



NEWSLETTER

3RD JULY 2026



We are entering the final two weeks of the school year, and apart from the run up to Christmas, these are the busiest weeks of the academic calendar. We have a number of lovely events planned for the next couple of weeks. Please see diary dates below.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2026

- Headteachers Forum - 08.07.26 (2.45pm)
- Rock Steady Concert - 09.07.26 (9.15am)
- Sports Night - 03.07.26 (6.00pm)
- End of Year Production (Otters) 15.07.26 (6.00pm)
- End of Year Disco - 16.07.26 (6.00pm)
- Leavers Service - 17.07.26 Year 6 families only (9.15am)
- End of Term 6 - 17.07.26 (1.00pm Finish)

September 2026

- Term 1 Starts 2026/2027 - 07.09.26



HEADTEACHER FORUM



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KINDNESS

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this has been rescheduled for Wednesday 8th July at 2.45pm. Following on from our Parent View survey, we will be holding these sessions at different times and days in the next academic year to enable more parents to attend

ABUSE OF STAFF

Please may we remind all parents that school staff need to be treated with respect. We value every single partnership with parents, and although there may be times when something is not quite as you would hope, there is no excuse for rudeness or aggression. As we enter a busy time of year, please remember, everyone is working hard to support your children.

IMPORTANT

MY CHILD AT SCHOOL

In the coming weeks, we will be transitioning from ParentMail to My Child At School (MCAS).

From 17th July, MCAS will be the only app used for school communications. Please check the activation email that was recently sent to all parents. If you have not received this email, please check your junk/spam folder. If you are still unable to locate it, please contact the school office for assistance.

SUMMER WORKS

SWIMMING POOL AND TREE HOUSE

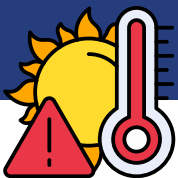
Ironically, we have finally had some progress on filling in the swimming pool! (No, we really can't open it up again despite the heat!!!). This work is hopefully going to be completed during the summer break. Once the pool is filled, we will begin to explore options for using the extra land.

In addition, we are looking forward to having a tree house built as part of our new Forest School area. Watch this space.



FOSP

We are still looking for volunteers to take over some of the key roles on the committee. Thank you to those who have already offered to help. Events like Sports Night would not happen without the amazing volunteers we have, so, please consider getting involved. It will be much appreciated by the whole school community.



SCHOOL CLOSURE AND MITIGATIONS

We would like to thank everyone for their understanding during the last week of school closures. This is never an easy decision to make, with many factors to consider. We have the advantage of being able to work with the 8 other Acer schools to share this kind of decision making. Unfortunately, summers are only going to get hotter and we have already begun discussions about air conditioning, altering roof lights, installing blinds and exploring reflective film on windows. Of course, none of these are cheap solutions so we will need to consider costs and benefits whilst working with the wider trust.

Closing the school really is a last resort but we do appreciate the impact it has on families. Next week looks set to be another hot one. Please ensure children have hats, water bottles and sunscreen. If they would like to wear PE kit, they are very welcome to do so.

SPORTS NIGHT

We are all looking forward to some sporting fun this evening. Please show support for your child's team by coming in their team colours.

Thank you to FOSPs for all their hard work supporting the event and to Mike for setting up the marquees for us again.

At the end of the evening, we do need to take down the marquees so they can be used for the Village Fete on Saturday, so if anyone is able to volunteer to help, it would be much appreciated.



OXFORD STORY MUSEUM TRIP

Dragonflies just managed to fit in their trip to The Story Museum in Oxford before the heatwave. They had a lovely time taking part in a workshop about tricksters in stories and had the opportunity to explore the museum.



TIGGYWINKLES TRIP

Ladybird class were able to rearrange their trip to TiggyWinkles for Monday. They enjoyed learning about how the different animals are cared for and were especially fascinated by Sponge Bob, the tortoise, who was quite the character.



CURRENT SCHOOL AVAILABILITY

We have a few spaces available in our current year groups. Please do pass our information on if you know any families who may be considering a new school or relocating.

