



Creating Excellence, Embracing All

School Times

Breakfast Club

7.30am - 8.45am

Afterschool Club

3.15pm - 6.00pm

Main School

8.45am - 3.15pm

Nursery Times

Morning Session

8.50am - 11.40am

Afternoon Session

12.30pm - 3.20pm

Caterpillars

Mon-Thurs 8.45am-12.30pm

Class Attendance - Winter Term

- 1LR - 93.6%
- 1CM - 99.6% 😊
- 2RD - 95.2%
- 2TH - 85%
- 3AN - 98.8%
- 3SW - 93%
- 4LG - 97.4%
- 4AL - 84.6%
- 5ZM - 98.3%
- 5JC - 95.8%
- 6JP - 95.8%
- 6LK - 96%



All the children had a fantastic time.

STEM

On Friday, Year 6 were treated to a



fun morning of design technology delivered by visiting STEM ambassadors from Abingdon School. As part of the Polar Explorer Programme and our Extreme World topic, we had to work in teams to design a Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV), for scientific exploration under polar ice, with a working 'grabber'. It was great fun and will inspire further work. On Monday, we have to become the leaders and teach Year 5 how to do the same!

Diary Dates

30 Jan	Young Voices at O2
31 Jan	Vision Screening - Rec
6 Feb	Safer Internet Day 3&4 Chinese New Year Workshops
7 Feb	Pancake Races
8 Feb	Weights & Measures - Rec and Yr 6

12-16 Feb **Half Term - School closed**

26 Feb-2 Mar Book Week

27&28 Mar Parents' Evening

ASSEMBLIES

2 Feb	1LR Class Assembly
9 Feb	1CM Class Assembly
9 Mar	3AN Class Assembly
29 Mar	Star Assembly
27 Apr	Star Assembly
4 May	5ZM Class Assembly
25 May	Star Assembly

SALES

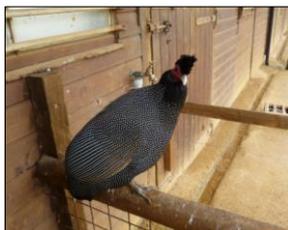
26 Jan	Choir
2 Feb	Nursery
9 Feb	Reception
23 Feb	Botley Bridges
9 Mar	4LG
16 Mar	5JC
23 Mar	5ZM
20 Apr	4AL

Cotswold Wildlife Park



KS1 children visited Cotswold Wildlife Park this week as part of their topic this term 'Hot and Cold'.

They saw lots of different animals from different countries and learned all about their natural habitats and what they eat.



They were lucky with the weather and managed to see most of the animals outside in their main enclosures.

International Day

Thank you to all those who contributed towards



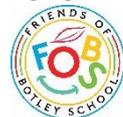
our International Day today. It was wonderful to see children dressed in traditional costumes and national sports strips.



Carillion – Food & More

We just wanted to reassure you that OCC is taking over the meal services from Carillion and that we should remain unaffected. For more information please go to <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-county-council-acts-swiftly-after-carillion-goes-into-liquidation/>

FOBS



Diary Dates:
Friday 2nd Feb 6-7.30pm Key Stage 2 Disco: This year

we will be taking payments by ParentPay (£2.50) in advance, or £3.50 cash on the day. As this is a KS2 Disco it is not necessary for parents to stay for the whole time, however please ensure you give your contact details to the staff on the door when dropping your child off.

Tuesday 19th June: Giffords Circus trip for the whole school. More information to follow after half term, but please save this date as we will have some spare tickets for parents and younger siblings to attend also. We are hoping to host our very own Film Club screening of Moana at some point in February. Please look out for details coming soon.

Matthew Arnold Transition Meeting

Another date has been arranged for children transitioning to MAS and their parents:

- Tuesday, 20th February
- 3.30pm-4.30pm
- Botley School class 6JP

Cake Sale

Many thanks for all your cake contributions today for our Music Dept. We raised an amazing £143!

COMMUNITY NEWS

For all non-school organised activities parents should satisfy themselves that all safeguarding measures are appropriate

Half Term Holiday Camp

FEBRUARY ELITE CAMPS ARE HERE!

Get your children involved with Elite Camps this February Half Term! Our 5 day camp is full of fun including our daily coaches challenge. Your child will participate in a range of sporting activities throughout each day, including our daily Elite Activity - February Camps include Net Wars, Bubble Football, Go Karts, Bouncy Fun & our BRAND NEW glow in the dark Dodgeball!

Visit our website for more information.

Venues
Abingdon - Fitzharrys School - OX14 1NP
Botley - Botley School - OX2 9JZ
Didcot - Aureus School - OX11 6FF
Oxford - The Oxford Academy - OX4 6JZ

Camp Times 9.00 am - 3.30 pm	£25 per day
Extended Hours 8.30 am - 5.00 pm	£5 add on
Book 5 days or more	10% off

How To Book
Online: www.eliteyouthsports.co.uk
Phone: 01865 819412
For more information please contact our camps team at: info@eliteyouthsports.co.uk
Book before 28/1/18 and receive 10% discount.

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Oxford University Research

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Children and young people wanted to take part in research

Can your child help us to find out how the brain learns Maths?

Is your child aged 6, 10, 14 years old? Or starting their A-Levels in September?

If they are **right-handed**, a **fluent English speaker** they could participate!

The study involves a **safe brain scan** using a Magnetic Resonance scanner (1 ½ hours) and several **puzzles and games** (3 hours). These sessions will be **repeated in 18 to 24 months'** time (depending on their stage of education).

Your child will receive a voucher to say **thank you** for taking part. Parents (of under 16 year olds) will be compensated for their time. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed.

Want to know more?
Call 07464 755010
Visit tinyurl.com/brain4maths
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Furniture

We were kindly donated some tables and chairs and we have some surplus to our needs. If you would be interested in any of the above, please see Elaine Low. We would ask for a small donation. Many thanks.

Pedestrian Crossing

The County Council are consulting on the design for the new pedestrian crossing over West Way, near Botley School. Instead of having a 'pen' in the middle of the road, pedestrian will cross both lanes of traffic at once. This is positive, but there are concerns the pavement on the Elms Road side of West Way is not being made wider. The pavement gets very crowded during school pick up and drop off times and some parents think it should be made wider as part of this redesign to make it safer for children waiting to cross. Please have a look at the plans and feedback to the County Council via this link if you have any comments: <https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/B4044WestWayPuffin/consultationHome>
Cllr Emily Smith 07986 877 933

Community Breakfast

Our Community Breakfasts take place on the last Sunday of the month between 9.30 and 12 noon. Make the most of your Sunday morning with our trademark bacon rolls, a mug of proper coffee and a selection of papers. Waffles, toasties, juice, fruit and children's entertainment also available! See you at Dean Court Community Centre, Pinnocks Way, off Eynsham Road.



Could you help a child to read and change their life forever? **Reading Helpers needed**

ARCh (Assisted Reading for Children) is a local registered charity which operates in Oxfordshire primary schools to help children who are struggling with reading. All it takes is one and a half hours twice a week during the school day as an ARCh volunteer in a primary school near you. Full training is given and we provide ongoing support and reimburse travel expenses. To find out more, visit our website www.archoxfordshire.org.uk Or telephone us on 01869 320380. The charity obtains enhanced DBS checks on all volunteers before placement. Registered Charity Number 1146276

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