

# Windmill Weekly (13)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for December - Love

09 December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Reception - The Twelve Days of Christmas!**

If you came to the Reception performance yesterday I am sure you will agree that the children were absolutely fantastic! It was so lovely to have a live audience and to be able to share your children's success with you.

## **Lantern Evening**

It was a busy day yesterday! Thank you to all of you who came to the Lanterns event last night. It was a very special evening and as the sun went down the impact of the lights and the clear moonlit sky was magical! This is the first time that we have done this but I feel sure that it will become an annual event.

## **Year 2 Performance of "Baubles".**

Next week we are looking forward to the Year 2 performance of "Baubles". The performance on Tuesday will start at 9:15am and the one on Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm.

## **Key Stage 2 Christmas Singing**

On Wednesday morning the children in Key Stage 2 will all be performing some Christmas songs. You are all welcome to join us. The event will start at 9:00am.

## **Orchestra / Year 1 Singing**

Next Friday we will have our Year 1 children singing and the orchestra will be playing. The event will start at 9:00am.

Christmas Jumper day - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



## **Key Dates**

12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am - 10.30am Year 2 Christmas Play - Dress Rehearsal
13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am - 10.30am Year 2 Christmas Play
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am KS2 Christmas singing (Years 3 - 6)
15 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm - 3.00pm Year 2 Christmas Play (repeated)
16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am Year 1 Christmas singing with Orchestra
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco
20 <sup>th</sup> December	House Christmas Quiz - whole school
20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>2.30pm</b> School finishes
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Start of Term 3
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Year 6 Dental Survey
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Open Morning - Whole School 08.30am - 9.10am

### **Mr Habbershaw's Mon/Tue football clubs**

Monday and Tuesday after-school sessions for Y5/6 have now finished until the New Year. I'll let pupils know as soon as they are going to begin again. Well done to everyone who has been attending - you have improved so much in four months!

There is one more pair of fixtures to be played and these are pencilled in for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Boys have a match, and girls too - both against John Hampden. Letters will hopefully be distributed this week, once the fixtures are confirmed.

### **Manor Cup Football**

The Manor Cup is a knockout tournament and Oxfordshire's oldest sports trophy, dating back to 1959 and created by Headington United (Oxford United's former name). On Tuesday we played New Marston and went a goal down to recover and earn a well-deserved 3-1 victory. Well done to all players. We're now in the quarter finals and will play John Hampden, from Thame.

### **Lost Property**

Photos of lost coats, shoes, etc. can be found on our Classlist site. Join at [www.tinyurl.com/WindmillOX3](http://www.tinyurl.com/WindmillOX3) if you're not yet a member.

### **Second-hand Online Shop**

Please visit [www.uniformd.co.uk/windmill-primary](http://www.uniformd.co.uk/windmill-primary) for most of your uniform needs- everything is £1 and the money goes back to the Parent-Teacher Association to invest back into the school.

### **Holiday Jumpers**

If you have any to donate, please drop them off at 46 Margaret Road, OX3 8NQ and they will be sold on the second-hand uniform site.

Windmill PTA

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher

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## Fact sheet for schools and parents about Group A Streptococcus (GAS)/Scarlet Fever.

### What is Group A Streptococcus?

Group A Streptococcus or *Streptococcus pyogenes* is a bacterium that can be found in the throat and on the skin. People may carry it and have no symptoms of illness or may develop infection.

### How is it spread?

Group A Streptococcus survives in throats and on skin for long enough to allow easy spread between people through sneezing and skin contact. People who are currently carrying the bacteria in the throat or on the skin may have symptoms of illness or they may have no symptoms and feel fine. In both cases, these bacteria can be passed on to others.

### What kinds of illnesses are caused by Group A Streptococcus?

Most Group A Streptococcus illnesses are relatively mild, with symptoms including a sore throat ("strep throat"), scarlet fever or a skin infection such as impetigo. However, on rare occasions, these bacteria can cause other severe and sometimes life-threatening diseases.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The **symptoms** of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it will still feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

Children who have had **chickenpox** or **influenza ('flu')** recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and so parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling). If you are concerned for any reason please seek medical assistance immediately.