Year 2 - 1 space
Year 3 - 1 spaces
Year 4 - 2 spaces



WATER SAFETY ASSEMBLY

We had the pleasure of welcoming Natalie Townsend, Swim School Lead at Abbey Sport Centre, to our school for a special assembly on water safety.

Following the assembly, this wonderful picture was drawn by Millie Robinson from our Ladybird Class, beautifully reflecting the important water safety messages from the session.

Thank you, Natalie, for delivering such an engaging and informative assembly and helping our children learn valuable life-saving skills.





WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER CLUB BOOK

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

This weeks book recommendation by Mrs Geller



Stuck is a funny and imaginative picture book about a boy named Floyd whose kite gets stuck in a tree. Instead of finding a simple solution, he keeps throwing different objects into the tree, and they all get stuck too! The story gets sillier with every page, making it fun to read.

Oliver Jeffers' colourful illustrations and clever humour make this book enjoyable for children and adults alike. It encourages readers to use their imagination and reminds us that sometimes the easiest solution is the best one.

I would recommend Stuck to anyone who enjoys funny stories with surprising endings.

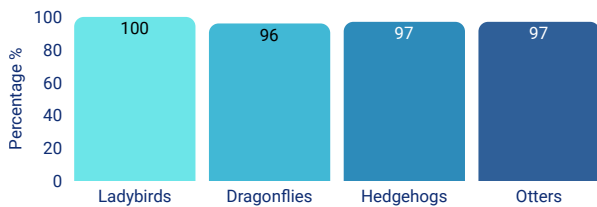


ATTENDANCE

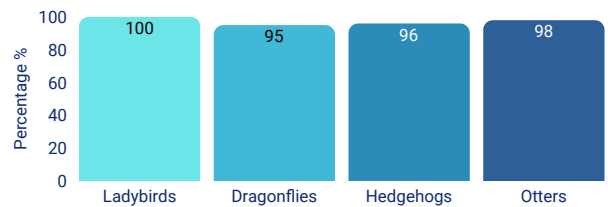
The school has an attendance target of 97%, so far this academic year our overall attendance is 96.3%. Each child has an important part to play in helping us meet it. Regular attendance supports learning, builds confidence, and ensures every pupil can make the most of the opportunities school offers.

Thank you to all families for supporting good attendance—together, we can continue to build strong habits that help every child thrive.

Attendance 22nd to 25th June 2026



Attendance 29th June to 3rd July 2026



Well done to Ladybird class for highest attendance for the last two weeks!

CAKE CLUB

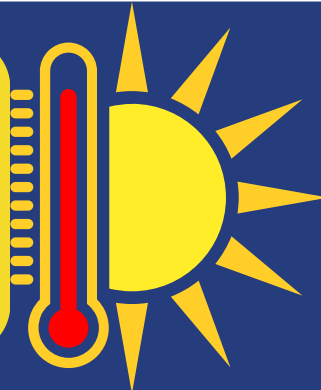
Would you like your child to be in with a chance of winning a cake each Friday? Cake club membership costs £10 for the year; which can be paid in full, or at £3.50 per term to guarantee your entry. Membership means your child's name will be entered into the Cake Club draw each Friday to win the cake kindly donated by a different family each time. If you would like to take part in Cake Club and help us raise funds for FOSP, please see Mrs Venner or leave money in the office clearly marked with your child's name.

Calling all bakers. We have created an online cake club rota: [Cake Club Google Sheet](#) - Please do pop your name down against any of the available dates if you would be willing to bake or donate a cake. If you are unable to edit the google sheet directly, please email the office with the date you'd like and we can pop your name on for you.

Please can we ask that all cakes made are nut and gelatine free.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

With the hot weather arriving, please could all children come to school wearing sun cream, with a full water bottle and a hat each day. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable in the warm weather.



Community Events

OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

OUR MISSION: GET CHILDREN OUTDOORS, ACTIVE AND FULL OF ADVENTURE. Every day is packed with imaginative play, creative challenges, outdoor games and hands-on experiences that help children build confidence, make friendships and create lifelong memories.

