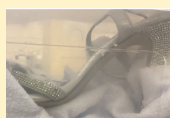


Dear Parents,

Where has this term gone! The week has been very full with a Beefeater visiting Tucana class and Cinderella leaving her shoe for safekeeping with Cygnus class! Phoenix continued the shoe theme in their Science, whilst some of Pegasus celebrated their success as Runners Up out of 9 teams at the Rugby tournament.



Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday. Well done to our Digital Ambassadors who led an assembly all about AI. Thank you to those families who were able to join us at home time and see some of our Safer Internet day work and topic work from this term. Please see attached a parent leaflet about staying safe in a digital world. At Parent-Teacher meetings, you will be able to see more of your child's individual work. Please make sure you have booked an appointment.

On Wednesday morning, the new CEO of our trust (ODST) visited school to say hello to everyone. She was very impressed with the behaviour and learning of our pupils.



Also on Wednesday, Cygnus enjoyed a superb visit to the Story museum to explore fairy tales while Tucana had an interesting visit to the Synagogue in Oxford to learn more about Judaism.



Huge well done to Cygnus class who held their first parent assembly today. We loved finding out all about your starry night topic learning.

Holiday time can be all sorts of wonderful but can also be a stressful and busy time. If you have any urgent concerns and need to contact us, please email the school office. Other community support and contacts are listed on the next pages. Also listed are some useful resources to support families when they experience conflict. Do take a look if they are useful.

DATES COMING UP

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

- Mon 23rd **Term 4 starts**
Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Mon 23rd **Maths Day**
Pupils can wear a number accessory to school– see attached poster.
- Tue 24th Pegasus Swimming Lesson 7
- Feb
- Wed 25th **FOSP's Rags to Riches Collection Morning**
Pegasus Outdoor Explorers
Parent Teacher Meetings
- Fri 27th West Oxon X Country Finals

If you would like to support our Ugandan link school through Lent—here is a link:

www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/2026lentappeal



CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT UGANDA

Emma and some ex-St Peter's pupils have had a great time acting and singing in the Aladdin panto. Well done!



First Monday back is Maths day– see poster on next page for details.

Have a wonderful half term break!

Diana

WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING? THIS WEEK?

- Cygnus** have had many opportunities to express their opinions, especially as the very special shoe we were looking after disappeared! Critical thinking opportunities are great as it fosters confidence in their ideas and promotes respectful communication.
- Tucana** learning about division as grouping in Maths. In RE, they have learned about the story of Abraham and Sarah.
- Phoenix** investigated the friction of different shoes, researched some of the world's most famous volcanoes and written memoirs of 'The tear thief'
- Pegasus** Writing a setting description from The Barnabus Project in English, finding fractions of amounts in Maths and finishing our work on pilgrimage in RE.



If you wish to get in touch with us, please email us at hello@cartertonfoodbank.co.uk

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What to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect.

Immediate danger

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on **999**.

Immediate concern

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on **01865 519800**.

The Oxfordshire Local Offer has some helpful suggestions for activities:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/education-and-learning/special-educational-needs-and-disability-local-offer/things-do>

You could also try the Activities Oxfordshire website:

<https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/youth.page?youthchannel=0>

Or check the OCC Family Information Directory:

<https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/home.page>

Show your heart some love this February



It's National Heart Health Month and we're here to help you and your family take gentle, everyday steps to look after your hearts together. Little changes to what you eat and how you move as a family can make a big difference. Here's some simple, fun tips to help everyone get involved.

Activity 1:

Move a little together, every day

Whether it's a mini dance off in the kitchen or a short family walk, small bursts of movement will keep everyone's hearts happy.



Activity 2:

Fill your plates with colourful foods

Boost meals with colourful fruit, veggies and wholegrains to grab kids attention.



Activity 3:

Get kids involved in the kitchen

Let them wash veggies, pick toppings or help stir. It makes healthy eating fun and helps them learn habits that stick.



