



St Andrew's C of E Primary School 22nd May

Everyone is different. Everyone is special. Everyone is our neighbour.





This week we wished Mrs Walker (librarian) farewell as she retires. Each class did something special for her in their library session, from a tea party in Year 1 to a treasure hunt in Year 6. We had a special assembly for her on Thursday and wished her all the best for the next chapter of her life.

Term finishes at usual time today (3.15pm Reception/ 3.20pm Years 1 - 6) before the half term holiday next week.

Don't forget the cake sale and teddy tombola from 3.15pm today in the playground. Reception class have been busy naming the teddies for the name draw tombola. Teddy tombola is £1 a go and cakes are 50p. Please feel free to donate more as we are raising money for Mrs Holmes' marathon hike in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research.

We wish you all a good break with family and friends and look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 1st June.



Year 2 minibeasts

Following on from Year 2's informative sharing about minibeasts in celebration assembly last week, the class are very excited that their caterpillars have now formed into chrysalis. They are hoping the butterflies won't emerge until after the half term holiday.



Year 4 Hill End residential

As we neared Hill End, we talked about what we thought the sun-soaked meadow would look like and the fun we would have with it.

We hiked up the hill so we could enter our warm, cosy, perfect dorms, which we unpacked our luggage in (boys and girls were in different dorms), we went on a walk that we played, learnt and ran in - that was only the start of the fun.

The next day, we built a den that included team work, hard work and patience. We also lit a fire which was really hard but fun! That night we had dinner which added on to the wonderful food record. After that everyone huddled around the campfire, chatting, singing and eating the delicious, gooey, heavenly smores.

The next day we mopped the floor of the shower, bathroom and dining room because it was so dirty and gross! We looked at different animals in the pond, like water snails. We also saw a duck followed by ducklings, it was so cute. Some people made a snowman with hail. Finally we tried to find a word with clues to each letter which was really hard, none of us did it.

Eventually, after three days and two nights, we left Hill End. But of course we were all happy to see our parents. What an adventurous experience!

By Danial (Year 4)



Year 6 trip to C S Lewis nature reserve

Last Friday, Year 6 visited CS Lewis nature reserve for pond dipping and plant identification as part of their Science learning. After a week of doing their SATS, being in nature was timely and much needed.

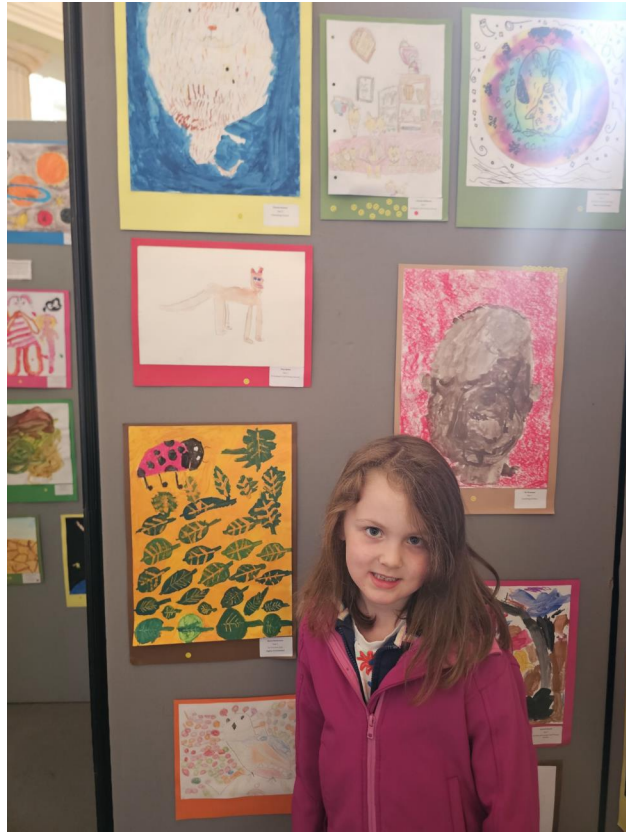


Young Art Oxford

Last weekend, all our winners from Young Art Oxford had their art work exhibited at the Ashmolean Museum. The organiser said that it was fantastic to see lots of St Andrew's children enjoying the exhibition and taking such pride in their displayed artwork. The event was a huge success, with lots of visitors, generous donations raised for Rafiki Thabo, and an incredible range of artwork from schools across the area.







