



Dear families,

We welcomed our RE adviser and some Governors to school this week who were impressed with the quality of learning in school. We are looking forward to welcoming you to **parent-teacher meetings next week**. Some teachers may have a timer on the desk to help them to keep to time so that parents aren't inconvenienced by late appointments. Please support them to be as punctual as possible. Governors will also be available for some of the time to chat with while you are waiting. We hope you find this opportunity helpful to talk through your child's start to this year and see some of their work. Phoenix class appointments will be in the school office and Pegasus class appointments will be held in Mrs Axford's office. There will be another opportunity to come to school and **see some of our learning on Friday 7th November** when school will be open between **3-3.30pm** for parents to see the work completed during the week's 'Let it Shine' project. More details next week.

U11's Football The U11 boys and girls football teams participated in the Burford Partnership event on Monday. All pupils put in 100% effort on the pitch with the games producing all draws for the boys team. The girls won their group and achieved runners up in the final. Great team work both on and off the pitch!



Phoenix at Hill End Our Year 3/4 transformed into Vikings and Saxons for the day and immersed themselves in learning about clothing, lifestyles and battle in an action packed day at Hill End.



Pegasus at Pitt Rivers Our Year 5/6 pupils were curious investigators at the museum, finding out all about artefacts from the ancient Benin kingdom as well as discussing and reflecting on the current museum project to address historical injustices by returning some artefacts to their country of origin.



Finally, well done to all those who were able to cycle or scooter part or all of the way this week as part of cycle-to-school week. Unfortunately, a car was broken into and a handbag stolen in the Church car park this week. Advice from Thames Valley Police on bike and car security can be found here: [Keeping vehicles safe](#) | [Crime prevention](#) | [Thames Valley Police](#)



DATES COMING UP

*(parents are welcome at events in **italic bold**)*

Mon 20th **Parent teacher meetings**

All classes

Tue 21st **Parent teacher meetings**

Phoenix & Pegasus

Wed 22nd Phoenix Outdoor Explorers
Fire service visit Cygnus and Tucana

Thu 23rd **Parent teacher meetings**

Cygnus & Tucana

Fri 24th Oct **INSET DAYS**
& Mon 3rd
Nov

Please check the school calendar on the website for the dates up to Christmas.

Rags to Riches Collection 4th Nov!

Half term is the perfect time to clear out your wardrobes and help raise money for school. See flyer for details.

Well done to Chloe for her karate competition last weekend.



Goodbye and Good Luck to Louis and Reggie and their family who are off to Cyprus to live. We hope to be able to welcome them back in the future!



WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

Cygnus They have created incredible hats, explored magnets and learnt how to safely use hammers in wood-work.

Tucana the story of Moses and the burning bush continuing their work on leaders in RE. They have also been working on subtraction in mathematics and beginning to work out how to find a missing number in a number problem.

Phoenix How our food is digested, Viking raids and practising column addition.

Pegasus narrative in English, exploring inverse operations in Maths and investigating the effect of different exercise on our heart rate in Science.

Effective Communication for SEN

The Maple Tree
Littleworth Road
Wheatley, OX33 1NW

This **free course** equips you with practical strategies and insights to enhance communication with individuals who have SEN.

Topics covered include:

- using a total communication approach
- using key word signs to support speech
- using visual aids effectively

6th Nov - 11th Dec
Thursdays 12:30 - 14:30
(6 week course)

This course is free to families living in Oxfordshire (Ts and Cs apply)

To book a place please email:
✉ info@mapletree.org.uk



Managing Feelings & Behaviour

Where? The Maple Tree, Littleworth Road, Wheatley, OX33 1NW

When? Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 (teas and coffees served from 9am)
3rd November - 8th December

Cost? Free to families living in Oxfordshire (Ts & Cs apply)

A course for parents and carers which covers the following topics:

- Emotional regulation
- Positive discipline and boundaries
- Managing meltdowns effectively

To book a place please email:
✉ info@mapletree.org.uk



Family Learning Online Workshops Nov-Dec 2025

Workshops are held online using Teams.

These workshops aim to help you feel empowered at managing those tricky situations knowing you are doing the best for your child and yourself. You will gain insight into how to strengthen your family's self-esteem and resilience; and practise strategies to encourage positive behaviour. These workshops are aimed at parents/carers of primary school age children.

Mondays			
To Book	COURSE TITLE and COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME
Visit website or phone	Emotional Regulation - P07906	Mon, 10/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Positive Discipline - P07910	Mon, 17/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Implementing Effective Routines - P07916	Mon, 24/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Developing Resilience - P07918	Mon, 1/12/25	12:00 - 13:30

Fridays			
To Book	COURSE TITLE	DATE	TIME
Phone	Emotional Regulation	Fri, 14/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Positive Discipline	Fri, 21/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Implementing Effective Routines	Fri, 28/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Developing Resilience	Fri, 5/12/25	13:00 - 14:30

To enroll, contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning by phone.

✉ 01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'
www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

Navigating the Teen Years

Oxford Hub
Windale Primary School
Windale Avenue
Oxford OX4 6JD

Connect with other parents, share experiences, and find support in creating a positive environment for your family.

Come along to gain valuable insights into:

- Teenage brain development
- Maintaining healthy relationships
- Managing conflict
- Building resilience
- Setting boundaries
- Keeping safe on phones and online.

**Oxford
Hub**

6 Week Course

Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:30

5th November - 10th December

To book a place please contact Penelope (teacher of the course) from Abingdon & Witney College.

✉ penelope.lea@abingdon-witney.ac.uk



INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN

We have the below programmes
available for 2025!

OCTOBER HALF TERM FOR AGES 4-12

Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road, Ducklington, OX29 7US

Dates: Tues 28th - Fri 31st October

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm (drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

Cost: £20/day 15% discount for bookings made 1 week prior start date

To register your child, please go to www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids

EVENING PROGRAMME FOR AGES 6-13

'Developing the individual'

Burford School Astroturf Pitch, Cheltenham Rd, OX18 4PL

(Astroturf trainers only, no boots or studs)

Dates: Every Tuesday throughout the year

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Cost: First Session Free

To secure a place for your child, email tomspeers@footykids.org

**Coaches are qualified to a UEFA B & FA level 2 standard,
and are DBS checked!**

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones, instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces.

● Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT



www.footykids.org



tomspeers@footykids.org



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or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 082

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SHORT STORY COMPETITION

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ENTRIES OPEN: 8 SEPTEMBER

CLOSING DATE: 9 NOVEMBER

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition



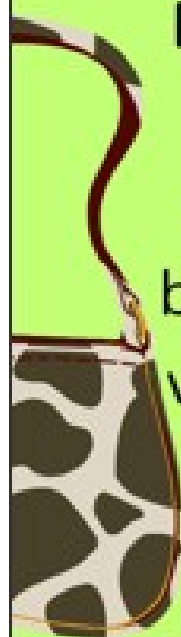


Rags2Riches

First collection for this school year.

Time to get rid of those outgrown
Summertime stunners, sandals, old
boots and coats that you were hoping
would fit this Autumn, and now don't
#SummerGrowthSpurt!

Every item counts - 45p/kilo!



**Tuesday November
4th 2025**

**Collection zones Tuesday
morning, in the usual spots of
church and school gate**

