



NEWSLETTER

9TH OCTOBER 2026



Where has this term gone? The children enjoyed finding out about the legend, Dolly Parton, this week and we all enjoyed seeing staff channelling their inner Dolly on the day (especially Mrs Mason Cook and Mrs Godall)

We are heading into the final fortnight of term 1 with many exciting activities and events to look forward to before half term. Please see below for further details.



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2026

- OPAL 'Come and Play' - 09.10.26 (2.30pm) TODAY!
- 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 Cake Competition - 22.10.26
- Non School Uniform Day (Sweet Treat) - 22.10.26
- Halloween Disco - 22.10.26 (5.30-7pm)
- Inset Day - 23.10.26
- Half Term - 26th - 30th October 2026



**Come and join
us today 2.30pm**



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

All parents and wider families are invited to join us for our Harvest celebration on **Wednesday 14th October at 9.15am**. As a rural school, we feel it is extremely important that children understand where their food comes from and recognise how fortunate we are. Each class has prepared a small part of the celebration to share with you and we can guarantee you will leave singing 'Big Red Combine Harvester' or 'Conkers' for the rest of the day.

As is now tradition, we would like to invite families to donate tinned or non-perishable items which we will pass on to the Thame Foodbank.

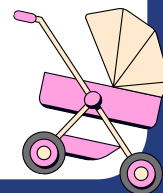


OPAL COME AND PLAY

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



HEADTEACHER FORUM

Although turnout was not great, we did have an extremely useful discussion. The main points covered were the footpath gate (See below), quality of school meals and birthday sweets.

We continue to work closely with our catering company and will raise the possibility of moving to healthier alternatives for some aspects of our meals.

On the issue of birthday sweets-unlike some schools, we have never taken a strong position on allowing children to bring in sweets on their birthdays. We now are much more aware of issues around sugar consumption, concentration levels, obesity etc and at this stage, would be really keen to hear from our wider community regarding either stopping this or having an alternative.

Please get in touch if you have any suggestions.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just a reminder the discount coupons expire this Sunday, 11 October.

This year they can choose not only between different photographs of your child, but also from a selection of backgrounds, at no extra charge.

FOOTPATH GATE

It is fantastic to see so many people using the gate, especially now it has been moved. After consulting with staff, we think we are now able to open the gate at the end of the day as well as the morning. This will hopefully ease congestion in Cratlands Close and enable children to have a safer walk to cars, especially as the evenings draw in.

Therefore, from Monday 12th October, the gate will be opened by a member of staff at 3.15. For those using the footpath gate please follow these instructions

Ladybirds-walk around the back of the school and wait at the gate that divides Ladybird and Hedgehog classes. A member of Ladybird staff will keep an eye on the Pen gate and Hedgehog gate and will then hand your child to you.

Hedgehogs, Dragonflies and Otters-Please wait near the fence and your children will be sent over to you. They will still need to tell a member of staff they have seen their adult before joining you.

The gate will be locked at the same time as we lock the main gates once people have departed.

Please bear with us as we trial this new system.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Hopefully all parents have managed to book appointment times. All meetings will take place in the hall, (Apart from any Thursday night Ladybird appointments which will take place in the Garden Room due to the disco) with Otter's classroom used as the waiting area. Please use the playground gate to enter and leave the school. Night Owls will be held in Ladybird classroom.

Staff have a lot of appointments to get through so we would kindly ask that you help us keep to time. If you think you may need some additional time, please let staff know and we will aim to accommodate this outside of these sessions.

TEAM DAY TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Following Sports Night, we have decided that we will incorporate more opportunities for children to participate in team activities throughout the year. To that end, each half term we have planned a time for the children to be mixed across classes with a specific theme for each one.

Our first TEAM day is happening on **Tuesday 20th October** and will have a nature and sustainability theme. Each team will undertake some fun activities with our older children supporting the younger members of our school. As this will be an outdoor learning day, please can we ask that all children come in forest school clothing (no school uniform), and have a coat.

FOSP

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Get ready for a spooktacular evening of Halloween fun

Thursday 22nd October 2026

 5.30pm - 7.30pm

 Tickets: £3 per child

Tickets include a drink and crisps!