Year 3 and 4 football competition at Windmill

On Tuesday, two mixed boy/girl teams from Years 3 and 4 went to play football at Windmill against school in our local Headington partnership. Both Year 3 and 4 teams worked well together, particularly as this was their first time of playing as a team - and on such a large pitch! Year 4 had a very successful win - congratulations!





Year 5 River trip

At 9.00 o'clock in the morning, we (Year 5) set off walking down to the River Cherwell via Mesopotamia Walk. It was a nice day and Mr Chamier-Williams helped us to identify different birdsong like the wren and black cap.

When we arrived at the river, we put our coats and bags down and split into three groups, one with Mrs Johnson, one with Miss Bloomer and Mr Chamier-Williams and one with Mrs Bingham.

The group with Mrs Johnson went to a bridge downstream and measured the depth of the river. We did that using fishing tackle and then we hoisted it up and measured it using a measuring tape Mrs Johnson had brought. Surprisingly, it was 1.78 metres!

The group with Miss Bloomer and Mr Chamier-Williams were measuring how fast the Cherwell flows. We did that by dropping a stick in and shouting 'go!' That was the signal for the person to start the stopwatch on the other bridge. Then the person with the stopwatch would time it. The distance was 15m between the two bridges. The mode was 4.01 minutes!

The last activity was with Mrs Bingham. For this we needed clipboards, pencils and a plain piece of paper. We sat down near the punting rollers and we drew all of the wildlife we saw. This is what we saw: Canadian geese, a male swan and a female swan guarding her nest. Even a.... terrapin!!

By Edward (Year 5)





Waitrose tokens

Please remember to put some tokens in the St Andrew's box to secure our school some money. Windmill Primary also has a box, so the competition is on!



Year 5 support food bank

Year 5, as part of the PSHE learning about charity and community giving, joined forces with Cheney to get donations for a food bank. They proudly created the donations into a sculpture of a turtle before Mr Chamier-Williams took the donations to the food bank.



Collect food for our local food bank!



We are asking you to bring in food that will be donated to our local food bank.

When we have collected all the food, we will create an interesting and unique design. This design will be photographed and sent to Cheney School.

Cheney school will judge our design against other schools.

All the food collected will be donated to our local food bank.



Deadline is Friday 15th May.





Conversation starters with your child

Big Science

Years 1 to 6 have all had the opportunity to carry out their own scientific investigations this term. Can they tell you about the question they had, how they went about finding an answer and what their conclusions were? Hopefully, they will talk about predictions, creating a fair test (with control and variables), data collections, interpreting results, evaluating the results and drawing conclusions.









Cheney upcoming events

['Nature Late' Festival, 2nd July, 6 - 8pm](#)

Nature Late will celebrate the world of nature on site at Cheney School through talks, workshops, stalls, activities and exhibitions. The schedule is as follows:

6 - 6.30pm - In Conversation with Roger Harrabin, previously BBC Environmental Analyst

6 - 8pm - Ecology Festival for all ages with a large range of science and nature-themed stalls and activities

8 - 11pm - Bat Night with Ben Carpenter from Bioscan UK

If you would like to attend any part of the event, please fill in [this form](#).

It is free and aimed at all ages. There will be live performances and refreshments as well as many stalls and activities, crafts, talks and workshops.

[Iris Classics Summer School, 17th - 19th August](#)

We are delighted to be offering our tenth annual Classics Summer School this August at the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney School in Oxford. It will take place on the mornings of 18th, 19th and 20th August. This year the summer school will be themed on the ancient star myths and astronomy.

The format for each day will be as follows:

9 – 10.30am – Latin (ages 7 – 9); Latin (ages 10 – 11); Greek (ages 7 – 9); Greek (ages 10 – 11)

10.30 – 11.15am – refreshments and activities

11.15 – 12.45pm – Latin (ages 7 – 9); Latin (ages 10 – 11); Greek (ages 7 – 9); Greek (ages 10 – 11)

The classes will be run by experienced teachers and will include activities as well as language learning. **They will all be aimed at complete beginners.** There will be themed activity stalls and refreshments between the morning classes.

Please visit the webpage [here](#) for more details and booking.

[Classics Creative Writing Cafe](#) & [Weekly Writing Nook](#)

The Iris Project runs a monthly Classics and Creative Writing Cafe, and also a weekly Writing Nook.

