Enstone Primary School
Newsletter

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23 October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This first half term of the academic year seems to have flown by! We have accomplished a lot already, but the next half term as we head into Christmas will be busy as ever. Please remember to keep checking newsletters and the calendar to make sure you are up to date with all the events and activities.

GOODBYES: Today we bid a sad farewell to Mrs Murphy after many years of dedication as a teaching assistant here. We are so appreciative of all that Mrs Murphy has contributed during her time with us, including the wonderful mini art club, and we will miss her tremendously. As one door closes, another opens, and we wish Mrs Murphy every success in her next job and new adventures.

We also say goodbye and good luck today to Mrs Callaghan, who is beginning her maternity leave. We are so excited to meet Baby C and will be sure to share news as soon as we receive it! We will be welcoming Mrs Callaghan back in the new academic year, and in the meantime, Cherwell Class will be in the very capable hands of Miss Dyer. We look forward to welcoming Miss Dyer, and our new TA Mrs Houzet, after half term.

HOUSE POINT TROPHY: Well done to the children of **Water House** who amassed the highest number of house points this half term and won the House Point Trophy, which is now bedecked in its blue ribbons.

KITTENS FOR CATS FUNDRAISER: Today we have sent home a letter about a fundraising event for Cotswolds Arts Through Schools (CATS). We receive a tremendous amount of support from CATS, including workshops and resources, all of which are funded through their charitable status. Please help us to give back by assisting your child in making their cat mask and tail in readiness for 20th November. The mask template is on the reverse of the letter. Thank you.

COMING UP SOON AFTER HALF TERM:

- **From Monday 2nd November –** School Council will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion. Pin badges and wrist bands are a minimum £1 donation. Paper poppies = donation at your discretion.
- **Tuesday 3rd November –** off-timetable "Eco Day" for all.
- **Thursday 5th November –** Fire, Road and Water safety talk for Y5/6.
- **Monday 9th November –** Trip to Hill End (Vikings Topic) for Y5/6

- **Wednesday 25th November –** Bags2School 9am. A good opportunity to have a clear out at home! Bags were sent home in book bags yesterday.

TERM DATES: Term 1 (Autumn Term first half) ends today – Friday 23rd October. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd November.

If you scroll down, we have included lots of information this week about activities and opportunities that might interest your children including a chance of free tickets to a football match, some sporting activities and some fun sounding half term boredom busters at local venues.

Have a lovely half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs S. Mann

Headteacher

Junior Squash Coaching

AGES 8 - 16

Calling all future squash superstars! Dive into the world of squash with our action-packed sessions. Whether you're just starting out, or already familiar with the game, there's a place for you in our fun-filled coaching events run by Andrew Wilson (England Squash Lvl 2 Coach).

When: Saturday morning
Where: Chipping Norton Leisure Centre
Cost: £3 per session
Beginners: 09:20
Intermediates: 10:00

Racquets, balls and protective goggles are provided. Players must come in their sports kit and have non-marking trainers to use on court.

Sign up now to book your place or simply turn up and register on the day.
Contact Andrew Wilson:
andrewgeorgewilson@gmail.com



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ENGLAND squash

Chipping Norton Leisure Centre, Burford Road, Chipping Norton OX7 5DY
www.oxfordshire-squash.com

COME AND PLAY HOCKEY!

OXFORD HAWKS HOCKEY CLUB

Fun, friendly hockey for girls and boys of all abilities

From Reception to Year 13

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Whether you're completely new to hockey or already love the game, everyone is welcome.



2 FREE TRIAL SESSIONS

Come along and give hockey a try — we can provide a stick if you need one!

TRAINING / MATCHES

Tuesday evenings & Sunday mornings

We're a friendly and welcoming hockey club where children can learn, have fun and develop their hockey skills in a supportive environment.

Get in touch to arrange your two FREE trial sessions:

juniors@oxfordhawks.co.uk

North Oxford - OX2 8EQ - right next to Cutteslowe Park

www.oxfordhawks.co.uk

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WOAPA65!
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2027 Scholarship places available!
Now accepting applications
At WOAPA, we bring Performing Arts oppotunities to everyone!
Each year WOAPA invites applications for scholarship places from across West Oxfordshire
A scholarship place includes:
36 weeks of tuition in singing, drama and dance with some of the best tutors in the industry
Automatic participation in any WOAPA productions (In 2027 we are performing Bugsy Malone)
The opportunity to earn LAMDA qualifications
WOAPA Tots 2-4 years
Young Performers 4-7 years
Main School 7-16 years
ENCORE Theatre Company 15+
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY SCAN THIS CODE
OR EMAIL ADMIN@WOAPA.CO.UK
Deadline for applications is Saturday 14th November
WWW.WOAPA.co.uk


MAGICAL ADVENTURES @KITEBROOK
Book Here
Building brave, creative young performers, one step, one song, one scene at a time, since 1997.
Join us at our Theatre School Taster Session at Kitebrook Prep School and see the magic for yourself
SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER
10.00am - 10.45am - 3 - 5 years
10.00am - 11.30am - 5 - 11 years
Free Taster Session
BLOCK 2
Saturday 14th, 21st and 28th November
Complete Fees for Block 2
10.00am - 10.45am £25
10.00am - 11.30am £40
Includes 1 free taster session.
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ENSTONE PARISH HALL

HALF TERM

FAMILY FUN

Hall open for free play

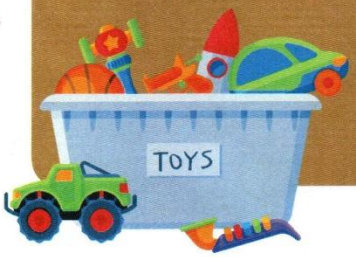
An open space for fun and games.
Bring your own soft toys, games, puzzles.
Pizza, cakes and refreshments available for cash payment.

Parental supervision required at all times.

Tuesday 27th & Thursday 29th October

12pm-3pm

The Paddocks, Enstone, OX7 4AZ



Please no balls / footballs

Contact Jodie Millar 07788544226 for more info.

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THE OM October Half Term Activities





Scan the QR code for info and booking links

Celtic Crafts
Tuesday 27 October
10-15am-12.30pm & 1.15-3.30pm

Anglo Saxon Inspired Beasts
Wednesday 28 October
10-15am-12.30pm & 1.15-3.30pm

Bringing Cubism to Life
Thursday 29 October
10.15am-12.30pm & 1.15-3.30pm



Oxfordshire Museum Service

The Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock

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NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service

OXFORDSHIRE WE ARE WITH YOU FORUM

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

'We are With You' is a welcoming, parent-led group for anyone caring for children and young perople (up to the age of 18) facing mental health challenges.

Find a safe space to connect, ask questions, and share experiences at your comfort level. Learn from insightful discussion on topics that matter to you.

Connect with others through our popular in-person wellbeing walks. We also offer online, topic-based webinars via Microsoft Teams, with follow-up Q&A sessions to provide additional support and discussion.

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Join us for a relaxed and welcoming space, provided by:

- Parent Peer Support Workers
- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals
- Guest speakers

To register follow the link or QR code:

https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/involvement/oxon/wwy/

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