



St Andrew's C of E Primary School 11th September

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





In this weekly newsletter, there is information about upcoming events in school and the community, as well as sharing about special events which have taken place in the school.

Please also take time to read the section about health, safety and safeguarding as lots of important information is shared here.

This term in assemblies, we are thinking about our school value of friendship. Over our play times since being back in school, this value has already been very much in evidence.









International Evening - Friday 18th September



On Friday 18th September 6.00-7.30pm, it will be our annual International Evening. This is an opportunity to meet others in our school community (adults and children) and share food together. Every family is encouraged to bring some food - ideally representing your culture - to share. We then try the different foods whilst enjoying getting to know one another. There will be music and chance to colour in your flag!

There will also be a second hand uniform sale.

Please save the date and time now.

Headington Wombles

Headington Wombles next community litter pick is being held on Friday 18th September at 12 noon (midday) at Treatz in central Headington. Please come for as long or little as you're able. We'll be inside at one of the tables.

Please bring a litter picker if you already have one, and a pair of sturdy gloves to wear. We'll also have equipment people can borrow available.

Also please join our WhatsApp group at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRXK8ZjMHVFFHQSTwMD7nv> in case there are any updates on the day.

We look forward to seeing you when we're out Wombling soon.

To read more visit our website at: <https://sites.google.com/viewg/headington-wombles/>.

Best wishes, Headington Wombles

Play at St Andrew's

There are so many different ways the children can play at lunch: organised sports such as unihoc, football, basketball, badminton, tennis; free play on the climbing equipment or slide; creative play in the sand pit, big tyres and tree trunk; inside space, such as the library, Mrs Walker's crafts in the hall, prayer space or music room; or being with the chickens in our wild area. Senior leadership are out every lunch play time - and it is wonderful to see the children enjoying such a range of ways to play.





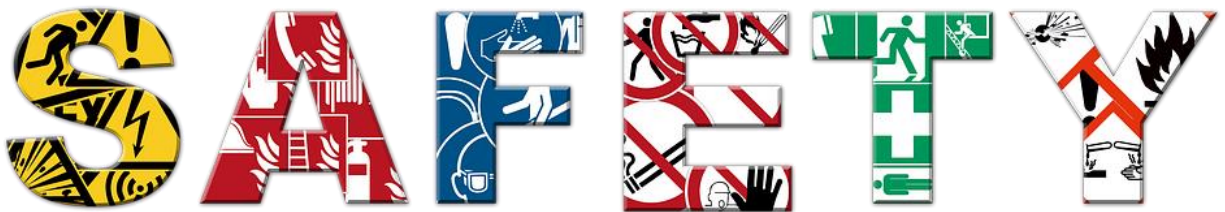








Health, Safety and safeguarding



Food in school:

Please remember that **St Andrew's is a nut free school** - this includes things like cereal bars with nuts or nutella (chocolate spread) sandwiches.

SNACKS - many children are hungry by the mid-morning break time. In Reception, there are snack times in the morning and afternoon, which include free fruit which is also given to children in Year 1 and 2. **Children in Years 3 - 6 are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for the morning break, such as a piece of fruit or crackers and cheese.**

LUNCHES - Our **school menu is halal**. The menu can be found [here](#).

Medical / dietary needs:

Please make sure that your child's medical and dietary needs are kept up to date on MCAS. It is essential that school knows this information in order to keep your child safe.

This can be found under 'DATA COLLECTION' - 'MEDICAL, DIETARY'. The screenshot shows some of the options that are on the drop down menu - these include things like 'No pork' at the end of the list.

Attendance:

Your child being in school is important to us! Each and every child is valued - their learning, their friendships, their development all benefit from being in the school community.

We recognise that children might become unwell and need to miss school whilst they get better. This link is a helpful guide as to which illnesses mean your child should remain at home: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

We understand that there may be exceptional circumstances which means your child needs to miss school. Please look at our attendance guide to understand which absences are authorised. [St Andrew's Church of England Primary School, Oxford - Attendance](#)

We encourage conversations between home and school if there are any barriers to attendance or concerns arising over attendance.

When your child is absent, please let the office know as soon as possible; the office will call you if they do not know why your child is absent, starting with contacting the families of the children who walk alone to school in Year 5 & 6.

Safeguarding:

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Jo Holmes or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Mary Wright and Mrs Annie Arnold.