The cafe is a relaxed and informal opportunity to come and share ideas, have a go at writing, or just relax and read and chat in a beautiful setting. Each session has a different classical theme as a prompt if people want to have a go at writing while there. All genres are welcome!

The cafe is usually held once a month at St Alban's Church in Charles Street, Oxford from 2 until 4pm. There are hot and cold drinks and snacks available (we welcome donations towards refreshment costs).

The next date will be **Saturday 6th June, 2 – 4pm** – Hector and Achilles (book 22 of Homer's Iliad)

The cafe is aimed at ages 14 + to adult, and is run by Iris director Dr Lorna Robinson (author of novels [Hamadryad](#), [The Birder](#) and [Flower Gatherers](#), and short story collection [Telling Tales in Nature](#)). Please contact her on lorna@irisproject.org.uk if you have any questions about the cafe.

You can attend as a one off or regularly – please book using the email address above.

We also run a weekly writing space with a classics library – find out more [here](#).

Coffee mornings



Every Thursday morning will be a coffee morning with Mrs Suzanne Walker. Feel free to pop in any time between 8.45 - 9.30am to meet other parents/ carers or to talk to Mrs Walker. The coffee morning will be held in the learning base - come to the school reception to be signed in.

Health, Safety and safeguarding



Health

There has been a bit in the news recently about Meningitis cases in Oxfordshire. Guidance states '*Children and students of all ages can and should continue to attend educational and early years settings as normal, unless settings have been directly advised otherwise by their local health protection team. Meningococcal disease does not spread easily, and large outbreaks are rare. For parents and carers – if you have not been contacted directly by UKHSA, the risk to you or your child is low.*'

NHS information about meningitis can be found here: [Meningitis - Symptoms - NHS](#)

In St Andrew's there has not been any concerns. Instead, there are some cases of chicken pox at the moment.

Safeguarding

Mrs Jo Holmes is our designated safeguarding lead and Mrs Mary Wright is our deputy designated safeguarding lead. If you ever have any concerns about the safety of a child, please do let us know.

Dates



Term dates for this academic year (2025-26) are available [here](#).

Below are some key dates which impact the whole school.

In addition, class letters will have specific dates for special events, visitors or trips for your child's class.

Monday 1st June - Start of term - gates open 8.40am

Wednesday 3rd June, 9.00am - parent coffee morning - Mrs Arnold talking about healthy eating

Wednesday 3rd June, 7.00pm - SASA meeting

Thursday 4th June, 3.00 - 3.30pm Art Exhibition in school hall

Thursday 4th June, 6.00pm -New Reception (Sept 2026) parent/carer welcome evening

Friday 5th June, 8.40 - 9.00am Art Exhibition in school hall

Sunday 7th June - Fun Run (registration at 11.45am, run starts at 12pm)

Monday 8th - Friday 12th June - Year 6 to Woodlands residential

Monday 8th - Friday 12th June- Year 1 phonics screening & Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Monday 15th June 4.00pm - New Reception (Sept 2026) garden visit

Wednesday 17th June 6.30pm - Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey

Thursday 18th June 4.00pm - New Reception (Sept 2026) garden visit

Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th June - Class teacher meeting for parents of children with SEND

Friday 3rd July, 11.30am - Sheldonian concert for orchestra

Monday 6th - Friday 10th July - Health week

Monday 6th July, 5.30pm - Summer Music concert

Wednesday 8th July - Years 3 - 4 Sports day at Horspath athletics stadium

Friday 10th July, 3.30pm - Summer Fair

Monday 13th July, 5.30pm - Piano concert

Tuesday 14th July, 10.30am - Leavers' service at St Andrew's Church

Tuesday 14th July - end of year reports sent home

Wednesday 15th July - Transition morning (all children to next year's class)

Thursday 16th July - Year 6 leavers' assembly - Year 6 parents/ carers invited

Friday 17th July - Leavers' assembly at school

Friday 17th July - Term finishes 1.15pm (Reception), 1.30pm (Years 1 - 6)

Helpful information for parents/ carers

Parent/carer engagement:

At St Andrew's, we would love for every parent/carer to feel that they can engage with the school at the level at which they feel comfortable. For some this might mean becoming a governor; for others this might mean helping out at an event or being able to contribute financially.

SASA (St Andrew's School Association) is the parent/carer group of which every adult with a child in the school is automatically a part.

