

Windmill Weekly (02)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for September - Unity

15 September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Dates List

You should all receive a Dates List for the forthcoming year with this newsletter. We hope that this will help you plan ahead and help you to be able to attend different events. We will do our very best to keep to these dates. The dates on this list will also be added to the Parent Calendar which you can access on [Windmill Parents Calendar \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

Coming into School in the Morning

Unless your child is in Breakfast Club please can all children and families wait at the outside gate in the morning until either myself or another member of staff (should I have a meeting) come and invite them in at 8:30am. This is because there is no adult outside in the playground for supervision until this time.

Collection of Children

If you need to ask another adult to pick up your children and it is a person that the staff won't know, please can you inform the class teacher of the name of the person collecting and either send them with ID or send in a photo so we know that they are the right person. Just to reassure you that we haven't had any issues, but we want to prevent any arising.

Newsletter by Email

Just a reminder that you are able to sign up to receive the newsletter by email, by emailing me on head.2527@widnill.oxon.sch.uk

Important Letters

At the end of this newsletter there are 2 very important letters for you to read and respond to. One is for the Year 6 cohort detailing how and when to apply for their Secondary School place.

The other letter is about the Flu Vaccination - ACTION IS REQUIRED even if you want to refuse the vaccination you need to send a response.



Key Dates

5 October	Harvest Exhibition
10 October	Flu Immunisation for ALL pupils
11 October	Parent Interviews
14 October 2023	Autumn Fayre - 1pm - 4pm
31 October 2023	Deadline for Year 6 to apply for Secondary School

SeeSaw:

- We are currently finalising the Year 1 accounts. If you have not already completed the online permission forms that you have been sent, please can you do so.
- As a school, we are looking in to 'SeeSaw families' and how this can be used.
- If you have multiple children using the same device for Seesaw, the link below may be of use with regards to switching between accounts.

<https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/12318771164813-How-do-users-switch-between-Seesaw-accounts->

Year 6 Moving On

Please see the letter at the end of the newsletter about applying for Secondary School places. This letter has also been sent out on the School App.

Cycling on the Premises

Please can we remind parents, carers and pupils that you must dismount from your bicycle when you enter the school site. We have had a couple of incidents where pedestrians have nearly been knocked over by people cycling on the playgrounds.

Breakfast Club

There are limited spaces available at the Breakfast Club on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please contact the Breakfast Club on amash@windmill.oxon.sch.uk for information before filling in any forms. Thank you.

Forest School Needs You!

Forest School at Windmill is an important part of the curriculum and is rooted in the school ethos of achievement through community, creativity and challenge. It is child-led and is hugely important in enabling children to develop physical fitness, social skills, resilience and an understanding of the natural environment through investigation, exploration and free play. Forest School helps children to build the connection with the natural world which has been widely shown to support mental health and well-being.

In order to support Forest School in years 1 and 2 we need a high adult: child ratio as we take the children off site to Stansfeld Park (part of Science Oxford). This is a difficult time and we understand that many parents have to work and are not able to help. But if we don't have enough staff we can't run Forest School for years 1 and 2.

In addition to asking year 1 and 2 parents and carers, we are hoping to find volunteers from the wider school community who might be able to offer to help at Forest School.

Are you a parent or carer or do you have a close relative or family friend who enjoys being outside with children in all weather? Would you like to volunteer at Forest School? No particular skills are required beyond patience, enthusiasm and being prepared to get a bit wet and muddy sometimes!

We run Forest School for year 1 on a Thursday morning between 9.05 and 12.45 and the same times on a Tuesday morning for year 2. If you are interested in finding out more about helping at Forest School please do get in touch with Sarah Howard at

forestschool@windmill.oxon.sch.uk or speak to your child's class teacher.

Tombola Prizes Non-Uniform Day

In true Autumn Fayre tradition, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th October to collect prizes for the Tombola. We are looking for a donation of a good quality second hand or new prizes in exchange for wearing no uniform. If you're giving second hand, please can we ask for something you would be happy for your child to receive. If you are buying new around £5 would be more than enough. We're looking for things like small toys, craft sets, puzzles etc. We would also kindly ask the prizes to be suitable for children (so no alcohol please). Thank you.

PTA Notices

PTA Meeting & Upcoming AGM

Thanks for a great turnout at the PTA meeting earlier this week, it was great to have so many people involved. If you did not manage to make the meeting, the minutes have been published on Claslist. The Date for our AGM is Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm. Please put the date in your diary.

