer holidays.

We do ask that candidates have a good standard of spoken English and have a willingness to undertake online training and attend annual Safeguarding training in house.

This position will require an enhanced DBS check.

Please ask at the School Office for further information.

**This letter contains important information
about your child's flu vaccination.**



School Aged Immunisation Service
Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's annual Influenza vaccination is due
WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
7th October 2026

This year, the annual school-aged flu vaccination programme is being offered to all children from Reception to Year 11. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and can sometimes lead to serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily, so vaccinating them also helps protect others who may be more vulnerable, such as babies and older people.

Please complete the consent form at least one full school day before the vaccination session, whether you want your child to have the flu vaccine or not. After this deadline, the online system will close and you will not be able to submit a form. It will reopen the day after the school session so you can register a form and book a community clinic appointment if needed. Please also complete the form if you are declining the vaccination, as this will stop further reminder messages being sent to you.

For most children, the Nasal Flu vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. In some medical circumstances it is necessary to administer the Flu vaccine by intramuscular injection instead of the nasal spray, but this will always be discussed with parents/carers beforehand.

If you object to the nasal vaccination on the grounds of its contents (e.g. Porcine Gelatine) or if the vaccine is otherwise unsuitable, you may also choose for the vaccination to be administered by intramuscular injection. This injection will also be delivered in school on the date above. You can choose the Injected flu vaccination on the vaccination consent form.

UNIQUE CONSENT FORM LINK	https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=OX123047 Check your school shows in the 'School name' box on the consent form
INFORMATION LEAFLET LINKS Translated leaflets are available on our website at https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/translation/leaflets/	Primary school leaflet https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/68230602c66deec8488f7f93/Protecting_your_child_against_flu_leaflet_primary_school_WEB_FINAL.pdf Secondary school leaflet https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6824993dffcd6ecfbf1ab88d/PProtect_yourself_against_flu_secondary_school_06_WEB_Final.pdf
FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND OVERLEAF- However If you need more help, including use of a translator to provide <u>informed</u> , please contact us.	Email: immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk Telephone: 07920 254400 Website: https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/

Additional needs - If your child has a Neurodiversity or "This is Me" Passport (a document that explains how they can best be supported with any additional or hidden needs), please ensure they bring it to their vaccination session so the team can support them in the best way possible.

Asthma - If your child has asthma, please read the information below within "Additional Important Information."

The information collected on the consent form will be securely sent to NHSE, the NHS Child Health Information Service and to your Doctor/GP Practice. It will also be retained by OHFT. For further information you can read our fair processing policy here: www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/privacy/ Use your experiences to help improve our services. To find out more about how, email GetInvolved@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk
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ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My Child has Asthma what do I need to tell you about before the vaccination day?	We may not be able to safely vaccinate your child on the arranged date if any of the conditions below occur - In the 3 days before the vaccination date, your child has been wheezy and/or increased the use of their reliever Inhaler or oral reliever medication - Your child receives Corticosteroid treatment (Oral steroids) in the 3 months before the vaccination date for ANY health condition. - Your child has taken prescribed influenza antiviral treatment in the 2 days before the vaccination date. If any of the above occurs - Please call the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 before 08:45 on the day of vaccination AND Provide a written note with your child's name, dob, year group and the updating information to be given to the vaccination team on the day of vaccination. If your child is too young to be able to do this, please hand the letter to the school reception and ask that it is given to the vaccination team as they arrive and mark it as urgent.
There have been changes to my child's health or prescribed medication after I have filled in the consent form?	Email us at immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk include your child's Name, Date of Birth, School and the information you need us to know. We shall contact you if we have any questions before the vaccination day if we need to.
Does my child need a second dose of Flu vaccine because they are in a clinical risk group?	Children aged 2 years to less than 9 years who are in a clinical risk group category and who have not received the flu vaccine before , should receive a second dose of Flu vaccine at least 4 weeks after the first dose. Please contact your child's GP if you believe your child requires a second dose.
My child is having their flu vaccination <u>by injection</u> . How can I help my child prepare for this?	If your child requires an injected Flu vaccination it will be given at the top of their arm. Please ensure your child wears either a short-sleeved school shirt or games top or wears a T-shirt/vest under their school shirt so the shirt can be taken off if necessary. Please also encourage your child to bring a drink and a snack with them.
My child has missed the school vaccination session, or does not attend <u>school</u> . <u>how</u> to I book a clinic appointment?	Community Clinics will be held across the county to enable children who have missed the school session or who do not attend <u>school</u> to be vaccinated. Visit our website to book your child's appointment. https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/parents/
I do not want my child to have this <u>vaccination</u> . do I need to complete a consent form?	Complete the consent form, refusing the vaccination. We shall not contact you again regarding this vaccination until the next academic year when you will be given a further opportunity to provide your consent.
I have changed my mind, or my child has had their <u>Flu vaccination</u> at the GP surgery. How do I withdraw consent for these vaccinations after completing the consent form?	Follow these steps and include your child's school, name, year group and date of birth. 1. Email withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk at least one full school day before the session 2. Provide a written note to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team.
Can my child consent for their own vaccinations?	Some young people in secondary school, who understand fully what is involved in a proposed procedure, such as a vaccination, can legally provide their own consent (usually young people in Year 9 and above).
Is my child up to date with their vaccinations?	Please check the childhood vaccination schedule and if your child is missing any <u>vaccinations</u> , <u>please</u> contact us to arrange for these to be given. Childhood Vaccination Schedule https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/ Vaccine Knowledge Project https://vaccineknowledge.ox.ac.uk/flu-vaccine



WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Autumn **FAYRE**

BOUNCY CASTLE • TOMBOLA • RAFFLE • LIVE MUSIC

ALSO ON THE DAY

Hot food • Drinks • Cakes • Tuck shop
Books • Plant stall • Face painting • Fairground games

Saturday 10 October 2026
1pm to 4pm

Windmill Primary School
Margaret Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 8NG

Free entry • Everyone welcome





October 2026

St Nicholas 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

COST:

£29.99 per day

All childcare vouchers accepted

DATES & TIME:

08:00am - 17:00pm

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

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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