



St Andrew's C of E Primary School 2nd October

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





Next week, we celebrate our Harvest Service at St Andrew's Church. Please see below for how you can support with a donation.

In previous newsletters, photos have been shared of children at break and lunch times - but it's not 'all play (time) and no work' at St Andrew's. Walking around the school every day, children can be seen hard at work. Below are a few pictures to enable you to 'share' that walk around the school with me.

Year 6 working hard in Maths, supporting each other with their learning





Year 5 responding in writing to their text 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell





Year 3 exploring their text 'Ug' related to their Stone Age topic and Year 4 completing a well-being questionnaire from the well-being team before heading off swimming.



Year 1 and 2 focusing on their phonics and writing.





Reception class learning through play with their friends.



Harvest donations



In our preparation for Harvest Service, we like to collect donations which are displayed in church and then taken to the Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank. If you could bring in any items on the list by TODAY (Friday 2nd October), that would be hugely appreciated.

[Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank | CEF Oxford CEF Oxford](#)

The following items are needed for the foodbank

Bottled or tinned sauces
Long Life Milk
Tins of meat
Tins of Vegetables - Sweetcorn, Peas, Carrots, Tomatoes etc (Pulses)
Coffee, Tea and Chocolate
Tins of puddings
Tins of fish
Tins of Fruit
Biscuits
Long Life Juice
Jams and other spreads
Rice (No Pasta)
Sugar
Cereals
Long Life Fruit Juice
Essential Toiletries/cleaning material
Nappies

SASA

There is a SASA AGM coming up. Please do come along to find out how you can get involved in the life of the school.

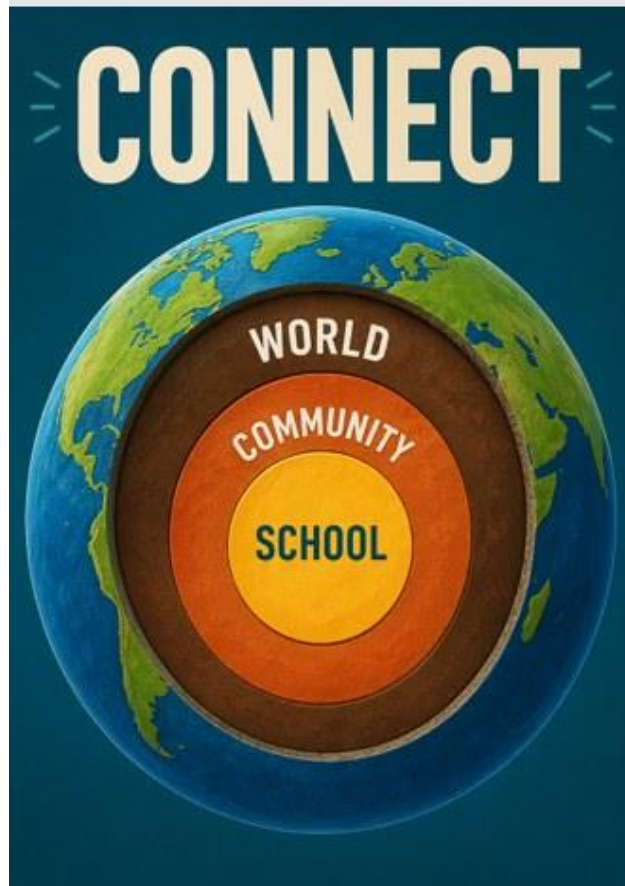


Connect week

*As our '**world**' focus for connect week, Year 5 are going to be leading a sponsored multi-skills event. They have chosen to support Water Aid ([Donate to WaterAid](#) | [The UK's dedicated water charity](#) | [WaterAid](#)) with the sponsorship money. This event will not be a spectator one, as we will have the whole of the school out in the playground so not space for many other people, but parents/ carers are invited to sponsor their child. More details to follow soon.*

*As our '**community**' focus, each class will plan a way to support or serve in their community, such as litter picking.*

*In addition, your child's class teacher will be in touch with an event in class to which all parents/ carers are invited as our '**school**' focus.*



Lost property

*There are LOTS of un-named jumpers in lost property. **Please can jumpers be named** so that they can be returned to their rightful owners. We would put them into our second hand uniform stock, but the boxes are already full, so they will need to be passed on to charity if left unclaimed.*

MCAS - updating information



Important: Please Check Your Child's Information on MCAS

Please ensure that your child's **medical and dietary information** is up to date on **MCAS (My Child At School)**. This can be found under the **Medical/Dietary** section on MCAS.