Fundraising:

As a school, we are extremely grateful to our parent body / SASA who look for ways to raise money for the school, through events such as the fun run, disco, film night etc - this all supports the wider learning opportunities, such as keeping our lovely library well-stocked, updating our play equipment, developing our music provision. In addition, as a school, we seek out opportunities for grants and free events/ trips, to enable all of our pupils to have a rich learning experience during their time at St Andrew's.

Sometimes families are unable to attend the fund-raising events but would still like to contribute to the school. For this reason, we have set up the following options:

1. A **QR code** found on our [website](#).
2. An **Amazon 'wish list'**: <https://amzn.eu/2DAkpvb>
3. **Cashback from Sainsburys and Argos** – signing up to the MySchoolFund. When someone signs up using our school code, the individual gets 2% cashback on spend in Sainsburys and Argos and the school gets 1% in eGift vouchers. Link to our school (use postcode OX3 9ED) on the My School Fund website. If this could work for you, please do sign up. Sign up today at www.myschoolfund.org Our school registration number : 29600

Eggs: Don't forget that eggs from our very own chickens are on sale in the office. The children looking after the chickens are keen to get this money, as we need it to buy food for the chickens!

Recycling opportunity

We are really pleased to see the success of the recycling box (via Collection4Clothes) for clothes and other items. For every kg collected, the school receives 40p and also Great Ormond Street Hospital received a donation: [Clothing Collections | Great Ormond Street Charity \(gosh.org\)](https://www.gosh.org.uk/collections)

Please bring items to the box in the school office foyer. The box will be emptied on a regular basis. So, there is no deadline - bring items along as suits you. The items should be in good condition - the sort that you would take to a charity shop.

Library books: If a book is overdue, a reminder comes from the librarian. If the book is lost or damaged, the cost of the book is on that overdue reminder slip. Replacing a book or sending in money to cover the cost of the book enables the library to remain well-stocked.

Toys: At St Andrew's we ask that children do not bring in toys and special items from home, as these items can be lost, which causes upset and tension between children when accusations arise as to who might have taken or broken an item.

Information about local events



1 - Oxford Hoops Basketball Club.

Oxford Hoop Basketball Club are looking for more girls from Years 5 and 6 so that when the teams split into separate girls and boys teams, the girls will still have enough players to make up a team. If you are interested in joining the club have a look at their website:- Oxfordhoops.co.uk for more information.

Sessions take place:-Saturday mornings 9:00am - 11:00am (7-11year olds)

Saturday mornings 11:00am to 13:00pm (11 - 14 year olds) Sunday afternoon 12:00pm - 2:00pm (10-11 year olds) and Friday evenings 7:00pm - 8:30pm (10-11 yr olds).

All sessions take place at Cheney School.

The Library Headington

What's on for... **May** "The library- it's more than you think!"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Art Weeks Exhibition 12 th - 26 th				1 Stay & Play 10-11:30 am Children's Book Club* 3-45 - 4:45 pm	2 Storytime 10:30-11 am
4 Bank Holiday - Library Closed	5 Language Café 5-6 pm	6	7 Rhymetime 11-11:30 am Italian Language Café 12-1 pm Games & Puzzles 5-6 pm	8 Stay & Play 10-11:30 am	9 Storytime 10:30-11 am
11	12 Language Café 5-6 pm	13	14 Rhymetime 11-11:30 am Italian Language Café 12-1 pm Transformation Game 5-6 pm	15 Stay & Play 10-11:30 am Knit and Crochet 1-3 pm	16 Storytime 10:30-11 am
18	19 Language Café 5-6 pm	20	21 Rhymetime 11-11:30 am Italian Language Café 12-1 pm Simon Mason Author Talk** 5-6 pm	22 Stay & Play 10-11:30 am	23 Storytime 10:30-11 am
25 Bank Holiday - Library Closed	26 Language Café 5-6 pm	27	28 Italian Language Café 12-1 pm Book Club 5-6 pm	29	30

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Adult events
Children's events

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AGES 5-11, Camps run 9 am - 4 pm

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School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm



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Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond

As part of the University's centenary celebrations, we are hosting a free public hybrid (in person and online) event on the evening of 6 May on the theme of Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond.

Join us for an evening that brings together autistic children and young people, their families, students, professionals and researchers to explore what supports autistic children to flourish in education and everyday life.