Classlist

Not on Classlist yet? Join here <https://classlist.page.link/NkiMSBdqF3Hahm3i8>

Autumn Fayre

The Autumn Fayre is coming up on Saturday 14th October 1 - 4pm. This is the biggest PTA fundraiser of the year and is loads of fun!

Please invite your family and friends and come and join us for bouncy castles 🏰, inflatable nerf wall, a raffle with BIG BIG prizes, tombola, FIRE ENGINE 🚒, Mrs Knapp's dance troupe, busking, games, BBQ, cakes 🍰 nail painting, henna and more!!

The Autumn Fayre committee has been working really hard to organise these things and will be asking you to take a slot on a stall during the afternoon if you can. So, please SAVE THE DATE and we can't wait to see you there!! ❤️ 💜 ❤️

Tokens for the fayre will be for sale outside school in the week running up to the fayre and on the day. These can be purchased with card or cash. Raffle tickets will only be on sale on the day.

Raffle

We already have a number of great raffle prizes, but we would love a few more. If you are able to donate a prize or a voucher, we would love to hear from you. Please email alastairhoward@hotmail.com, Thank you.

Class Reps

Thank you so much to the following people who have all volunteered to be your class reps this year:

Penguins	Jessica Bagenal, Hannah d'Angelo & Amparo Novejarque-Gadea
Hedgehogs	Rachel Bagenal & Fergus Alexander
Explorers	Rhiannon Rees & Rebecca McDonald
Cherries	Kat Howard & Shabana Tariq
Ladybirds	Jess Goodman & Emma Rowden
Strawberry	Laura Doherty &
Starfish	Katherine Marshall
Tiger	Cailah Jackson
Mandarin	Sarah Millette & Namvula Rennie
Sunflowers	Elizabeth Nuthall & Emily Mackeith
Daffodils	Sophie Vickers & Jo Sharman
Dandelions	Fiona McFarlane & Rachel Parle
Geckos	Cath Hooton & Andrea Sandford
Turtles	Harriet Waters & Paul Cross
Chameleons	Rachel Mathieson & Oni Chowdhury
Peacocks	Jo Cooley & Naomi Moir
Blue Jay	Hamera Plume & Teresa Joseph

Kingfisher	Carly Ridyard
Violet	Amelia Foster & Kate Rutherford
Lavender	Christelle Kervella-Jones & Cathy Oliveira
Lilac	Anna Veprik & Claire Kemper

Plans are well under way for the Autumn Fayre. The Fayre committee and your class reps would love your support with signing up to help out at the Fayre so please look out for the sign up links being circulated to your class. We really appreciate your help, thank you.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Vacancies on our website: - www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk

- Morning (2 hours between 5.00am and 9.00am) or Evening (3.00pm - 5pm) Cleaner

If you are interested in any of these positions please complete the OCC Support Application Form (downloaded from our website) and return to office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Our Ref: **S24/ET**
September 2023



School Admissions
County Hall
New Road
Oxford
OX1 1ND

Parents/Carers of children living in Oxfordshire,
in Year 6 in primary or junior school (normally born
between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013
inclusive)

Dear Parent/Carer

Starting Year 7 in secondary school in September 2024
Children normally born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 inclusive

We are writing to tell you that you need to apply for your child to start Year 7 in a secondary school in September 2024. It is important you read all the information in this letter before you start your application.

How to apply

If you have already applied, please disregard this letter. There is no need to contact us about this. We apologise for any inconvenience.

On our website is all the information you need to know so that you can apply for a secondary school place for your child: oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

If you do not have internet access, you should visit your child's current school or a local library where you will be able to view the 'Moving On' composite prospectus online and you can ask the school office to print a copy of the paper application form for you.

Apply online and on time

We strongly recommend that you apply online. It is quick, easy and secure. The benefits are that you can start, save, change and complete your application any time right up to the closing date. You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been received.

When you apply online you will not need to use any special code. You will enter your child's details and then tell us which school(s) you want.

Important dates

- 🕒 **12 September 2023** – information about secondary school transfers available online at oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions
- 🕒 **31 October 2023** – closing date for on-time applications. It is very important to apply on time. This will maximise your chances that your child will be offered one of your preferred schools.

- ⌚ **13 November 2023** – last date for confirmation of change of address to be considered on time or for late applications with mitigating reasons to be considered on time.
- ⌚ **1 March 2024** – if you apply online you will receive an email telling you the school offer. A letter may be sent by post as well. You will receive an email telling you if a letter has been sent. If you receive an email telling you that a letter has been sent by post but do not receive one by second-class post after a few days, please contact the School Admissions Team because it will contain important information.