It is essential that we are informed of any dietary requirements relating to **allergies**. Our catering provider, Edwards & Ward, requires a separate dietary form to be completed for allergies and food intolerances, such as milk-free or egg-free diets, to ensure food is prepared safely.

It is also very important that we are aware of any dietary requirements related to **religious beliefs**, for example halal or no pork. Please note that the school offers a halal menu.

In addition, please check and confirm your **photo permissions** on MCAS.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our records accurate and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

Coffee mornings with Suzanne Walker



1 - Please feel free to come to the Thursday coffee mornings (8.45 - 9.30am) with Suzanne Walker, our Home School Link Worker. This is an opportunity to meet other parents/ carers and discuss parenting. We also have several special visitors lined up for this term.

Coffee Mornings
Everyone welcome!

Meet other parents
Have a chat
A cuppa and a chat
Chat informally with Suzanne Walker, our Home-School Link Worker, about any questions or concerns.

Every Thursday
8.45 – 9.30
Please come to the office door to be signed in.

Support
Advice
Friendship
Information

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Reception places for September 2027

We know the new school year has just begun, but this is also the term when parents/ carers are looking at schools for next academic year.

Our first tour of St Andrew's for Reception places for September 2027 is on Wednesday 7th October. Please do share the link on the website for any parents/ carers interested in a tour: [St Andrew's Church of England Primary School, Oxford - Home](#) (bottom of the page)

Oxfordshire Early Years team message

Oxfordshire County Council would like to hear about your child's move to primary school.

If your child has started in a Reception class, please take a few minutes to fill in our short survey: [Moving onto Primary School – parent/carers questionnaire](#)

Your answers will help us understand what is going well and what could be better.

We will use your feedback to help nurseries, preschools, childminders, and schools make the move to primary school easier for all children.

Your answers will be anonymous. No one will know what you said.

Health, Safety and safeguarding



School Health Nursing newsletter

[Autumn Term \(1\): Primary SHN Newsletter September 2026](#)

Is my child too ill for school? There is a useful poster to help support.

Childline Data: The Five Apps Most Linked to Online Sexual Abuse - NSPCC

The NSPCC has published figures showing which platforms children name when they talk to Childline about online sexual abuse [Top 5 platforms and apps linked to online child sexual abuse](#). Between April 2025 and March 2026, Snapchat came top with 324 mentions, up 19% on the year before. It was followed by TikTok (234), Instagram (197), Discord (92) and WhatsApp (39). Between them, these five platforms came up in nearly 900 counselling sessions.

The NSPCC is also calling for nudity-blocking technology to be built into children's devices as standard.

Is my child too ill for school?			
Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?			
Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.			
Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Five-ish light cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or hoarseness, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis For conjunctivitis they are feeling very itchy. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You do not have to see a GP without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 48 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go to an measles risk register to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days before and for 7 days after. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea See your GP or school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse. To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'			

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.

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 'Connect' 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 event:

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](#).



The poster features three circular images at the top: a basketball game, students working together, and a student playing a keyboard. To the right is the Cheney School crest with the motto 'Think for yourself; act for others'.

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!

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

Community Flyer

Play Grassroots Football with Summertown Stars AFC!

Did you know that hundreds of children from our school community lace up their boots every single weekend to play for Summertown Stars AFC?

As North Oxford's premier grassroots community football club, we offer safe, inclusive, and highly fun football for boys and girls from Under-6s all the way up to adults. With over 60 teams, our focus is entirely on friendship, teamwork, and developing a lifelong love for sport—no matter your child's experience or current skill level!

• Fully accredited FA Coaches

• Dedicated girls' teams across almost all age groups

• Fun mid-week training at Phil & Jim and at Cherwell School and our home grounds of Five-Mile Drive. Weekend league and cup matches locally and away.

We are currently welcoming new players across several age groups, as well as parent volunteers who want to get involved in coaching or team support.

Want to join the fun?

Find your child's age group or register your interest today at

www.summertownstars.org or email our team at secretary@summertownstars.org.

Come and be a part of your local community club!