Tickets can be purchased from the school office, with cash or by card payment via Mrs Venner.

FOSP

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

We will be holding a Non-School Uniform Day on **Thursday 22nd October!**

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for bringing in a sweet treat.

Please bring your sweet treats into school on the day and place them in your classroom's collection box. Thank you for your support!

FOSP

HALLOWEEN CAKE COMPETITION

FOSP will be holding a spooktacular Halloween Cake Competition on **Thursday 22nd October**

Get creative and bring along your Halloween-themed cakes for a chance to win a prize!

Please bring your entries to the school hall before school on Thursday morning.

Prizes will be awarded for the best cakes!

We can't wait to see your spooky, scary and spectacular creations.

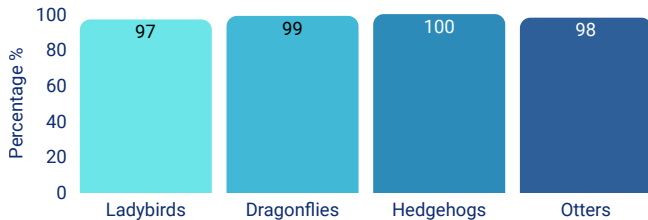
Good luck, everyone!

ATTENDANCE

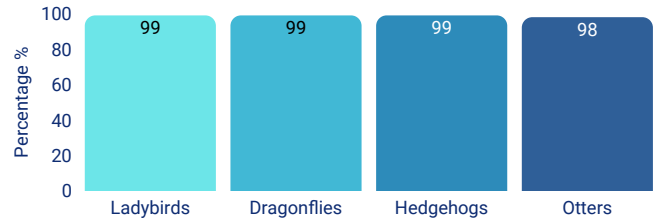
The school has an attendance target of 97%. Each child has an important part to play in helping us meet it. Regular attendance supports learning, builds confidence, and ensures every pupil can make the most of the opportunities school offers.

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

Attendance 28th Sept to 2nd Oct 2026



Attendance 5th to 9th October 2026



Just look at these great attendance figures, keep up the great work!

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.

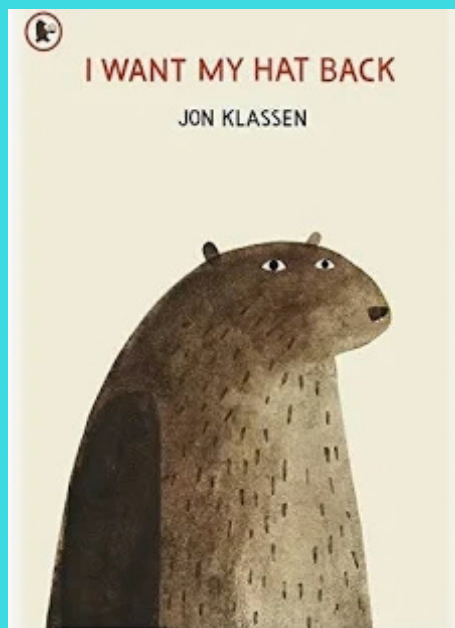




WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER CLUB

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

This weeks book recommendation by Mrs Stafford



I Want My Hat Back is a funny and clever children's book written and illustrated by Jon Klassen. The story is about a bear who has lost his favourite red hat. He asks different animals if they have seen it. Each animal gives him an answer, but the bear still cannot find his hat.

The story is simple, but it is very entertaining because there are little clues in the pictures and words that help the reader work out what has happened. I especially liked the funny conversations between the bear and the other animals. The illustrations are simple but full of expression, and they make the story even more enjoyable.



My favourite part is when the bear suddenly remembers something important about his hat. The ending is surprising and made me laugh. I also liked that the book lets the reader notice things that the bear does not notice at first.

I would recommend I Want My Hat Back to children who enjoy funny stories, animals and books with surprising endings. It is a great book to read aloud because you can look carefully at the pictures and talk about what is happening.



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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MORE INFORMATION

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School Cook – Term Time Only

£15.50perhour | 27.5hoursperweek | 38weeksperyear |

Stadhampton OX44 7XL

We are looking for a **friendly, reliable and enthusiastic Canteen Cook** to join our school kitchen team and provide delicious, nutritious meals for around **70 primary school pupils**. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who enjoys cooking and would love to work in a friendly **school environment**, with the benefit of working **term time only**.

