



# NEWSLETTER

11TH SEPTEMBER 2026



We would like to officially welcome everyone back to school for the start of a very exciting year to come. It has been lovely to see everyone back, well rested and raring to go for the year ahead. Well done to all parents for surviving 7 weeks of holiday!

We are looking forward to you joining us this evening for the traditional 'Welcome Back' party from 5.30pm.

The staff would like to thank families for the many generous gifts we received at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated.

This newsletter contains some useful information about the coming year, including the Year at a Glance document which will inform you of the main events happening throughout the year.

Our school newsletter will be published once a fortnight, whilst each class will be sharing a 'Peek at the Week' giving class specific information. These will be available every Monday morning. The newsletter is a great opportunity to showcase our vision 'Explore, Enjoy, Excel' as well as our values of Caring, Confidence and Curiosity.

As well as in school recognition, we would like to celebrate out of school achievements too, so if you would like to share anything your children are especially proud of, please let the office know and we will include it in the following newsletter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

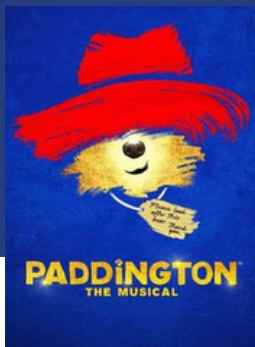
### September 2026

- Welcome Back Party - 11.09.26 (5.30pm)
- Meet the Teachers - Otter - 14.09.26 (2.45pm)
- Open Morning - 23.09.26 (9.30-11.00am)
- Headteacher Forum - 29.09.26 (9.30am)

### October 2026

- OPAL 'Come and Play' - 09.10.26 (2.30pm)
- Open Morning - 12.10.26 (09.30 - 11.00am)
- Harvest Celebrations - 14.10.26 (9.15am)
- Ladybird Parent Consultations - 20<sup>th</sup>, 21, 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct
- Dragonfly Parent Consultations - 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Hedgehog Parent Consultations - 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Otter Parent Consultations - 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Halloween Disco - 22.10.26 (TTBC)
- Inset Day - 23.10.26
- Half Term - 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026





## WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP

We are delighted to announce that we have secured tickets for the whole school to attend 'Paddington The Musical' on Thursday 25th March.

Whilst this will be an incredible experience for the children, we recognise that it will be quite costly once we have factored in the ticket price and coach travel to London. (Approx £50 per head) Therefore, at this stage, we would like to know if you would like to secure a ticket for your child. No child will miss out due to cost. We are then able to allocate tickets and set up payment plans to enable families to spread the cost over the 7 months until the trip.

If you would prefer your child not to attend, they will still be expected in school for the day.

Please can we ask that you complete the online form, expressing interest. The form has been sent on email and will close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

## PACKED LUNCHES

Please can we remind all parents that we are a nut free school and would therefore request that no nut based foods are included in lunch boxes. In addition, please can we ask that grapes, cherry tomatoes etc are cut up to avoid choking hazards.



## OPAL RESOURCES

As part of our OPAL work, we will be initiating some new play opportunities when we return to school. If you are having a clear out during the holidays we would love to take the following off your hands.

Small world play e.g. Happy Land  
Dolls, prams, dolls clothes

Dressing up clothes  
Puppets

Small garden hand tools e.g. trowels, forks

## IMPORTANT

### PARKING

Please could all parents be considerate when parking in the church car park and avoid parking on or blocking the new pathway. Could we also remind parents that Cratlands Close is a residential road. Please park considerately, ensuring that paths and driveways are not blocked, and avoid leaving engines idling.

Our school carpark is strictly for Staff only, please do not enter/use to turn around at any time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## SUMMER HOLIDAY PROJECTS UPDATE!

During the break, we had a number of exciting things happening in the school grounds. Our swimming pool was finally filled in and we are just waiting for the grass to become established before removing the fencing. In addition, we had the forest school gate moved closer to school so please continue to use the Church parking and back lane to come into school, W

Our new bike shed is on the way please watch this space.



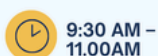


## STADHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



# OPEN MORNINGS

Come meet our amazing teachers, explore our classrooms,  
and experience the joy of learning at our school!