### What is invasive Group A Streptococcal (iGAS) disease?

Although rare, invasive Group A Streptococcus disease may occur when bacteria get into parts of the body where bacteria are not usually found. These infections are called invasive Group A Streptococcal disease and can be very serious and even life-threatening.

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### **What are the symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease?**

The most important thing to be aware of are the early signs and symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease. These are:

- High Fever
- Severe muscle aches
- Localised muscle tenderness
- Redness at the site of a wound

### **What should I do if my child becomes unwell?**

If your child becomes unwell contact your GP practice. Alternatively, you can call NHS111 and you should also call NHS111 if your surgery is closed.

### **If my child is unwell, should they stay off school?**

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms you should contact your GP practice or call NHS111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice. If your child is unwell they should stay off school until they are better.

### **What else can I do to prevent my child from becoming unwell?**

Because Group A Streptococcal disease is spread through coughing, sneezing and skin contact, it's important to have good hand hygiene and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and throw these away. If you are unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice. This will all help limit the spread of other infections, which are common this time of year.

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**YouMove** is a brand new program to provide free or low cost sporting activities for families across the city. YouMove comes at a critically important time, with many Oxfordshire families hit hard by the cost-of-living crisis and serious concerns around the mental health and wellbeing of our children and young people. YouMove offers families' ways to get active that suits their individual needs, which will help them enjoy quality time together, have fun and improve their health and wellbeing. YouMove is funded by Oxfordshire County Council Public Health. YouMove has a clear focus on helping those families who are facing the greatest barriers to physical activity and who stand to gain the most from being active. The benefits of signing up with YouMove include discounted fees across all Oxford City Fusion Leisure centres, as well as access to free community-based events, supported by Sport England investment. Activities on offer include swimming, badminton, activity packs, gym passes, children's holiday activities and so much more!

It is quick and easy to sign up, families can sign up by following the QR code attached! Alternatively, visit <https://www.getoxfordshireactive.org/you-move> or use a search engine to find 'you move oxford'.





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01 December 2022

Dear Parents Carers,

**Re: Oxfordshire Parent Carer Survey**

We know that we are not yet getting the best outcomes for all children and young people with SEND in Oxfordshire. We would be grateful if you could spend 15 minutes completing this survey to help us understand more about your experiences. This will help us identify areas of best practice in the SEND system and areas where we can improve, for both you and your child.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2jld8Owm6k6465\\_xpoLV5UO\\_RC P7UAtMkd-zGPaGS5dUQ1FEQ0IUNEVLVE1EOEg3TjcwRkNEWVRDTi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2jld8Owm6k6465_xpoLV5UO_RC P7UAtMkd-zGPaGS5dUQ1FEQ0IUNEVLVE1EOEg3TjcwRkNEWVRDTi4u)

As some of you may know, Oxfordshire is participating in the Department of Education's Delivering Better Value (DBV) in SEND programme. The programme was commissioned to identify the changes a local authority can make to sustainably support children and young people with SEND. The programme is putting children and young people at the heart of this approach, and is keen to understand the experiences of the partners within the SEND system, including yourselves as the parent carers.

For next steps, the information that you provide is going to be used to help identify what needs to change if we are to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND in Oxfordshire. It will also be used to inform the implementation plan that will be submitted to the DfE on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023. If successful, a grant may be awarded for the local authority to implement the plan to help improve our local SEND services.

We know that SEND partners need to work together to support children and young people with SEND. Each local partner has valuable insights and experience we want to listen to and understand, and these different perspectives will collectively inform our decisions and shape change in Oxfordshire.

The survey will close at **Midnight on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

Thank you for your ongoing support, and for sharing your experiences.

Yours Faithfully

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## Christmas 2022

17 December  
Heath St. Baptist  
Church,  
Hampstead, Nw3

21 & 22 December  
St Barnabas' Church,  
Jericho, Oxford

22 & 23 December  
St Catharines College,  
Cambridge, CB2 1RL

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