The event will include talks from:

- **Professor Elizabeth McCrum, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education and Student Experience) at the University of Reading**
- **Dr Fiona Knott and Dr Jo Billington, Wellbeing Hub project leads**
- **Andy Smith, founder of Spectrum Gaming, and a passionate advocate for young people's voices in education.**

For in person attendees, there will also be an opportunity to review a poster presentation of current autism research from academics and students in the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences. Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday 6 May

G10 lecture theatre,
Palmer Building,
Whiteknights Campus,
RG6 6EW

In person:
18:45–21:00

Online:
19:00–20:30 via
Microsoft Teams



For more details and to book your place, please visit our website research.reading.ac.uk/autism, or scan the QR code





FRIDESWIDE VOICES

Applications now open



We're looking for new singers who will be aged 7 in September to join Frideswide Voices, the girls' choir of Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford. No previous experience is necessary - just a love of singing!

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May Events

The North Wall
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Family Music

Ages 2 - 7

The Family Folk Show

Sat 9 May 11.30am & 2pm

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NW Inventors

Ages 8-11

Improvisation

Tue 26 - Wed 27 May
9am - 12pm

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This May half-term join us at Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury for a week of Mythical family fun!

23 - 31 May 2026

Mythical May Family Crafts

Monday 25 May - Decorated Book Boxes (4-11yrs)

Tuesday 26 May - Dragon Marionettes! (4-11yrs)

Wednesday 27 May - Merlin's Potion Jars (4-11yrs)

Thursday 28 May - Nature Sprite Puppets (4-11yrs)

Friday 29 May - Spy Craft! With Mark Creasy (5-11yrs)

Join us for fun activities every Bucks school holiday!

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Step into the magical world of Roald Dahl's stories. Crawl through Fantastic Mr Fox's tunnel, investigate minibeasts inside the Giant Peach, and explore sound with the BFG in this much-loved, hands-on gallery. Packed with playful exhibits inspired by Roald Dahl's stories, it's a joyful way for children to discover science and the world around them.

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Mythical May Half Term

23 - 31 May 2026

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1-Day and Week-Long Workshops

May Half-Term Workshops, Wolvercote Primary School, OX2

Ages 7-11		Ages 11-16	
Tues 26 May	Puppets and Masks		Voiceover
Wed 27 May	Stop Motion Animation		Stand-up Comedy
Thur 28 May	Giggle Club: Comedy		Dance and Musical Theatre
Fri 29 May	Make a Shakespeare Play in a Day		Big Puppets

Summer Holiday Workshops, Wolvercote Primary School, OX2

Ages 7-11		Ages 11-16	
20-24 July	Make a Play in a Week: Twelfth Night		
27-31 July	Make a Film in a Week		
3-7 Aug	Make a Play in a Week: Peter Pan	Mon	Stop Motion Animation
		Tues	Make a Film in a Day
		Wed	Dance and Musical Theatre
		Thur	Directing and Storytelling
w/c 10 Aug			
Mon	Stop Motion Animation	Tues	Writing and Performing Sketch Comedy
Tues	Costume Design	Wed	Physical Theatre and Devising
Wed	Epic Myths and Legends	Thur &	
Thur	Shadow and Silhouette Theatre	Fri	Make a Shakespeare Musical in 2 Days
Fri	Imagination Academy		

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1. Buy a promotional pack of Rice Krispies, Corn Flakes or Coco Pops in-store
2. Scan the on-pack QR code or visit www.kelloggsfc.com (smartphone only)
3. Sign your kids up for free

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www.britishshow.co.uk

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Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership.
Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month
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Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



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A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



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A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Online Courses for Parents page
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk





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OXFORD LEGO STORE opened Thursday 7 May *Westgate Oxford, Lower Ground Floor, OX1 1PE*
Big news for little (and big!) LEGO fans...
The brand new LEGO store at Westgate opened last week and it's not just a shop: it's a proper learning experience: with play tables for all ages - build challenges and regular events - pick a brick wall - build-a-minifigure station to customise your own. opening hours Monday - Friday: 10.00 – 8.00 Saturday: 9.00 – 8.00 Sunday: 11.00 – 5.00
Forward planning
OXFORD BRICK FESTIVAL Saturday July 11 10.00-4.00 *The King's Centre, Osney Mead, OX2 0ES*
A LEGO fan event in Oxford dedicated to all things brick!
Oxford Brick Festival is returning with brand new LEGO displays, new LEGO activities, and much more
This will be a great day for families, collectors, adult builders and every other kind of LEGO fan.
<https://brickfestivevents.com/event/oxford-brick-festival-4/>

