



NEWSLETTER

25TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Once again, the term is racing by and we will be into October by the end of next week. The children have settled well into the school routines and have been particularly enjoying our OPAL equipment.

Forest School has been a particular highlight during the last fortnight, especially as our new Ladybirds have begun to join in. A real example of our school vision 'Explore, Enjoy, Excel'



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2026

- 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 - 20th, 21, 22nd Oct
- Dragonfly Parent Consultations - 19th, 21st Oct
- Hedgehog Parent Consultations - 19th, 20th, 21st Oct
- Otter Parent Consultations - 19th, 20th, 21st Oct
- Halloween Disco - 22.10.26 (TTBC)
- Inset Day - 23.10.26
- Half Term - 26th - 30th October 2026

CLASS COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you to those who came along to the 'Class Information' sessions. We hope you found them useful. In addition, you should be receiving a weekly class newsletter via MCAS.

Please let the office know if these are not getting through to you.

SPORTS NIGHT VIDEO

A huge 'Thank You' to Chris Ford for his incredible expertise (and patience) putting together our Sports Night video. It really does capture the joy of the evening and our community coming together. Do take a look by following the link below.

<https://www.stadhampton.oxon.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=13&catid=34>

OUR LEARNING

Our curriculum for the year ahead is now available on the school website. Each curriculum page has an overview of what the children will be learning. Have a look as this is a great way to support your child.

Please follow the link.

<https://www.stadhampton.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=188>

HEADTEACHER FORUM

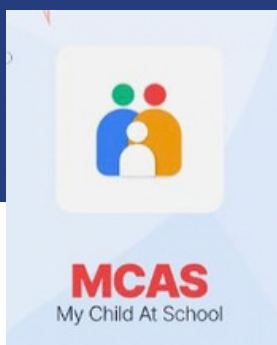
The first Headteacher Forum of the year will be held on **Tuesday 29th September at 9.00am**. There is an option to join online by following the link or in person (just come along to the office). There is an open agenda so if there is something you are curious about, come along. Just a reminder-it is NOT the forum for discussing individual concerns, but whole school matters.

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/393697924394832?p=DHiEKXH4VqSpfVL9rh>

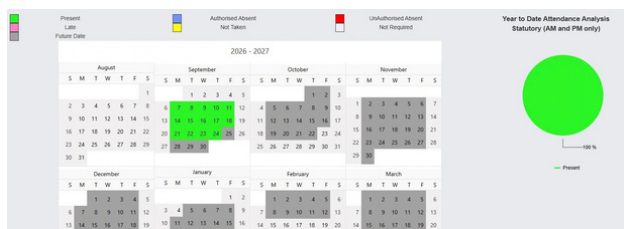
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MCAS AND ATTENDANCE

We would like to draw your attention to the feature on MCAS where you are able to track your child's attendance. You will find this feature on the app and desktop versions under attendance.



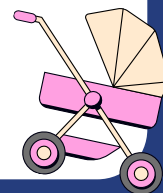
We understand that there are times when children are genuinely ill, or they are off following a period of sickness but very quickly missed sessions can build up.

OPAL COME AND PLAY

We are holding our next OPAL 'Come and Play' on **Friday 9th October at 2.30pm**. This is an opportunity for families to join us for 'playtime' and to see OPAL in action.

If you would be interested in joining our OPAL play team which supports with planning, training, gathering equipment etc, please let the office know. We are still after the following

Pallets
Construction bags
Guttering
Dolls and prams



CAR PARK

It is great to still see so many children completing an active journey to school. Hopefully we will see even more once our bike storage arrives (very soon).

However, at home time, there are a number of children playing on the grass verge in the staff car park, on the old fashioned plough and riding bikes around. Please can we ask that this does not happen. We would hate for children to be injured or staff cars to be damaged.



PHOTOGRAPHS

We are delighted to welcome Star Light Choice Photography into school on **Wednesday 30th September** for individual student photographs.

We will also be opening the school early for pre-booked sibling photography sessions. These appointments will take place between 8:30am -900am.

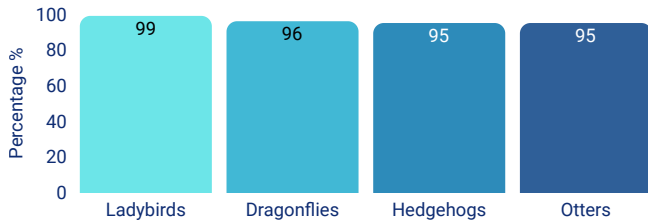
If you would like to book a sibling photography appointment, please pop into the school office, telephone us or email the office to check availability and reserve a slot.

