



St Andrew's C of E Primary School 9th October

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





We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school next week for our **Class Teacher meetings on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October**. Thank you to everyone who has already booked their slot. If you are having any difficulties booking a meeting time, please contact the office.

On **Friday 16th October** it is our **British History Day for Key Stage 2 (Years 3 - 6)**. This is a day when children can come dressed up in an outfit to represent their period of history (Stone Age, Romans, Anglo-Saxons or Vikings). There are special events and visitors also planned to make this an enriched learning experience.

The following week (**19th - 22nd October**) we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school as part of our '**Connect**' week. Please see below for more details.

Finally, the **governors complete an annual parent/carers survey** ([Governor questionnaire to parents/ carers – Fill out form](#) & **QR code**) as part of their oversight of the teaching and learning in St Andrew's school. The governors will be available at the Class Teacher meetings to talk with parents/ carers about the governor role and answer any questions you may have.

Governor questionnaire to parents/ carers



Harvest Celebrations

This week, we had our Harvest Celebrations.

Mother Emma, from St Andrew's Church, visited our Reception class with the 'church mice' to talk about Harvest thanksgiving.

On Tuesday, Years 1 - 6 went to St Andrew's Church for our Harvest Service. The school council helped to take the harvest gifts to church (we needed a whole trolley as well as Mrs Simmons' car full of boxes). In church each class contributed to the service with either a song, poem or prayer; and every child brought a harvest gift up to the altar. During the service, every child wrote a note of thanks on a paper leaf, which they hung on the tree on the way out of the church.

A special thanks to Spike, Kate and Louise for leading the music and orchestra and to our Year 5 and 6 school councillors who helped fill two cars with all the harvest gifts from the school and church community to take to the Community Emergency Foodbank ([Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank | CEF Oxford CEF Oxford](#)).



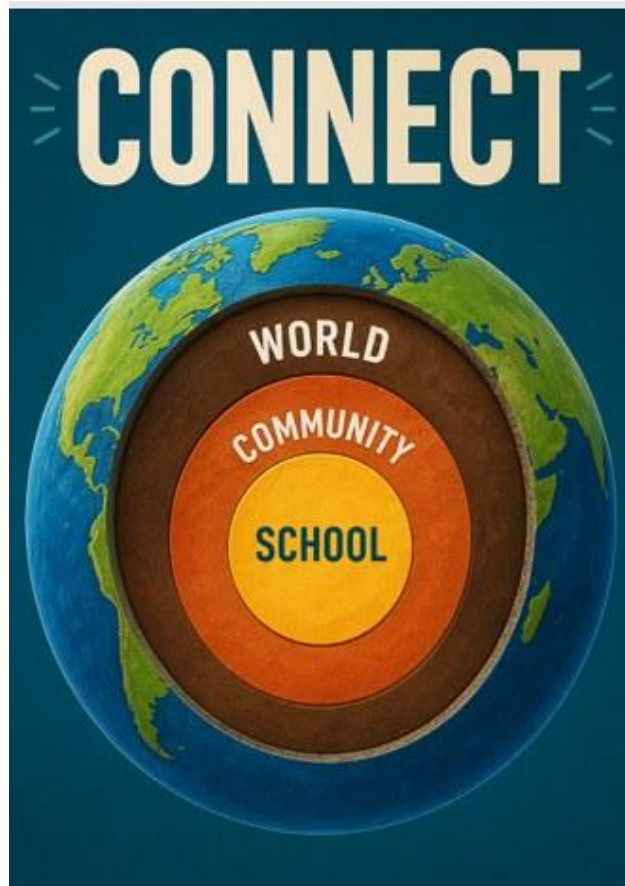
Connect week

Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd October is our '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.

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.





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.



Headington Wombles

Headington Wombles next community litter pick is being held on Friday 16th October 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

A few reminders

Orchestra

There will be no orchestra on Monday 12th October.

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.

Birthday celebrations

At St Andrew's we like to celebrate your child's birthday. Here is a poster with what that looks like in school and what your child could bring in or do.