ARTWEEKS OXFORDSHIRE 2 – 25 May *www.artweeks.org*
9 - 17 May North and West Oxfordshire 16-25 May Oxford City
art, design and craftsmanship in every corner of the county - five hundred open studios, pop-up exhibitions and other events – over 1,000 artists! - all free to visit; just drop-in
the full programme is downloadable from the website which is very usefully interactive but printed copies are available in leaflet 'bins' in libraries, shopping centres etc. but the website

OXFORD FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS April to July <https://artsfestivaloxford.org/whats-on/>
with the theme 'Signs, symbols and secrets' – in partnership with many city arts organisations
films – talks – exhibitions – concerts – drama – walks at multiple venues around the city
the Festival hub is at Magdalen School rose garden by Magdalen bridge
book on line - printed programmes are available in local leaflet 'bins' and you can download the programme

OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S GARDENS & MUSEUMS <https://www.glam.ox.ac.uk/whats-on>

YOUNG ART OXFORD EXHIBITION *Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, OX1 2PH*
Friday 15 May 10.00-5.00 opening evening 5.30-8.00 – tickets required prize giving ceremony 6.15-7.00
Saturday 16 May 10.00-5.00 no booking necessary
The theme for 2026 is 'Little things that matter' Young Art Oxford helps change children's lives. It is a volunteer run charity with an African education partner The Rafiki Thabo Foundation which supports underprivileged and SEND students in Kenya, Uganda and Lesotho. At the exhibition, there will be a chance to buy raffle tickets, order cards and prints and donate <http://www.youngartoxford.com/our-charity-partner.html>
<http://www.youngartoxford.com/>

WESTON LIBRARY EXHIBITIONS *Bodleian Weston Library, Broad Street, OX1 3BG*
These exhibitions are FREE to visit – you can pop in and look at just one section at a time – and go back for more. And enjoy the cafe's cakes....

PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE We have been domesticating animals for over ten thousand years. But why do we want tame wolves in our homes or wild cats on our laps? This exhibition explores the relationship between humans and their pets – or pets and their humans <https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/pets-and-their-people>

WONDER OF BIRDS Based on *The Book of Birds* by Jackie Morris and Robert Macfarlane - their third collaboration, following their internationally bestselling books of nature poetry and art, *The Lost Words* and *The Lost Spells*. The book, published on 7 May, brings together Morris's original illustrations and Macfarlane's writing to explore forty-nine bird species facing decline in the UK, reflecting on themes of loss, wonder and humanity's relationship with the natural world. <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/about/media/2026/mar/wonder-of-birds>

POOHSTICKS 2026 *Sandford Lock, OX4 4YB*
The 2026 Poohsticks Championships will be held on Sunday 24 May, with registration starting at 10.30.
Free to watch, £5 per stick to drop. You can register and pay ahead of the day <https://poohsticks.uk/>
The event is organized by and raises charity funds for the Rotary Clubs of Sinodun, Oxford Spires and Abingdon.

HEADINGTON FESTIVAL <https://www.headingtonaction.org/festival.html>
Saturday 30 May 9.00-2.00 extended market 4.00 & 7.30 films in Bury Knowle Park - bar and food
Sunday 31 May 1.00-5.00 festival in Bury Knowle Park farm animals – music – inflatables – teas – bar – sports – gokarts – community stalls – raffle

SCIENCE OXFORD *The Science Oxford Centre, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Road, OX3 8SB*
FAMILY DAYS every Saturday – two hours in the Exploration Zone 10.00-12.00, 12.30-2.30, 3.00-5.00
the outdoor water lab and all day access to the woodlands best for ages 3+ but all are welcome
£8.50 per person which includes the Eventbrite fee - free for Under 3s
You are advised to book in advance <https://scienceoxford.com/events/family-days-every-saturday/>

STEM THEMED SATURDAY CLUBS most Saturdays 10.00-11.30, 12.30-2.00, 3.00-4.30
£15 per child – accompanying adult(s) free <https://scienceoxford.com/centre/science-oxford-centre-events/>
helping you and your child to learn from each other and work together while trying out new things
book now - they sell out quickly! <https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/>