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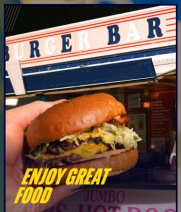
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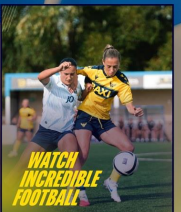
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WATERPERRY GARDENS

Waterperry, Wheatley, OX33 1JZ

AUTUMN FESTIVAL WEEKEND Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October 10.00-5.30

FREE sample and buy many of Waterperry's different juices – get advice and information on growing, planting, apple identification and selecting trees and rootstock – homemade goodies baked by the Teashop – Autumn craft and food fair in the undercover plant area – guided tours of the orchards & fruit sheds, including a behind-the-scenes visit to see the apple press in action **£4.75 or free with garden entry or annual pass** – snake trail through the gardens **£4.75** horse and cart rides throughout the weekend **Saturday** : Towersey Horse Shoes traditional dancing

<https://www.waterperrygardens.co.uk/event/autumn-festival-weekend-2026/>

MOX MUSEUM OF OXFORD

Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, OX1 1BX

SOUNDS OF THE CITY a new exhibition open until March 2027

Sounds of the City is an exhibition of objects, memorabilia, and stories celebrating Oxford's music scene in the 90s and beyond. The exhibition highlights iconic bands, gigs, grassroots venues, festivals, and record labels that all energetically shaped Oxford's sound. Marking 30 years since BBC Radio 1 Sound City Oxford in 1997, the exhibition revisits pivotal moments in the city's musical journey – from Ride's breakout as 'shoegaze' progenitors, to Supergrass' seminal album *I Should Coco* in 1995, and to Radiohead's epic hometown show at South Park in July 2001.

LIVE AND LOCAL Friday 2 October 7.00 To kick off the Sounds of the City: LIVE events programme, there's a welcome to Mick Quinn's DB Band and Emma Hunter, featuring stripped-back performances from these two stars of the local music scene.

tickets £10 or £8 pay a little less; £12 pay a little more which includes free entry to the museum and the Sounds of the City exhibition. **doors open at 6.30pm, with a chance to explore the museum before the performance starts promptly at 7.00 pm**

<https://museumofoxford.org/whats-on/special-exhibitions>

IF OXFORD SCIENCE AND IDEAS FESTIVAL

The 2026 science and ideas Festival is ready for you again, with exciting, intriguing and unexpected events and activities for all ages 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 (PWD) system, with no questions asked, plus a range of FREE events

THE STORY MUSEUM

42 Pembroke Street, OX1 1BP

ACCESS-FRIENDLY DAY Saturday 10 October 10.00-4.30

Enjoy a day of access to both the Galleries and Small Worlds with a single ticket and explore the Museum in whatever way best suits you and your family. The access-friendly days are suitable for all families but particularly those who prefer a more relaxed experience as the museum spaces run with adjusted lighting and sounds and the tickets are limited to keep the numbers low in the galleries. **£14 per person**

<https://www.storymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/access-friendly-day>

HARRY POTTER FAMILY QUIZ

Sunday 11 October 2.30 & 3.30

Witches and Wizards are invited to celebrate Harry Potter Book Night in our marvellous magic common room! Dust down your robes and brush up on your wizarding world knowledge for our special quiz. The theme for 2026 is Spells and Potions **£3 added to your Gallery entry**

<https://www.storymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/harry-potter-family-quiz-2026>

LOTS HAPPENING DURING HALF TERM WEEK

<https://www.storymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/>

SCIENCE OXFORD

The Science Oxford Centre, Stansfield 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

<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

FAMILY DAY WITH THE CLOUD FACTORY SHOW Saturday 17 October

with Dr Sarah Beachell - part of the IF OXFORD SCIENCE AND IDEAS FESTIVAL

Have you ever touched a cloud? Have you ever tasted a strawberry cloud? At The Cloud Factory you can touch, see, hear, smell and taste clouds as they are made from dry ice.

show times: 12.00-12.30 1.00-1.30 2.30-3.00 3.30-4.00

Admission to the show is free but the time slot must be booked with the family day ticket £9.50

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

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

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/>

SCIENCE CLUB : SKELETONS

Saturday 24 October 10.00, 12.30, 3.00

for ages 5-9 <https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/skeleton>

DANCIN' OXFORD

the twentieth Oxford 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 but mainly from mid-October

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/>

IRIS PROJECT – RUMBLE MUSEUM

Cheney School, Cheney Lane, OX3 7QH

VICTORIAN FESTIVAL Thursday 22 October 3.30 - 5.30

The Rumble Museum at Cheney School invites you to their Victorian Festival with 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-farthing cycles and Victorian magic shows and new a ferris wheel. There will be displays from a number of local museums and organisations, as well as creative activities and stalls run by Cheney's Museum Council students. The Victorian magic show will be at 3.05, 4.00, and 5.00.