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Emergency Consent to School

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Paramedical Support

N/A

Medical Conditions * *

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Disabilities * *

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ALLERGY

Arthritis

Asthma

Diabetes

DIETARY

Eczema

Epilepsy

General

Havfever

Dates



Term dates for this academic year (2026-27) are available [here](#).

Class letters and topic webs have been sent home which contain information about key dates specific to your child's class.

These are whole school events.

Friday 18th September – SASA International Evening – a chance to share food and fun together with the school community

Wednesday 30th September – Flu vaccines

Tuesday 6th October, 10.30am – Harvest Service at St Andrew's Church

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th October, 3.30 – 6.00pm – Class teacher meetings

Friday 16th October – Years 3 – 6 British History Day

Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd October – Deep learning week – a shared learning experience for the whole school

Friday 23rd October – INSET – no children in school

Cheney School events

The Iris Project is organising the following free workshops and events this September and October:

Ovid-Inspired Postcard and Story Drop-in - St Alban's Church, Charles Street, Oxford

Saturday 12th September, 10 - 1pm

Magical realist novel *The Birder* imagines an alternate Oxford where people transform into birds, and features linocuts of birds in Oxford locations. It was inspired by the poem *Metamorphoses* written by the ancient Roman poet Ovid.

Make your own postcard imagining a transformed bird in Oxford, and write a little story about your bird in our group storybook!

This activity is part of the Oxford Open Doors programme. It is free and aimed at all ages.

There is more information [here](#).

Victorian Festival - Rumble Museum at Cheney School, Oxford

Thursday 22nd October, 3.30 - 5.30pm

The Rumble Museum at Cheney School is delighted to announce our Victorian Festival!

The festival will include a wide range of performances, stalls, activities and workshops themed on the Victorian era, and aimed at all ages. Highlights include a Blacksmith Forge, Walking Forest Suffragettes, Penny Farthings and Victorian Magic Shows. There will be a number of local museums and organisations, as well as creative activities and stalls run by Cheney's Museum Council students.

There will be three repeated Victorian Magic Shows at 3.05pm, 4pm, and 5pm.

The event is free and aimed at all ages. To book places, [please fill in this form](#).

Please email lro@cheneyschool.org with any questions. There is a webpage for the event [here](#).



OPEN EVENTS 2026

Open Evening	Tuesday 22 September
5:30pm - 8pm Presentations at 5:30pm and 6:30pm	
Open Mornings	Tuesday 22 September Thursday 24 September Tuesday 13 October
9:00am - 10:30am Tour at 9:00am and Presentation at 9:45am	
SEND Open Morning - Thursday 15 October 9:30am - 11:00am	

www.cheneyschool.org
There is no on-site parking

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Helpful information for parents/ carers

Parent/carers engagement:

At St Andrew's, we would love for every parent/carers 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/carers 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!

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

“ The Library Oxfordshire

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

2027

Up to **3,000** words for adults & young adults
and up to **1,000** words for children.

The winning story in each category will
be published as an ebook for library
members to borrow!

ENTRIES OPEN: 14 SEPTEMBER
CLOSING DATE: 15 NOVEMBER

Adults: 18+
YA: 12-17
Children: 7-11

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

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{JAM} CODING

GAME DESIGN

FROM 2D GAMES TO RETRO CLASSICS

LONG-TERM AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

St Andrew's CoE Primary School - Game Design and Retro Gaming

In this extended program, children will first dive into GAME DESIGN, learning to code and create their very own 2D computer games. They'll design interactive animations, work in teams, and develop problem-solving and logical thinking skills.

The club will then shift to RETRO GAMING, where children will design and code classic games such as Pong!, Asteroids, Space Shooter, and Doodle Jump.

Teams will create maps, characters, and game code, then test their skills in friendly competitions to see who can beat their friends at their own games!

This exciting combination of workshops fosters creativity, teamwork, and coding skills, all while making learning fun. At the end of the term, every child will receive a certificate, and one team will be awarded a trophy!

DATES
21 / 28th Sept
5 / 12 / 19th Oct
2 / 9 / 16 / 23 / 30th Nov

TIME
Mondays
at
15:20 - 16:20

PRICE
£10 per session (inc. VAT)
£100 for a whole term of fun!