 Guidance for Celebrations At St Andrew's we value the importance of recognising children's birthdays and sharing other celebrations. Some parents like to send in a small treat for their child to share with their class, but there is no obligation to do so.				
Birthdays This is how we acknowledge and celebrate birthdays at school and how you can help us with this:				
Class	What we do at school ...	We are happy to share out	Even better if ...	No thank you!
Reception class 	- We sing Happy Birthday to your child and read the birthday poem. - The child then chooses a short story from the birthday DVD for the class to watch.	 - A small individual cake or - A small packet of sweets or - A biscuit or - A lolly Ideally, these items would be the same, so that children do not have to choose a type of cake, for example.	 - A pencil - A ruler - Some fruit e.g. fruit kebabs - A verbal invitation to meet in a park after school for a run around together!	 - More than ONE thing to distribute - Whole birthday cakes - Drinks - Toys - Party bags - Party food - Fast Food - Kids meals - Pizza
Years 1 - 6 	- Each child stands up on the stage in assembly. - They tell everyone when their birthday is, and Mrs Holmes presents them with a small gift. - The whole school sings 'The Birthday Song'.			
Other Celebrations  Christian celebrations, such as Christmas and Easter will be celebrated in school. For other celebrations, please refer to the guidelines above for appropriate choices of things that we can share out. Please be aware that other families in your child's class may be considering the same celebration so you might be able to do something together!				
Please remember:  If you prefer that your child does not take a treat for a birthday or celebration (either regularly or as a one off) please let us know and we will support you in your decision.  If you would like to send in a treat, please check the number of children in the class with your child's teacher to ensure that no-one is left out!  We are a NOT FREE school, so treats should not contain nuts or nut products.				
Our aim  We hope that the above information will help us continue to value the importance of marking birthdays and celebrations at school, whilst allowing us to show consideration for all family budgets, our status as a healthy school and be environmentally friendly! Please remember that there is no obligation to send in treats for celebrations; see your child's class teacher if you have any questions.				
THANK YOU!				

Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra - family concert

FUNomusica: 'Halloween Spooktacular' 18 October 2026 | 15:00 | Olivier Hall, St Edward's School, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 7NN

Alasdair Malloy presenter

It's Halloween! Disguise yourself in a spooky manner and come along to join our Master of the Ghostly Revels, Alasdair Malloy, who will introduce music guaranteed to give you goosebumps. You will hear the spooktacular Oxford Philharmonic perform mysterious music about witches, ghosts, vampires, ghouls and gnomes and you will go dancing with the Devil in a special story version of Saint-Saëns's Danse Macabre. We will need help from the Ghostbusters!

Most suitable for ages 4 - 8

Pre-concert Arts & Crafts start at 14:00

You can buy tickets here: <https://oxfordphil.com/event/funomusica-family-concert-halloween-spooktacular/> or by calling our box office line on 01865 980 980.

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.



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.

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.

Is my child too ill for school?				UK Government	NHS
Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?				YES Keep them off school until it goes away.	NO Follow the guidance below.
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 Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or redness, as long as they're otherwise well, and do not have a high temperature.	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 Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 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.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe soreness, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.		
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Head lice & nit You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they aren't 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.	Ringworm See your pharmacist or GP if it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once you have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Distance them from other children for 7 to 10 days. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP urgently before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from 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 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](#).



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

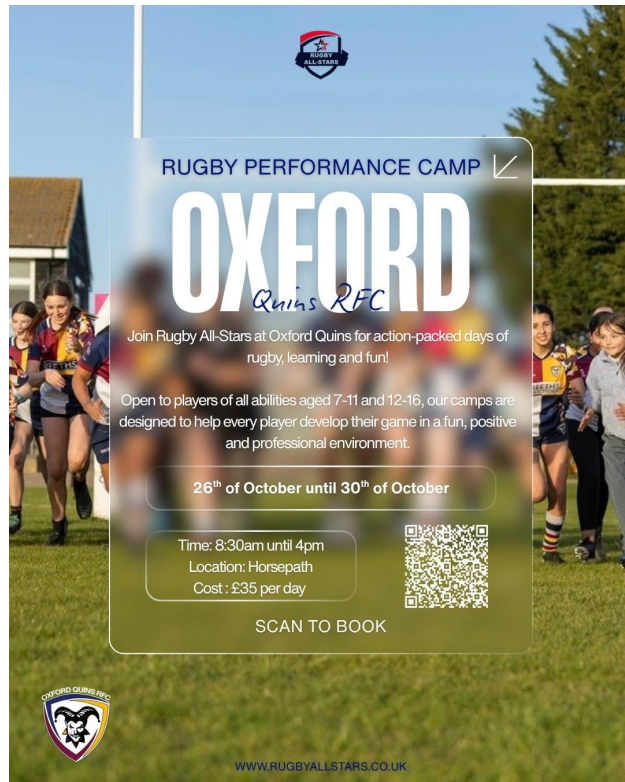
Eggs

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



A promotional poster for a Rugby Performance Camp. The background is a blurred image of young women in rugby kits running on a grass field. At the top center is the Rugby All-Stars logo. The main title 'RUGBY PERFORMANCE CAMP' is in blue, followed by 'OXFORD' in large white letters and 'Quins RFC' in a script font. Below this is a paragraph about the camp. A date box indicates the camp runs from the 26th to the 30th of October. Another box lists the time (8:30am to 4pm), location (Horsepath), and cost (£35 per day). A QR code is provided for booking, with the text 'SCAN TO BOOK' below it. The Oxford Quins RFC crest is in the bottom left, and the website 'WWW.RUGBYALLSTARS.CO.UK' is at the bottom center.