The event is FREE but donations are welcomed To book places, please use the on line form

please email iro@cheneyschool.org with any questions <https://rumblemuseum.org.uk/index.php/what-s-on>

HILL END OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Eynsham Road, OX2 9NJ

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES already bookable!

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

WILD DAYS FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS Monday 26, Tuesday 27 October 9.00-4.30

For small groups of up to 16 children, offering nature-immersive activities exploring the woodland, meadows, ponds and streams at Hill End and in next-door Wytham Woods – setting up base camp each day for an exciting range of activities such as nature walks, bushcraft, campfire cooking, den-building, and finding out about autumn plants and animals.

£50 per day lots more information at <https://hill-end.org/news/wild-days/>

WOODLAND SPOOKYACULAR FAMILY DAYS Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 October 10.00-2.00

Spend a fantastic day of autumn adventure at Hill End! Explore the stunning 67-acre site, get creative with nature crafts, enjoy spooky activities, and gather around the campfire to toast marshmallows.

booking essential £9 adults, £7 children aged 2-16 under 2s free

bring a picnic or add lunch to your booking – filled jacket potato £6, soup £5

https://hill-end.org/news/woodland_spook/

further ahead but best to book early WW1 TRENCHES TOUR Saturday 7 November 10.00-12.00

Deep in Wytham Woods are genuine WW1 practice trenches dug by Oxfordshire Soldiers 100 years ago, before they were posted to the front lines. This remembrance weekend, join our volunteer Kim Base on this poignant guided tour – with many thanks to the University of Oxford Wytham Woods.

Please note that the walk from Hill End takes 20-25 minutes, and is up hill at times. Sturdy footwear is recommended.

booking essential £7 adult, £5 children https://hill-end.org/news/ww1_practice_trenches/

THE OLD BODLEIAN – DIVINITY SCHOOL

Catto Street OX1 3BG

HALLOWEEN FILM SCREENINGS Friday 30, Saturday 31 October, Sunday 1 November

each day : Monsters Inc. (2001) 3.00 Beetlejuice (1988) 6.00 Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992) 9.00

doors will open half an hour before each screening

early bird £22 in advance £25 on the door (if available) £30

half price for children for Monsters Inc.

<https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/2026/oct/halloween-film-screenings>

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THE STORY MUSEUM



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CLOSING DATE: 15 NOVEMBER

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YA: 12-17
Children: 7-11

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SOAP'S SUMMER CHILL OUT

13.09.26
12 - 4PM*

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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
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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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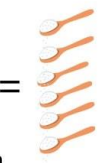


Sugary drinks and oral health

Did you know?...



Tropicana
orange juice
300 mls



25.8g 6 tps

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



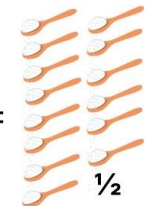
Innocent
Berry
smoothie
300 mls



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



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**A taste* of
the Festival...**



Arts and performance

Anna Dumitriu exhibition, JR Hospital &
Optical illusion uchiwa, Pegasus (all Festival)
Lady Ionosphere, E.Ox Community Centre (Fri 9 Oct)
Poetry of Science, Westgate Library (Sat 17 Oct)
The Cloud Factory, Science Oxford (Sat 17 Oct)
Brain Bending Illusion Show, Pegasus (Sun 18 Oct)
Ruskin's Skies, Ashmolean Museum (Sat 24 Oct)
Storm-Cloud, Natural Hist. Museum (Sat 24 Oct)
Amazing Animals, The North Wall (Tue 27 Oct)
Orbit, by Creation Theatre, and
Dancing Dark Matter (Thu 29 Oct)
Fusing Glass: Becca Rowland, (31 Oct & 1 Nov)