What happens if I make a late application?

If you miss the closing date, your application will be considered later. This means:

- Your child is less likely to be offered a place at a school you want.
- We will not write to you on 1 March 2024. We will send you an offer letter by second-class post on **8 May 2024**. We may also send an email if you apply late online.

Things to consider including travel to school and where to get more help and advice

Please read all the important information we have published before you start your application.

This information is available online at oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Make sure you submit your application **on time** and try to use **all four** preferences for schools. Listing more than one school does not reduce the chance that your child will be offered the first preference but makes it less likely that your child will be offered a school you do not want.

You also need to consider how your child would travel to your preferred school(s). The Council will only normally provide free travel assistance to the nearest school with an available Year 7 place to the registered home address (if it is over the statutory walking distance of three miles or the Council considers the route is unsafe). The Council will not provide free travel assistance from or to more than one address. Our policy on home to school transport is on our website and you need to read this policy to understand whether we will offer your child free travel to your preferred school(s):

oxfordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport From this page you will also be able to contact us for advice if you are unsure if your child would be offered free travel assistance.

If you would like more help to apply for a school place, contact the School Admissions Team. We look forward to receiving your child's application by **31 October 2023**.

We hope the above information is helpful.

Yours faithfully



Admissions Team

Contact Number: 0345 241 2487

Email (Admissions): admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Web: oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Web (Travel): oxfordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport

Email (Travel Query): SchoolTransportEligibility@oxfordshire.gov.uk

This letter contains important information about your child's flu vaccination. Please submit the Consent Form promptly.



**STAY WELL
THIS WINTER**

Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is due
WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
10th October 2023**

The annual school aged Flu vaccination programme is, this year, being offered to all children in Reception – Year 6. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and sometimes causes serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily so vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable e.g babies and older people. This is particularly important as COVID-19 is still circulating and people at risk of flu are also vulnerable to the complications of COVID-19.

For most children, the vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. In some circumstances it is necessary to administer the vaccine by intramuscular injection, but this is always discussed with parents/carers beforehand. You may also choose for the vaccination to be administered by intramuscular injection if you object to the nasal vaccination on the grounds of its contents (eg Porcine Gelatine) or if the vaccine is otherwise unsuitable. The intramuscular injection, if required, will also be delivered in school on the date above.

How do I provide Consent for my child to receive the vaccine?

It is important that you first read the information in the Flu Leaflet [Child flu vaccine - NHS](#) which includes details about the programme and the small number of children who may not be able to have the nasal spray. Due to the checking process' required please follow the steps below at least one full school day before the session to ensure your child can be vaccinated at school. Community clinics will be available across the county if your child has not been vaccinated in the school session.

1. **Click** the link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
2. **Enter** the Unique School Code **OX123047**
3. **Complete** the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are REFUSING the vaccination*.

Information regarding the Flu Vaccination and Asthma and what to do if you change your mind is available below. Further information is also available at www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/ including information about all our vaccination programmes.

If you need to contact us, please email immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk. If you require help to complete the Consent Form please call the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 and we will be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Mahoney and Helena Uddin
Immunisation County Team Leads

Further Information

Refusal of Vaccination- If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, and you would prefer not to be contacted again by our service this academic year regarding the Flu Vaccine, please complete a consent form selecting NO consent.

Asthma or other illness – We may not be able to safely vaccinate your child on the arranged date if your child is asthmatic and in the 3 days (72hrs) before the vaccination session your child has any of the following ...

- They have increased wheezing
- and/or
- have increased the use of their Bronchodilator
- and/or
- they are currently taking or have been prescribed steroid tablets to control their asthma in the two weeks prior to the vaccination session in school

If the above occurs It is **very important** that you 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**. Please **also call** the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 before 08:45 on the day of vaccination.

Withdrawing Consent/Vaccination given at GP Practice after Consent Form submitted –

If you submit a Consent Form and then change your mind and no longer wish your child to be vaccinated

or

you submit a Consent Form and then your child has their vaccination at the GP Practice before the school session

Please email withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk at least one full school day before the session **and** on the day of the vaccination session provide a written note to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team. Please state in the letter and in the email subject heading, your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.

Translated Flu Leaflet- The Flu leaflet is also available in the following languages

[Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese \(simplified\)](#), [Chinese \(traditional\)](#), [Cantonese](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Panjabi](#), [Pashto](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#) and [Yiddish](#).