ATTENDANCE

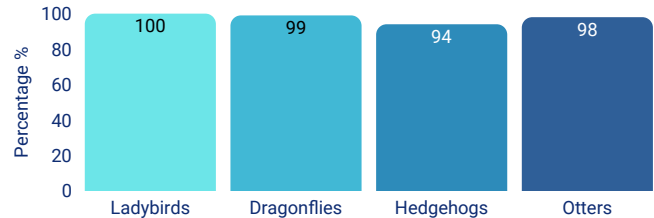
The school has an attendance target of 97%. Each child has an important part to play in helping us meet it. Regular attendance supports learning, builds confidence, and ensures every pupil can make the most of the opportunities school offers.

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

Attendance 14th to 18th September 2026



Attendance 21st to 25th September 2026



Well done to Ladybird class for highest attendance both 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 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.





CONGRATULATIONS

We are always keen to hear about the many exciting things our children get up to out of school and we were pleased to hear about Annie's piano accomplishments.

Over the summer, she passed (with merit!) the Initial Grade Piano with ABRSM. She had to perform 4 pieces with a number of marked criteria such as rhythm, dynamics, shaping and performance. Annie is now working on her music theory and scales ahead of Grade 1. Well done Annie.

If any other children have anything they have achieved or are especially proud of, we would love to celebrate it in our newsletter. Please let the office know.



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 9TH 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*



14th 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





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 –
11.00AM



Cratlands Close,
Stadhampton,
OX44 7XL



Wednesday 23rd September 2026



Monday 12th October 2026



Tuesday 17th November 2026



Friday 11th December 2026



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OFFICE.2455@STADHAMPTON.OXON.SCH.UK

MORE INFORMATION

01865 890370

Community Events

Join us for our Open Evening



LORD WILLIAMS'S SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Lower School, Towersey Road, Thame, Oxon. OX9 3NW

6TH OCTOBER 2026

4.30PM-7.30PM

BOOKING ESSENTIAL



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!

HALF TERM SPORTS & ACTIVITIES CAMP

For ages 3-14 years old

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SERIOUS
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SPORTS COACHING

OFSTED REGISTERED HOLIDAY CAMP FOR YOUR CHILDCARE NEEDS
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
St John's Primary School, Stanley Hall Road, Grove OX12 0GR



Our sports camp helps children improve their skills in a variety of fun and exciting sports/games throughout the week such as Dodgeball, Football, Basketball, Tennis, Badminton and much more!

Our activities camp will help spark your child's creativity, promote wellbeing, as well as developing their social and essential skills in a range of different topics, from building to baking, from crafts to gardening.



SPECIAL EVENT DAY
Thursday
29th October
BOUNCY CASTLE DAY
Half Day - £35
Full Day - £40



SPECIAL EVENT DAY
Wednesday
28th October
THEATRE DAY
Half Day - £35
Full Day - £40

Full Day: 9am-3.30pm - £30
Half Day: 9am-1pm or 11.30am-3.30pm - £25
Special Event Full Day: 9am-3.30pm - £40
Special Event Half Day: 9am-1pm or 11.30am-3.30pm - £35
8am 'Early Bird' (E10) 4.30pm 'Added Time' (E10)
Childcare Vouchers Accepted

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CASUAL LETTINGS ASSISTANT

ICKNIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE

£15.27 per hour
including holiday pay

On-call allowance
of £12.50 for each day
of lettings hire

Casual contract Start ASAP Evenings and weekends may vary according to bookings Applicants must be 18 or older

THE ROLE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Liaising with clients and hirers
- ✓ Providing a professional and enjoyable experience for users
- ✓ Opening and closing the premises
- ✓ Ensuring the safety of users on site

Help our school and community make the most of our fantastic facilities!

APPLY NOW

CLOSING DATE: 8:00am Monday 12 October 2026
INTERVIEWS: During the week commencing 12 October 2026
JOB REFERENCE: EDV/2026/ICC/92785

SCAN TO APPLY



Music starts here

Fun, creative music classes for children aged 2-7

Listen - Sing - Play

Come and find out more on
Sunday 11 October

Matrix
Arts
Centre

Matrix Arts Centre
Sutton Courtenay OX14 4UA
www.matrixartscentre.org.uk