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*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

Practical tools and resources to help relationships

Conflict can affect children in all types of parental relationships, including:

- Parents who are together, married or not
- Separated or divorced parents
- Biological and step-parents
- Other family members in a parenting role
- Foster and adoptive parents

Apps and Websites

Between Us

An app designed to help people improve relationships with their partner, the child's other parent, or other carers. Scan the QR code below for free access.

www.betweenus-app.com



Relation Kit

Free resources including mindfulness exercises, affirmation cards, and videos demonstrating common conflict moments and healthier alternatives.

relationkit.co.uk

See It Differently

Short videos and practical guidance to help parents and carers understand the impact of conflict on children and learn new ways to manage disagreements.

www.seeitdifferently.org

Hedgehog Club Half Term Activity Days at Witney Community Primary School from 9.30am -3.30pm. (Early drop off/late pick up available)

18th and 19th February 2026

Come and enjoy a day of outdoor challenges and games including den building, fire lighting, cooking and much, much more.

We will be cooking snacks on the fire. Hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits will be available all day.

It costs £43 per child or £53 for early drop off option. (Drop off after 8.30am and pick up up to 5pm.)

Booking is through the website www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk



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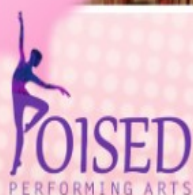
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CAMP INFO

16th - 20th Feb 2026

5-13 Years Old

Standard day: 9:00am - 3:30pm
Extended day: 8:30am - 17:00pm

4 Years Old

Half day session: 9:00am - 1:00pm

What Children Need to Bring

- Packed lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Suitable footwear

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The Winter Mini Challenge is back for 2025! This online challenge invites children aged 4 - 11 to read three books or more, between 1 December and 20 February, to earn digital rewards.



How to take part

Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple.

- Sign up at www.wintermini.org.uk to create an online profile (if you took part in the Summer Reading Challenge online you might have a profile already). Children will be asked to provide a parent/carers email address to approve signup.
- Read at least 3 books over the holidays.
- Rate and review the books on the Winter Mini Challenge website to unlock a virtual badge and download a certificate to print.

You can also play games on the website, find book reviews, activities and content from the best children's authors and illustrators around.

There is help and guidance available to support signing up to the online challenge on [The Reading Agency's website](http://www.readingagency.org.uk).

The Winter Mini Challenge 2025 runs from Monday 1 December until Friday 20 February 2026.

We are With You – A Supportive Space for Parents and Carers

We are With You is a welcoming and inclusive offer for parents and carers of children and young people (up to age 25) who are experiencing emotional or mental health difficulties. It brings together peer support and professional guidance in one space, designed to help you feel informed, connected, and supported.

This offer includes:

- **Parent-led support groups**, where you can meet others with shared experiences, ask questions, and talk openly in a safe and understanding environment.
- **Professionally led webinars**, offering practical advice and information on commonly seen emotional and mental health concerns.

All sessions are facilitated by **Parent Peer Support Workers** and/or **mental health professionals**. You're welcome to join or leave at any time, and there's no pressure to speak—just come as you are. For online sessions, **cameras and microphones are kept on** to help create a warm, community feel. Some sessions also run **in person at various locations across Oxford**, offering opportunities to connect face-to-face.

In-person Wellbeing Events for Young People & Parents/carers

Join us for relaxed welcoming sessions designed to help young people and parents to get talking, share experiences and build a supportive community. These events focus on emotional health and wellbeing through interactive activities and open conversations in a safe space.

You'll also have the chance to connect with CAMHS professionals, Peer Support Workers and Social Prescribers, who can offer guidance, practical tips and links to local resources. Together we aim to create a network where families feel heard, supported, and empowered.

Wednesday 1st April 2026 – Wellbeing Walk & Talk (with Optional Planting Activity) 10am – 3pm at Blenheim Palace.

Join us for a relaxed wellbeing walk designed for parents, carers, and young people to connect with nature and each other. This gentle outdoor activity offers time to talk, reflect, and enjoy fresh air together. A simple way to boost wellbeing, reduce stress, and spend quality time in a supportive environment.

[Please click here to register](#)