TO BOOK A PLACE, CHOOSE ONE OF THESE FOUR OPTIONS:

- Click the link below
- Scan the QR code to the right
- Visit www.jamcoding.com/our-workshops/, enter the first part of your postcode, and select your venue
- Contact your area manager who can manually book you on



BOOK HERE: [Jam Coding Class 6273](#)

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OX3 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WEEK Saturday 5 – Sunday 13 September

Discover new adventures on your doorstep!

From 5-13 September 2026, OX3 Community Activities Week is throwing open the doors to the huge range of groups, activities and opportunities already happening across our neighbourhoods. Whether you've been meaning to get more active, try something creative, meet new people, find something for the family, volunteer locally or simply discover something you never knew was happening around the corner, this is a week to give it a go. The programme brings together more than 120 activities across OX3, with opportunities for all ages, interests and abilities. Many are **completely free**, and lots of groups are offering taster sessions, special welcomes for newcomers or a friendly buddy to help take the awkwardness out of turning up somewhere new for the first time. The full programme is **live now**, so take a look, find something that catches your eye and make Community Activities Week your excuse to try it.

Explore the programme here : <https://www.headingtonaction.org/community-activities-week.html>

Community Activities Week is a Headington Action initiative, bringing together local organisations and activity providers across Barton, Headington, Marston, Northway, Risinghurst, Sandhills, Wood Farm and the wider OX3 community.

BARTON LIVE Barton's own festival!

Underhill Circus,

Saturday 12 September 1.00-5.00 with Oxford Contemporary Music

includes Rocco (World beatbox champion) – The Weekend Warriors – The Noble Trio – Inspire Sounds – Natalia Kalarkina - Barton Park School Big Singers – zumba and fitness funk - karaoke – open mic

FREE live music – refreshments – activities for kids to take part : contact Steve@ocmevents.org

OXFORD OPEN DOORS

<https://www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk/open-doors>

Saturday 12 – Sunday 13 September explore your favourite or unknown Oxford places

Oxford Preservation Trust makes Open Doors possible. It's a small, independent charity, dedicated to protecting and celebrating the landscapes, buildings and stories that make Oxford so special. It cares for 1000 acres of publicly accessible green space in and around the city, looking after historic buildings, getting involved in community history and campaigning for thoughtful planning.

Every September, it brings the city together for a weekend when Oxford's special places open their doors to everyone, for free. With support from local organisations and individuals, it's a chance to enjoy and explore parts of the city you might not normally see, from live performances and hands-on activities to peaceful gardens and guided walks. Some must be pre-booked (and several are sold out already); most are drop in

The printed programme is available in event flyer racks – try Bury Knowe Library – and is downloadable – but there's also a searchable facility on the website. Page 15 of the brochure gives you family ideas

IRIS PROJECT – RUMBLE MUSEUM

Cheney School, Cheney Lane, OX3 7QH

OVID-INSPIRED POSTCARD AND STORY DROP-IN

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<https://apollondartemisblog.wordpress.com/2026/08/20/ovid-inspired-story-and-postcard-making-drop-in/>

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The event is free and aimed at all ages. To book places, please use the on line form [please email \[iro@cheneyschool.org\]\(mailto:iro@cheneyschool.org\) with any questions.](https://rumblemuseum.org.uk/index.php/what-s-on)

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MOTHERSONG – melodies in motherhood

Folk and pop songs from around the world – sung by ear – FREE – for women of all ages and stages of life - and babies and pre-schoolers are welcome

Tuesdays 10.30-11.30 from 8 September Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors, OX3 7HS

Fridays 10.30-11.30 from 4 September Barton Park School, Barton Fields Road, OX3 9WN

hanmah.mothersong@gmail.com <https://hanmahfredsgaardjones.co.uk/mothersong>

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>

SENSORY FRIENDLY FAMILY DAY Saturday 3 October with smaller numbers admitted

includes the Planetarium show 'Life elsewhere' <https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/sensory-friendly-family-days/> booking essential

STEM THEMED SATURDAY CLUBS

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>

NATURE CLUB : TREE SEEDS

Saturday 12 September 10.00, 12.30, 3.00

for ages 5-9

<https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/tree-seeds/>

SCIENCE CLUB : GERM BUSTERS

Saturday 26 September 10.00, 12.30, 3.00

for ages 5-9

<https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/germ-busters/>

NATURE CLUB : THE WOODLOUSE EXPERIMENT

Saturday 10 October 10.00, 12.30, 3.00

for ages 5-9

<https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/the-woodlouse-experiment-3/>

TINY IDEAS FESTIVAL

Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 September

<https://tinyideasoxford.com/>

Making dreams come true.....celebrating creativity by and for children, toddlers and babies!