SCIENCE CLUB : SOUND SCIENCE Saturday 16 May 10.00, 12.30, 3.00
for ages 5-9 <https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/sound-science/>

NATURE CLUB : BEE DAY Saturday 30 May 10.00, 12.30, 3.00
for ages 5-9 <https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/bee-day-2/>

SCIENCE CLUB : LEGO CREATIONS Saturday 13 June 10.00, 12.30, 3.00
for ages 5-9 likely to be VERY popular – book NOW! <https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/lego-creations/>

HILL END OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE *Eynsham Road, OX2 9NJ*

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF OUTDOOR LEARNING
(1) MEMORIES OF HILL END BLOG
With 2026 marking a century since the very first schools visited Hill End by charabanc from Oxford city, there is an exciting year planned; everyone who knows and loves Hill End is invited to get involved. One element is a collation of HILL END STORIES – a blog celebrating 100 years of outdoor learning. It is hoped to collect memories through the decades, with interesting and unusual things you might not know! Please add any stories you have, however short or vague and include photos if you have them <https://hill-end.org/about/stories> <https://hill-end.org/news/memory-bank/>

(2) FFENELL FESTIVAL Saturday 6 June 11.00-4.00
Named for the Ffennell family who bought the Wytham estate and founded the outdoor school for inner city children in 1926, later gifting the whole estate to Oxford University: a family outdoor activity day with live music, barbecue and cafe climbing wall – downhill racers – weaving and spinning – bushcraft – willow weaving – sun prints – Real Kingdoms – badge making – tracks and signs – pond dipping – WW1 practice trenches tour – Korky Paul and Winnie the Witch story telling with prizes
booking essential £9 adults £4 children <https://hill-end.org/news/ffennellfestival26/>

COURTSIDE @ BURY KNOWLE HUB *Bury Knowle Park, OX3 9JJ*

A wide range of activities for all ages and abilities
* sessions led by friendly, experienced coaches
* a positive, inclusive, and supportive environment
* games, challenges, and plenty of ways to stay active
Grab your kit, bring your energy, and get ready to make the most of everything on offer at Courtside at Bury Knowle. Make this term your best one yet!

WALKING and BACK TO NETBALL – TENNIS COURSES for children and adults – YOGA book on line
DIY: TENNIS – TABLE TENNIS – SHUFFLEBOARD – MINI GOLF – BASKETBALL

<https://courtside.uk/bury-knowle/activities>
and meet friends in the CAFÉ <https://courtside.uk/bury-knowle>

WIN £1,000 FOR YOUR SCHOOL'S LIBRARY <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/>
Nominate your school to #rebuildthelibrary with one of our five huge prizes. Plus, you could win a £100 National Book Token for yourself!
The National Book Tokens annual prize draw is back to give five schools across the UK and Ireland the chance to win £1,000 in National Book Tokens and fill their shelves with new and inspiring books.
Nominate a school using the online form <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prizeform> and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also win a £100 National Book Token yourself to spend in your favourite bookshop.
Plus: to celebrate the UK's National Year of Reading, even more prizes are on offer so that more schools – and more children – have a chance to enhance their libraries and Go All In on reading.
Each week until 24 June, there will be a flash winner – selected at random from all entries – to receive a £100 National Book Token for their school, and £25 for themselves!

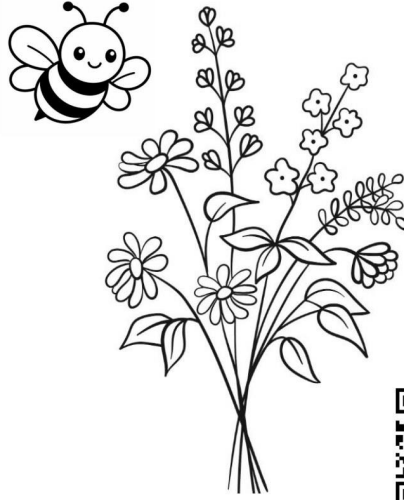
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🌸 The Headington Wildflower Trail 🌸

A Nature Adventure Through Old, New, and Quarry Headington
One bright spring morning, something magical began to bloom across Headington. Overnight, beautiful wildflowers appeared in hidden corners, parks, and pathways — not ordinary flowers, but special ones, each filled with colour, patterns, and tiny stories, inspired by the children of our community. 🌱



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