**By providing a valid email address you will receive an automatic email confirming that you have completed the Consent Form. You will receive a further email following the vaccination session confirming and providing information regarding the vaccination that has been given or providing a reason why we may not have vaccinated your child eg if unwell or absent. These emails will be from school.immunisations@nhs.net and may go direct to your Junk folder.*

Key Dates List 2023 /24

Autumn Term	
Harvest Exhibition	5th October.
Flu Immunisation for whole school	10 October
Full Governors	3rd October / 5th December
Parent Interviews for whole school	11 th October
Autumn Fayre	Saturday 14 October
Photographer for whole school	19 October
House Cross County for whole school	20 October 9:00am – 9:30am.
End of Term 1 for whole school	20 October
Open Evening for new pupils 2024	1st November (5:00pm - 6:00pm)& 29th November (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
School closed for whole school	23 rd October to 27 October
Start of Term 2 for whole school	30 October
Anti-bullying Week	13 - 17 November
11 Million Takeover Day for whole school	17 November
Open morning for whole school	23 November 8:30am – 9:10am.
Pantomime for whole school	4 December – Jack and the Bean Stalk
Reception Xmas play for reception	7 December 9:15am - 10:00am.
Winter Lights	7 December - 4:30pm
Year 2 Xmas Play	13 December at 9:15am 14th December at 2:00pm
Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert	12 December 9:15am - 9:45am
Year 1 Xmas / orchestra	15 December 9:15am
IRock assembly	18 Dec - 9:15am
House Xmas Quiz whole school	20th December
End of Term 2	20th December at 2:30pm.
Xmas Holiday	21st December to 8 January
Spring Term	
Start of Term 3	9th January
Open morning whole school	30 th January (8:30am to 9:10am)
Full Gov	6th February / 26th March
Year 1 Sharing assembly	8th February
End of Term 3 for whole school	9 th February
Holiday for whole school	12 th – 16 th February
Start of Term 4 whole school	19 February
Book week	4 -8 March
World Book Day for whole school	7th March – Dress as your favourite book character.
Comic Relief whole school	15 th March
Parent Interviews for whole school	21 March
Year 4 performance	26 March - 2:00pm and 27 March - 6:00pm
End of Term 4 for whole school	28 March at 2:30pm
Holiday for whole school	29 Mar– 15 April
Summer Term	
Start of Term 5 for whole school	16 April
May Bank Holiday - School Closed	3 May
Full Gov	14 th May / 2nd nd July
SATs week for year 6	13 -16 May
Windmill Bake Off for whole school	20 May
Year 5 Dorset Trip	13th May- 16th May
Year 5 assembly	May 7th 2:30. May 8th: 6:00pm
Year 3 performance	17 May at 2:00pm /

Open morning for whole school	22 May (8:30am to 9:10am)
Year 6 Enterprise	23 May
Summer Dancing	20 June - 9:15am - 10:15am
Inset day - School Closed	21 June
Year 1 Play	28 June - 9:10am
Sports Day for Key Stage 1 and Reception	4 July -9:15am
Sports Daye for Key Stage 2	9 July - 1:30pm
Year 6 Performance	16 July at 1:45pm and 17 July at 6:00pm
Leavers Service for year 6	24 July (9:00am - 10:00am)
End of Term 6 for whole school	24 July at 2:30pm
Start of Term 1 2023 /24	4 September




OPEN EVENTS

Open Evening

Thursday 28 September

5.30pm - 8pm

Presentations at 5.30pm and 6.30pm

Open Mornings

Monday 25 September

Thursday 28 September

Tuesday 17 October

9.00am - 10.30am

Tour at 9.00am and Presentation at 9.45am

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TIME OUT FOR PARENTS



HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

- 4 WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 7.30-9.30PM
- STARTING 11 OCTOBER 2023
- ST ANDREWS CHURCH, OX2 6UG
- INFORMATION AND BOOKING @ www.standrewsoxford.org/courses



Common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship

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TIME OUT FOR PARENTS



CHILDREN ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

- FIVE WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 10-12
- STARTING 11 OCTOBER 2023
- ST ANDREWS CHURCH, OX2 6UG
- DETAILS AND BOOKING @ www.standrewsoxford.org/courses



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OXFORD KARATE CLUB



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TUESDAYS
HEADINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

6-7PM

(CHILDREN AGE 5 +)

7-8PM

(TENNAGERS & ADULTS)



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