What the role involves:

- Preparing and cooking healthy, nutritious meals for approximately 70 children
- Serving meals and maintaining a welcoming canteen environment
- Managing stock levels and completing regular stock takes
- Ordering food and kitchen supplies
- Maintaining excellent food hygiene, cleanliness and safety standards
- Helping to ensure the kitchen runs smoothly each day

What we offer:

- £15.50 per hour
- 27.5 hours per week
- 38 weeks per year – school term time only
- Paid school holidays
- Free on-site parking

A rewardingrole whereyou can makearealdifference to children every day

We are looking for someone who is **organised, dependable and passionate about preparing good-quality food**. Previous experience in a school or catering environment would be an advantage, but a positive attitude and willingness to get stuck in are just as important.

If you enjoy cooking, working with people and being part of a school community, **we would love to hear from you!**

Contact Sebastian on ; Sebastian.lont@aspens-services.com or 07714 676083.



Community Events



HALLOWEEN POP-UP PUB
FUNDRAISER FOR
ST JOHN'S VILLAGE HALL,
STADHAMPTON

FRIDAY 30TH OF OCTOBER
5 PM - 11 PM

 GHOST STORIES
 PIZZA VAN
 FACE PAINTING
 LIVE MUSIC
 FIRE PIT
 DRAFT BEER

FANCY DRESS PARADE & HALLOWEEN DECORATION COMPETITION

CUPCAKE STALL & PICK 'N' MIX TREATS
Fun for all the family!
FREE ENTRY



FAMILY SHOWS AUTUMN 2026

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.



Join our free, inclusive dance group in Oxfordshire

Mondays

Care-experienced young people aged 5-25

5-5.50pm (5-11yrs)

5.50-6.30pm (12-25yrs)



Rose Hill Community Centre



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL




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

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Community Events





The Outdoors Project

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

HADDENHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL

MONDAY 26th OCTOBER
CAMPFIRE COOKOUT: AUTUMNAL TREATS
Spark up your fire lighting skills with natural tinder and flint & steel, then settle in around the campfire for cosy autumn treats. Mix in hands-on bushcraft, autumnal artwork, and plenty of fun outdoor games for a day full of crackling fires, teamwork and seasonal woodland magic.

TUESDAY 27th OCTOBER
GHOSTBUSTERS: SLIME LAB, NERF BLASTERS & GHOST HUNT
Who you gonna call?? Ghostbusters! We're detecting high levels of paranormal activity in the playground... yep, GHOSTS ARE BACK! Get ready for a wild, slimy, ghost-hunting adventure like no other as you build your very own ghost traps, mix spooky ectoplasm in the Slime Lab, toast mini-Marshmallow Men over the campfire & set off on thrilling paranormal missions to hunt down runaway ghosts with your NERF blasters. Ghostbusters HQ is counting on you!

WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT 2.0: THE FINAL BOSS
The ultimate Minecraft adventure has arrived! Team up to build your own life-size Minecraft village using real bushcraft skills, gather resources, earn reward pixels & search for hidden Emerald Ore to trade with villagers and craft your own tools, create your own creeper mosaic tile to take home, then work together to light the Nether Portal before stepping into the End World for the epic final showdown against the Ender Dragon!

THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER
ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS & TREATS!
Get ready for the spookiest, silliest & most wickedly fun day of the holidays! Make Halloween dens in the woods, decorate Day of the Dead sugar skulls, brew Mayan hot chocolate & join a zombie scavenger hunt. All topped off by a visit to the Witch, Goblin, & Bog Troll to solve riddles, crack the Halloween mystery... & earn sweet rewards. A mix of hands-on seasonal fun, laughter & imagination!

BOOK NOW

For more activity details, FAQs and booking information: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK
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100% fresh air,
fun, games,
exploring and
adventuring
in nature"



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EST. 2024

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TUESDAY 27TH & THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

9:00AM - 3:00PM

AGES 8-13 YEARS

£40pp

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