Bookable events at Pegasus Theatre, North Wall Arts Centre, Capar bookshop, UPP cinema, Oxford University Museum of Natural History, The Story Museum.

(ignore the blurb that says 'Festival schedule coming soon' – it's all there!)

DANCIN' OXFORD the twentieth family dance festival 25 September – 31 October

Dancin' Oxford brings a month of dance, creativity and family fun to venues and communities across Oxford and Oxfordshire. Whether your family loves watching dance, wants to get up and join in, or has never been to a dance performance before, there's something for you. Expect magical adventures, live music, storytelling, ballet, creative workshops and, of course, plenty of opportunities to dance yourselves.

<https://www.dancinxford.co.uk/come-and-dance-with-us-our-autumn-family-dance-festival-is-back/>

IF – SCIENCE AND IDEAS FESTIVAL not until October but booking is already open and many of the workshops/shows/experiences are VERY popular!

The 2026 science and ideas Festival is ready for you again, with exciting, intriguing and unexpected events and activities for adults, children and teenagers across dozens of venues in and around the city, and beyond.

Browse the full programme now: www.if-oxford.com and plan your festival

This year marks the 35th science and ideas Festival in Oxford, with most events still offered on the Pay What You Decide (PWYD) system, with no questions asked.

HILL END OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Eynsham Road, OX2 9NJ

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF OUTDOOR LEARNING : MEMORIES OF HILL END BLOG

HILL END STORIES – a blog celebrating 100 years of outdoor learning. Please add any stories you have, however recent or short or vague or silly and include photos if you have them. It is hoped that 100 memories will be collected and it's half way there.....

<https://hill-end.org/about/stories>

<https://hill-end.org/news/memory-bank/>

FAMILY BUSHCRAFT

Saturday 19 September 10.00-12.00

<https://hill-end.org/news/bushcraft-saturday/>

Learn how to survive and thrive at Hill End! These fun, skills based sessions change with the seasons

£12 adults £8 children

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES already bookable!

<https://hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events/>

Wild days for 7-12 year olds + Woodland Spookyacular family days

Lesley Williams

Headington Extended Schools Coordinator

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Sugary drinks and oral health

Did you know?...



Fact

All fizzy drinks including sugar-free options contain acid which can cause tooth decay



Fact

Unsweetened juices and fruit smoothies are high in sugar and also contain acid



Keep sugary/fizzy drinks to mealtimes only

Swap sugary/fizzy drinks to water or milk



Or



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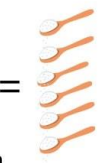


Sugary drinks and oral health

Did you know?...



Tropicana
orange juice
300 mls

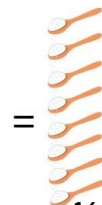


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Fizzy drinks, fruit juice, smoothies and squash can be high in sugar
tps = teaspoons of sugar



Innocent
Berry
smoothie
300 mls



30g 7.5 tps



Monster
473 mls



55g 13.5 tps



Macdonalds
strawberry
milkshake - medium



57g 14 tps



Swap to water or milk





Lunch box shopping list

Date: _____



Choose one or two items
from each food group below
or an alternative to create
your own healthy lunch box



Protein

-  Chicken ☐
-  Hummus ☐
-  Eggs ☐
-  Tofu ☐

Fruit & Vegetables

-  Banana ☐
-  Carrot ☐
-  Blueberries ☐
-  Cucumber ☐

Carbohydrate

-  Bread ☐
-  Chapati ☐
-  Crackers ☐
-  Pasta ☐

Dairy or alternative

-  Cheese/soft ☐
cheese
-  Plain yoghurt ☐
-  Plant based ☐
alternative



Healthy Lunch Boxes



- Eating a healthy lunch keeps gums and teeth healthy
- A healthy lunch box should include fruit, vegetables, carbohydrates and protein
- Choose foods in a variety of colours, finger foods and crispy snacks to make your lunch box more appealing



Lunch Box Ideas

See <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Salmon and salad bagel, rice cakes, grapes, semi-skimmed milk



Tuna and bean salad, satsuma, malt loaf, semi-skimmed milk



Spicy chicken and salad wrap, peaches/strawberries, homemade popcorn with cinnamon, sugar-free orange drink



Hummus dip with pitta bread and vegetable sticks, banana, sugar-free jelly, water