RUGBY PERFORMANCE CAMP ✓

OXFORD

Quins RFC

Join Rugby All-Stars at Oxford Quins for action-packed days of rugby, learning and fun!

Open to players of all abilities aged 7-11 and 12-16, our camps are designed to help every player develop their game in a fun, positive and professional environment.

26th of October until 30th of October

Time: 8:30am until 4pm
Location: Horsepath
Cost : £35 per day



SCAN TO BOOK



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School holidays just got more exciting!

Fresh air, freedom and adventure!



Ready for a school holiday full of excitement?

Active Adventures at Youlbury is the ultimate outdoor adventure club for children aged 8-16. Packed with thrilling challenges, nature connection activities, and epic team games, each day offers a new adventure to inspire a love for the great outdoors!

www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events



Give your child an unforgettable school holiday filled with fresh air, freedom and adventure!

Set within 42 acres of stunning woodland in rural Oxfordshire at Youlbury, Boars Hill, children aged 8-16 will take part in a daily programme of non-stop outdoor action. With expert instructors leading the way, creating a safe and supportive environment where children run, climb, explore, and build confidence while unplugging from screens and having a blast with friends in the great outdoors!

What's on offer:

- High-energy adventures such as archery, ziplining, and climbing.
- Fun team building games and problem-solving challenges.
- Survival skills such as shelter building, backwoods cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.

When is it:

- Running throughout February, Easter, May, Summer and October school holidays (see website for dates).
- 8.30am - 5.30pm daily (activities run 9am - 5pm)
- Participants can attend individual days, or the entire week.

Pricing:

£35 per day, per child. Save 10% on a 5-day block and each additional child.

Book now and join the adventure!

www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events

✉ activeadventures@scoutadventures.org.uk

📍 Scout Adventures Youlbury,
Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HD

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The Scout Association, Silverdale, Chingford, London, England E4 7JX



CHILDREN'S COURSE:

Learn to Ride a Bike

THIS COURSE IS SUITABLE FOR:

Children with motor co-ordination difficulties (DCD/dyspraxia) aged 7-16 years who have struggled to learn to ride a two-wheeled bike.

The course includes up to 12 children, so it is only suitable for children who do not have behavioural or emotional difficulties that would impact on their ability to work in a group setting and with different volunteers helping them learn to ride during the course.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The course takes place indoors, in a large event space. See this link to the ["Learn to Ride a Bike"](#) video that we made a few years ago that shows our approach.

COST?

The course is free of charge to participants.

WHO RUNS THE COURSE?

Mainly experienced volunteers, with leadership from the Fire Service (who are responsible for road safety in Oxfordshire), in collaboration with Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford Brookes University, and the Oxford Dyspraxia Foundation group.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Children on the course must bring their own bike and helmet and be accompanied by an adult at all times.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKING

Email: learntrabike@gmail.com



Next date:

Mon 26th to Fri 30th Oct 2026

(1-2 hours every morning)

Venue:

MINI Plant Visitor Centre,
Cowley, Oxford, OX4 6NL
(Free parking in MINI Plant car park)



*Learn to Ride a Bike video
QR Code and webpage
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZ6BHC-W5Q0





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REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1122173

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS!

Come down for a half-term of fun, football and the chance to meet new friends. The camps take place in a safe and fun environment, mixing fun sessions with skill-based activities suitable for all abilities.

- Boys camp: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
- Girls camp: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
- The Oxford Academy, Oxford, OX4 6JZ

For any enquiries,
please email
community@oufc.co.uk

Scan to book
your place!



YOUTHLAB





Aged 8-17? Love writing and drama?

Playwriting Opportunity

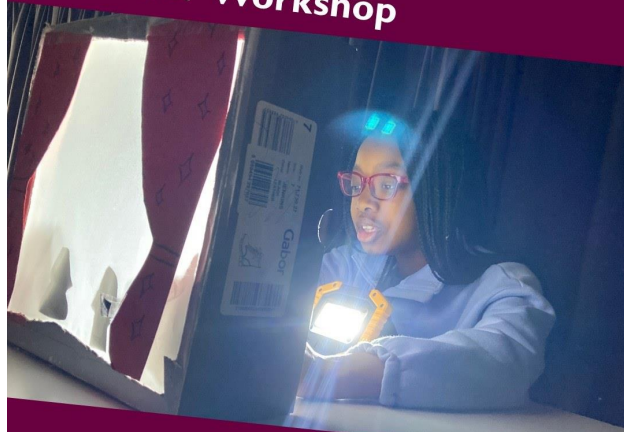
Would you like to co-write a brand-new play?

