



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

- 1LR – 97%
- 1CM – 93.8%
- 2RD – 93.3%
- 2TH – 92.5%
- 3AN – 99.2%
- 3SW – 93%
- 4LG – 97.6%
- 4AL – 98.9%
- 5ZM – 97.1%
- 5JC – 93.1%
- 6JP – 94%
- 6LK – 99%



Megan in Year 6 said "I thought it was really fun and it was really interesting to see all the different dances!"

Diary Dates

7 May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
10 May	Botley School Spring Clean
14 – 18 May	SATs Week
22 May	Book Fair in school
23 May	Textile Collection
25 May	M and M Theatre Visit
25 May	Finish school at 3.15 for half term
28 May – 1 June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
4 June	School Reopens at 8.45
8 June	Technology Day
13 June	KS 1 Visit from Fire Engine
19 June	KS2 RE Afternoon
29 June	FOBS – Gifford Circus
4 July	KS1 Kings and Queens Day
5 July	School Fete
9 July	Reports go home
18 July	KS1 Sports Morning
23 July	KS 2 Sports Morning
25 May	Transfer Morning
15 June	Transfer Day
13 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
25 May	ASSEMBLIES
15 June	Star Assembly
11 May	4AL Assembly
18 May	SALES
25 May	3AN
8 June	Ladybirds
15 June	3SW
22 June	4LG
29 June	6LK
6 July	1LR
13 July	Forest School
	School Council
	Dragonflies

May Dancing

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our wonderful May Day event on Tuesday. The weather was lovely and we are sure you will agree the pupils danced and behaved brilliantly.



A big thank you to John and his musicians, and all the other volunteers who gave so freely of their time to help ensure this event was a success!!



Year 6: Polar Explorers



Year 6 attended a lecture by Doug Allen, Award-winning BBC natural history cameraman On Friday 27 April. Doug has worked on many of David Attenborough's best documentaries and the children were captivated by his tales of scaring off polar bears & almost being eaten by a sea-lion!

All expenses were covered through funding from the Polar Explorer Programme:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/welcome-polar-explorer-programme>



Year 6 SATs Week 14 – 18 May

On Wednesday, a letter was sent home with details of SATs week on Wednesday.

Year 6 pupils: don't forget to come for a free breakfast every morning from 8-8.45 am. You're going to do brilliantly!

Year 4 News - Hands Up for Singing



On Friday 20 April, ten Year 4 children participated in the opening concert of Oxford Folk Weekend at Wesley Memorial Church. It was called "Hands Up for Singing" and involved singing and signing three folk songs alongside pupils from special schools and other mainstream schools. It followed a fantastic music day we had in

March at Kingfisher School in Abingdon where we met the other pupils



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and the musicians, played on loads of instruments and learned a lot of Makaton sign language. We also had a dance with children of all abilities and got to play out in their lovely playground. Kingfisher School caters for children with a wide range of needs and abilities and it was quite an eye opener for us all. We chatted at lunch time with a boy who showed us his feeding tube and pump, and saw a lot of children who use wheelchairs to get about and who sign for their language. The concert was a great event. Lots of children and audience members there and Botley Year 4s performed brilliantly, remembering so much sign language and singing with confidence. What an experience to be part of such an inclusive event. It was a gorgeous sunny day and we also managed a quick visit into Christ Church College and a picnic before we sang. Many thanks and well done to Amila, Eliza, Gaja, Harvey, Henry, Immy, Isaac, Memo, Michelle and Nabeel. Thank you to Immy's Mum for driving us to Abingdon and Andrew Melvin for accompanying us to Oxford.

Karen Poolman

Year 5ZM Assembly

5ZM did their class assembly based on the book 'A wrinkle in time', as Year 5 have explored the book during guided reading lessons. The children enjoyed participating in the play and added their own creative elements to it.

Well Done!!



Botley School Spring Clean

We are having a spring clean at Botley School on Thursday 10 May straight after school. OxClean are providing litter pickers and high-visibility vests. We have also signed up to the Daily Mail Great Plastic Pickup on OxClean's recommendation. Please come and help. Meet on the field at 3.15 pm.

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Forest School – Kit for Summer Term

A reminder that children must wear the correct kit for Forest School. The Spring/Summer kit is as follows:

- Wellington boots/sturdy walking boots
- Waterproof coat with hood
- Spare long socks
- Sun hat
- Sun cream
- Long trousers/jogging bottoms
- Long sleeved top (to protect from thorns, stinging nettles etc)

It is important to wear the right kit to keep children comfortable, safe and able to focus on learning. The weather is changeable and we cannot guarantee we have enough spare clothing for every child.

Belinda Collins

School Lunches

- Week beginning 8 May: Week 1 Menu
- Week beginning 14 May: Week 2 Menu

School Celebration Lunch Thursday 17 May

To celebrate the marriage of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry, the canteen will serve a specially-created menu as follows: British pork sausages or vegetarian sausages, with parsley buttered Jersey Royal potatoes, green beans, and sweetcorn, followed by banana loaf with cream and summer berries.

NURSERY PROVISION FROM SEPTEMBER 2018

From September 2018, Botley School will be offering either 15 hours or 30 hours provision (for the term after they are 3 years old, until they start school in Reception).

You can usually get 30 hours free childcare if you (and your partner, if you have one) are:

- in work - or getting parental leave, sick leave or annual leave
- each earning at least the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage for 16 hours a week - this is £125.28 if you're over 25. Sessions are 8.45am-3.15pm - Monday to Thursday and 8.45am-12.45pm - Friday (***please note no day care provision from 12.45pm for any nursery child on Friday***). Children staying for 30 hours will need a packed lunch daily.

If you are not eligible to take up the 30 hours provision your child will still be able to use their 15 hours with us. The times for the 15 hours provision in September will be 8.45-11.45am Monday to Friday (5 morning sessions and NO lunch).

What you need to do next.....

- Register your interest in a place for either 15 or 30 hours with Botley School
 - Check your entitlement either online or with us and then apply on line to get your 30 hours eligibility code
- For further information, please go to

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

For children who are 2 years old, we run 15 hours provision called **Caterpillars**, for children whose parents claim certain benefits. Please contact us if you think your child may qualify for this provision.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Jacari Mothers' Classes

Jacari Mothers' Classes are free, mixed-ability English classes for women who have English as a second language. Anyone is welcome to attend. It is not restricted to mums of current Jacari pupils. The classes run from 9-10 am at New Marston primary School (Tuesdays during term time) and East Oxford Primary School (Thursdays during term time). Women are welcome to join in at any time – there is no sign-up required.

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ARCh (Assisted Reading for Children) Reading Helpers needed

Could you help a child to read and change their life forever?

ARCh (Assisted Reading for Children) is a local registered charity which operates in Oxfordshire primary schools, helping children who are struggling with reading. ARCh Reading Helpers are asked to commit to provide 90-minute sessions at their designated primary school twice a week during the school day for a minimum period of one year. **Comprehensive initial and ongoing training is given and resources and support provided. Travel expenses are reimbursed.** To find out more, visit www.archoxfordshire.org.uk, or telephone **01869 320380**



The charity obtains enhanced DBS checks on all reading helpers before placement
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