AGE: Primary school children (School Years 1 - 6)

FLEXIBLE BOOKING: Book for a day, a full week or more

PRICE: Tax Free/Childcare vouchers accepted Haddenham - £39.50 | Jack Peers: £37.50

TIME: Haddenham - 8:45am - 3:15pm | Jack Peers - 8:45am - 3:00pm

WHAT WE DO: Every Holiday Club day is built around a different adventure theme, from Minecraft and NERF to bushcraft, water games, campfire cookout plus much more.

Children enjoy a variety of structured activities, team games, creative challenges and outdoor play throughout the day, with plenty to keep them active, engaged and having fun.

JULY

20 MON	21 TUE	22 WED	23 THU	24 FRI
NO CLUB	Nature Ninjas - Protectors of the Planet	Advanced Bushcraft Skills	Among Us Spy Camp	NO CLUB
27 MON	28 TUE	29 WED	30 THU	31 FRI
Campfire Cookout	How to Train Your Dragon	Ultimate Water Day	Wizards of the Wild	NO CLUB

Haddenham Community Junior School

Woodways, Haddenham HP17 8DS

Our school site is a contained, child-friendly space with everything we need for active, imaginative outdoor play. We have a wide open field that's perfect for running around, a lovely patch of woodland (amazing on hot days), and a sturdy play gym. There's also an outdoor classroom, giving us shelter if we need some cover.

The Jack Peers Centre

Views Farm Barns, Windmill Hill, Great Milton, Oxford OX44 7NW

This has been one of our favourite party spots for years, and we're thrilled to be running a few days of holiday clubs here this summer. Just 10 minutes from both Thame and Wheatley, the woodland is perfect for den building, bushcraft and all kinds of wild games, with a small building on site for toilets, handwashing and an indoor space in case of extreme weather. If you haven't been before, it's worth the trip for the remote woodland vibes alone!

AUGUST

3 MON	4 TUE	5 WED	6 THU	7 FRI
Enchanted Forest	Toy Story Day	Star Wars NERF	World Stick Championships	NO CLUB
10 MON	11 TUE	12 WED	13 THU	14 FRI
Wizards of the Wild	Ultimate Water Day	How to Train Your Dragon	Campfire Cookout	NO CLUB
17 MON	18 TUE	19 WED	20 THU	21 FRI
World Stick Championships	Star Wars NERF	Toy Story Day	Enchanted Forest	NO CLUB

Collect stamps for every visit to earn your patches!

Sharing's Caring! INTRODUCE A FRIEND AND EARN £10 CREDIT WHEN THEY MAKE THEIR FIRST BOOKING (find your unique code in 'my account')



For more activity details, FAQs and booking information: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

Ofted Registered | Tax-Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers Accepted | Children aged 5-12 (Years 1-6)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking to contribute to your local community, while gaining valuable skills and experience in a supportive work environment?



We run youth groups for autistic young people and we're looking for volunteers to get involved with supporting our young people in activities and socialising in a fun and safe environment

We have two youth groups:
 • Seniors (13-17 years) - Friday 6:30pm to 8:30pm
 • Juniors (8-12 years) - Saturday 10am to 12pm

Wolvercote Young People's Club, OX2 8AU



If you're interested in volunteering at one or both of our youth groups: Please email us at info@and-oxfordshire.co.uk



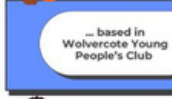
AND OXFORDSHIRE

Youth groups for autistic young people without intellectual disabilities

An inclusive space to develop independence, friendships & social skills...



...run by a specialist, experienced team providing a safe, fun and structured environment...



...based in Wolvercote Young People's Club

Juniors (8 - 12 years)
Saturdays
10:00am - 12:00pm

Seniors (13 - 17 years)
Fridays
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Contact us at info@and-oxfordshire.co.uk



Cygnets ART SCHOOL

Summer Holiday Art Classes
FOR AGES 5-12

Fine art classes throughout August at Caper on Magdalen Road, OX4

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