9:30 AM –  
11:00 AM



Cratlands Close,  
Stadhampton,  
OX44 7XL



Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2026



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2026



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2026



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MORE INFORMATION

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## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

### TERM 1 26/27

We are pleased to let you know we have  
Hockey and Netball after school clubs  
running in term 1

Mondays starting 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Netball Club open to Years 4, 5 & 6

Tuesdays starting 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Hockey Club open to Years 1, 2 & 3

Wednesdays starting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Netball Club open to Years 1, 2 & 3

Thursdays Starting 10<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Hockey Club open to Years 4, 5 & 6

Both hockey and Netball clubs are available  
to book on MCAS now under clubs

Fridays Starting 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Fencing Club open to Years 2 - 6

(external booking for this club)

<https://www.littlemusketeers.com/>

Stadhampton Primary

## OPAL 'COME AND PLAY'

You are all invited to join us for our  
second OPAL (Outdoor Play and  
Learning) 'Come and Play' session.

**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER @ 2.30PM**

Opportunity to play alongside your children with  
our many new activities including the slack lines,  
music centre, digging area, loose parts and den  
building.

# HARVEST Celebration

14<sup>th</sup> October 2026

## JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

We would welcome donation of dried and tinned goods,  
which we will be donating to Thame Food Bank

9.15am – 9.45am

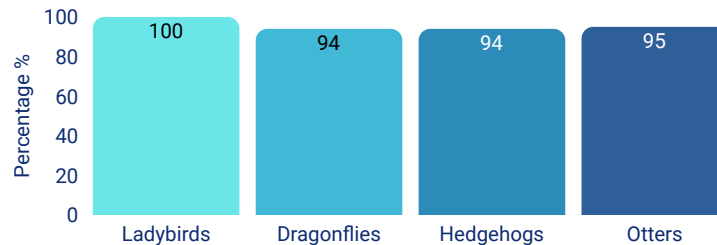


## ATTENDANCE

The school has an attendance target of 97%. 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 7th to 11th September 2026



Well done to Ladybird class for highest attendance first week back!

## 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 within the first term, or £5.00 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.**



# Sign Up Now

# Community Events

## OPEN EVENING

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
3:30 - 6:00pm



"Lessons are calm"

"Behaviour across the school is now very positive. Pupils are calm and respectful, with positive attitudes to learning"

"Leaders' very positive improvements in behaviour and the school's now embedded learning culture are particularly noticeable"

"Staff are very positive about working at the school"

"Pupils are happy in school, they feel known and liked by their teachers"



ENABLING ALL TO FLOURISH



The OXFORD Academy  
Praised by OFSTED for a 'systematic' approach to improvement



RIVER LEARNING TRUST

The Oxford Academy, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 6JZ  
Tel: 01865 774 311 Email: [enquiries@theoxfordacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@theoxfordacademy.org)



## Open Evening 17 September 2026

We're looking forward to welcoming you to this year's open evening event. Everyone's welcome to come along! There's no need to book, and there'll be lots of engaging and fun activities. We open at 6pm and the evening concludes with a talk from Mat Hunter, our headteacher, which will be at 7.30pm in the main hall. Come and find out what life at Icknield is really like ...



## Open Evening 2026

This year's Open Evening will take place on Thursday 1st October 2026.

All information about Open Evening will be added to this page, including how to register.

In the meantime, feel free to look at last year's event!



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

AMAZING ACTS! LOTS OF FUN!

# HAPPY'S CIRCUS

IS COMING TO

## WATLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

SATURDAY  
3RD OCTOBER 2026  
LOVE LANE, WATLINGTON

GATES OPEN 12PM  
FOOD, DRINKS & GAMES!

SHOW STARTS 2PM

£12 TICKETS

EARLY BIRD TICKETS £11 UNTIL THE END OF JULY!

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TICKETS

[www.buytickets.at/watlingtonprimaryschoolpta](http://www.buytickets.at/watlingtonprimaryschoolpta)

AMAZING ACTS  
CIRCUS FUN  
GAMES  
FOOD & DRINKS  
FUN FOR EVERYONE!

LAUGHTER, THRILLS & MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME!



## Wheatley Park School

### Open Evening and Morning

Join us at Wheatley Park School for: Open Evening Wednesday 23rd September 2026, 6-8pm Open Morning Friday 25th September 2026, 9-10.45am

[Read More](#)