We are inviting local young creatives to write and submit a five-minute scene. Scenes will be knitted together to create a vignette-style play. The play will have public performances in July 2027. No experience necessary!

Apply now - thenorthwall.com

Apply by 6 November 2026

October Workshop



Shadow Puppet Theatre

26 & 27 October 9am - 12pm

8 - 11 year olds

Join us this half term to explore storytelling through shadow puppetry. Each participant will make their own shadow box and puppets and bring their story to life with movement, light, sounds and character voices.

Book now: www.thenorthwall.com

TERM TIME CLASSES



HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



October Half Term Holiday Workshops

FOR AGES 5-13

Magic and Mischief

'The Studio' at Old
Headington Village
Hall, OX3 9BY

£25/ Half Day
£48/ Day
£130/ Week

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IF OXFORD SCIENCE AND IDEAS FESTIVAL 16-31 October

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.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS : ARTS AND PERFORMANCES bookable : Poetry of Science – Brain bending illusion show – Storm cloud – Amazing animals

INTERACTIVE ZONES drop in : Family day – Explorazone – Tech works – Blast! – Zone one

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS : The dawn of AI – Ghost in the machine – Spilling the tea

WORKSHOPS : Glow your own – coding – The chemistry of colour – Origami engineering, beginner to expert

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, 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

42 Pembroke Street, OX1 1BP

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, 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

£5.50 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>

FAMILY DAY WITH THE CLOUD FACTORY SHOW Saturday 17 October

with Dr Sarah Beardsell - 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 your 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

book now - they sell out quickly! <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>

OXFORD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Parks Road, OX1 3PW

half term events

BAT TRACKERS TRAIL Saturday 24 October – Sunday 1 November

Grab your trail and get ready to flap into action! Bats have taken over the museum, and your help is needed to find them all!

best for ages 4-10 <https://oumnh.ox.ac.uk/event/bat-trail>

MEGALITH immersive experience by MECHANICAL Saturday 24 – Saturday 31 October

For ages 6+ FREE entry every 30 minutes.

Don't miss out! Head to the Welcome Desk when you arrive to discover the day's timings and book your free session. Spaces are limited for this exclusive, one-off experience, so be sure to reserve your place early!

Megalith is a fascinating new immersive experience that invites audiences into a participatory, interactive, hands-on encounter with rocks. Amid a changing climate, what might be the future of energy, beyond fossil fuels? Megalith offers a tactile, meditative exploration through copper, cobalt, lithium and tin - the critical metals that make up the batteries of tomorrow.

<https://oumnh.ox.ac.uk/event/megalith-immersive-experience-by-mechanical>

SPARKLE, SHINE AND ROCK Tuesday 26 October 1.00-4.00

An afternoon of discovering the wonderful world of rocks and minerals. From sparkly and shiny gemstones, to the rocks that help to build the world around us. Participate in crafts inspired by the beauty of gemstones and see some real rocks and minerals up close.

<https://oumnh.ox.ac.uk/event/sparkle-shine-and-rock>

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.

DANCE TASTER DAY Saturday 18 October 10.00-4.00 Summertown Arts, 294a Banbury Road, OX2 7ED

for age 18+ 45 minute sessions – each one a different dance style £5 a session – pay on the door

<https://www.dancinxford.co.uk/com-dance-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, pennyfarthing cycles and Victorian magic shows and a new's ferns 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/

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

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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/octhallooween-film-screenings>

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We support care-experienced young people through dance, including young people currently in care, previously looked after, living in kinship care and those who are adopted.

We hold weekly dance workshops for young people aged 5-25 where they learn different styles of dance, alongside many performances and social events!

For those over 12 they can complete Level 1 and Level 2 dance leadership qualifications.

This programme is held at Rose Hill Community Centre, Carole's Way, Oxford OX4 4HF on a Monday evening.

We also have programmes across the country should any young people live closer to another programme.

If interested or you have any queries or if you would like to sign up, please use the QR code or contact:

amelia@caretodance.co.uk

Care to Dance consent form





Our Dance Communities



North East:

- South Tyneside
- Stockton-on-Tees
- Gateshead
- Durham
- Sunderland
- Teesside

London:

- Hackney Wick/Newham
- Southwark
- City of London
- Hertfordshire
- Islington

East Midlands:

- Nottinghamshire (Mansfield)
- Leicester
- Lincoln

Staffordshire:

- Stafford
- Lichfield

Telford and Wrekin

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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.

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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.