Interactive Festival zones

Packed with hands-on activities for families, teenagers and adults on weekends, evenings and during half term, spend a few hours at:

Family Day (Sat 17 Oct)
EXPLORAZONE (Sat 17 Oct)
TECHWORKS (Sun 25 Oct)
BLAST! (Tue 27 Oct)
ZONE ONE (Thu 29 Oct)

Presentations and Talks

The Dawn of AI (Sat 17 Oct)
Ghost in the Machine documentary, Q&A (Tue 20 Oct)
Careers in Medical Research (Wed 21 Oct)
Spilling the Tea with Uncomfortable Oxford (Wed 21 Oct)
Breakup Monologues: Artificial Intimacy? (Mon 26 Oct)
Weapons of Mass Persuasion: Propaganda (Mon 26 Oct)
Modelling the Undead: Zombies & Health (Sat 31 Oct)



Workshops and a new hobby?

Get coding with **Glow Your Own** (Wed 14 Oct–18 Nov):
Photographing Big Science at Culham (Sat 17 Oct)
Enamelling: Make a pendant (Mon 19 & 26 Oct)
Metals and Colour from the Earth (Tue 20 Oct)
The Chemistry of Colour (Thu 22 Oct)
Exploring Art for Science: Wildlife Drawing (Mon 26 Oct)
Fusion Fix It (Thu 29 Oct)
Origami Engineering: beginner to expert (Sat 31 Oct)

Try tours!
UKAEA Open Day (Sat 24 Oct)
History of Oxford Science (Sat 31 Oct)

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FAMILY SHOWS AUTUMN 2026



TINY IDEAS FESTIVAL

Page One Theatre presents

RISE AND FALL

Saturday 26 September 11am and 2pm

Meet all manner of balloons from small floating moons to vast bouncing orbs! Forever expanding and contracting, balloons are free to float, fly and sway. Hold your breath and go sailing away.

Rise and Fall is a poetic and intriguing performance for young audiences about holding on and letting go. Performed by one dancer, Rise and Fall has toured internationally and at UK venues including The Royal Opera House.

AGES 2+



The Last Baguette presents

BIN RAT

Sunday 27 September 11am and 2pm

A rat-astic and realistic look into refuse and recycling. Rummage through the rubble with Bin Rat to discover where all the junk goes!

Scrape scraps off the streets in this interactive puppetry show, & find out what literally happens to litter.

The Last Baguette presents an entertaining, accessible and eccentric work for family audiences.

AGES 3-8

TICKETS: £12 (£8 children, under 2s go free)

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M6 Theatre presents

ALL THE SMALL THINGS

Saturday 24 October 11am and 2pm

Deep in the woods, in the middle of nowhere, lives the Story Collector. Drawers, cabinets and cupboards brim with baddies and goodies, hopes and wishes, once upon a time and far, far away. A magical place of possibilities. On the turn of the snow globe, the enchantment begins...

M6 Theatre's trademark beautiful design and heartwarming storytelling combine with singing, puppetry, and physical comedy in this brand-new spin on fairytales.

AGES 4+



Sonrisa Arts presents

DANCE IN THE DARK

Wednesday 28 October 1pm & 3pm

Come in your favourite PJs for a slumber party in a giant sleepover den and a playful night-time adventure. As darkness descends, giggle as we get ready for bed, explore spooky shadows, listen to night-time sounds, and feel the wind and rain on our faces.

Discover the magic of the dark, whirl and twirl, catch a shooting star and learn to be brave at bedtime.

Co-created with children, this beautiful new show is a dreamy multi-sensory feast that gently introduces little ones to the magic and wonder of theatre.

AGES 3-8

STAY AND PLAY!

Families are invited to join us for relaxed and inclusive arts and crafts, activities and play between children's shows. These are free drop-in workshops, open to all.

Details of timings for each Stay and Play session are available on the website.





A free group bike ride for families!



Sunday 27 September 2026

**All ages and abilities welcome!
Children must be accompanied by an adult**

Feeder routes begin at 2:00pm:
Florence Park
Cutteslowe School
Makespace (Jericho, OX2 6TP)
Headington (Manor Surgery, OX3 9BP)
West Oxford (Oatlands Road Rec, OX2 0HS)

**Meet 2:30pm Gloucester Green
Combined ride begins at 3:00pm**