



NEWSLETTER

22ND OCTOBER 2026



As we reach the end of Term 1, we would like to say what a lovely, busy term it has been!

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We hope you all have a wonderful and restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November 2026.



HARVEST

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest celebration and donated produce to the Thame Food Bank. It was lovely to see the hall so full of families and we know the children enjoyed sharing their learning with you.

It has given us cause to consider how we accommodate everyone for our Christmas Carol Service. We are considering 2 'sittings', both on the final day of term as advertised but have a few logistics to iron out. We will ensure plans are shared as soon as possible to allow families to make arrangements.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We would like to thank all parents for their engagement with our consultations during the past week. It is always a great opportunity to discuss how well the children have settled and to consider progress and areas to work on. We are sure you will have been reminded about the importance of reading at home at least four times per week and for children with a Times Table Rock Stars log-in to be undertaking regular practice.



SWIMMING

Hedgehog class will begin their swimming lessons on Monday 2nd November. Children will need to ensure they bring swimwear, a towel and goggles. There will be the option of a voluntary contribution towards transport available on MCAS. Whilst we are unable to ask for payments to cover costs, there is a significant outlay for the school so any contribution is greatly appreciated.



FOREST SCHOOL

Ladybird Class will continue their sessions in the mornings after half term as before. Otter Class will be attending the afternoon. They will need to bring Forest School clothing (long sleeves, waterproofs etc) to change into at lunchtime.



PLANT POTS

We have been busy planting and growing in Dragonfly class and our seedlings are ready for individual pots ready to be kept safe over winter. If you have any old small nursery plastic plant pots, we would be very grateful if you would be happy to donate please. I am very happy to receive these on the gate in the morning or afternoon. Thank you so much, Mrs Mason-Cook

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2026

- FOSP Halloween Disco - 22.10.26 (5.30-7pm)
- Inset Day - 23.10.26
- Half Term - 26th - 30th October 2026

November 2026

- First day of Term 2 - 02.11.26
- Headteacher Forum - 10.11.26 (1pm)
- Open Morning - 17.11.26 (9.30-11am)
- Parent Workshop - 25.11.26 (TBC)



TEAM DAY

Our first TEAM day was slightly damper than we had hoped for but it didn't stop the children getting out and about in the school grounds. It was a great opportunity for cross class working whilst exploring the ideas of nature and sustainability.

Our second TEAM day, to be held in December, will focus on kindness and our community with more details to follow shortly.



TECHNOLOGY LEARNING

Across the school our DT units have been based around food and seasonal produce. The children have had a great time slicing and dicing with some delicious end results.





HALLOWEEN CAKES AND DISCO

A huge 'Thank You' to FOSPs for organising the Halloween bake off and the disco. As usual, the baking was phenomenal and we know the children are really looking forward to the disco this evening.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

It has come to light that some of the children who regularly attend Early Birds are (rightly so) a little sad that they are unable to participate in the Walk to School initiative due to their parents dropping them directly at school and are missing out on the badges. Therefore, we have a solution. On a Monday, Tuesday and Friday (Millie days), she will take any child at Early Birds for a quick lap of the field which we will deem as 'active travel', if they wish.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

Make an application to secondary school
Parents of children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 (inclusive) need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2027.

Application submission dates
Applications can be submitted from 11 September 2026. **The deadline to submit an application is 31 October 2026.**

National Offer Day for Year 7 is 1 March 2027.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TERM 2

You can now sign up on MCAS for Hockey Club next term.

Tuesday's - Years 1, 2 & 3
Thursday's - Years 4, 5 & 6



PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

Make an application to primary school
Parents of school children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 need to apply for an infant or primary school place for September 2027.

Applications can be submitted from 3 November 2026, deadline for receipt of completed applications is **15 January 2027.**

National Offer Day is 16 April 2027

If you are interested in touring our school, please pop along to one of our open mornings.

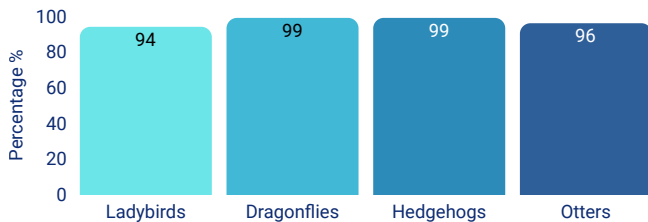
Tuesday 17th November 09.30-11.00am
Friday 11th December 09.30-11.00am

ATTENDANCE

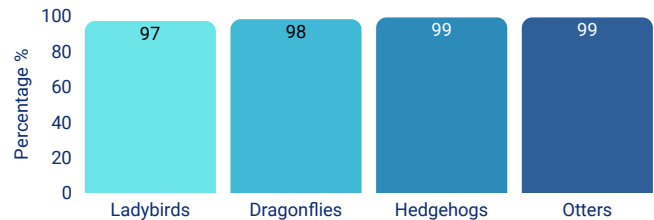
The school has an attendance target of 97%. Each child has an important part to play in helping us meet it. Regular attendance supports learning, builds confidence, and ensures every pupil can make the most of the opportunities school offers.

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

Attendance 12th to 16th October



Attendance 19th to 22nd October



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.

WRAP AROUND CARE

Pre-booking Wraparound Care is now open for Term 2 sessions on MCAS.

Email with details has been sent out.

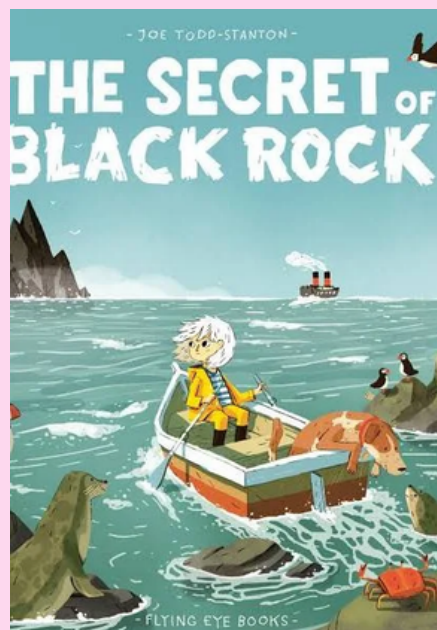
Pre-booking will close on Sunday 1st November 2026 at 10am.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER CLUB BOOK

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

This weeks book recommendation by Mrs Mason-Cook



The Secret of Black Rock by Joe Todd-Stanton

The Secret of Black Rock is a lovely short story about a brave girl called Erin who, despite warnings from the adults around her, sets out to discover the secret of Black Rock.

The story explores courage, friendship and protecting the environment. In dragonfly class, we loved that this story has mystery, beautiful illustrations and teaches children not to judge things by their appearance. We really enjoyed discussing how important protecting our oceans are and the impact of not doing so.

I think this book would be enjoyed most by pupils up to 8 years of age.





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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Community Events




OXFORDSHIRE
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FORUM

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

'We are With You' is a welcoming, parent-led group for anyone caring for children and young people (up to the age of 18) facing mental health challenges.

Find a safe space to connect, ask questions, and share experiences at your comfort level. Learn from insightful discussion on topics that matter to you.

Connect with others through our popular in-person wellbeing walks. We also offer online, topic-based webinars via Microsoft Teams, with follow-up Q&A sessions to provide additional support and discussion.

Join us for a relaxed and welcoming space, provided by:

- Parent Peer Support Workers
- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals
- Guest speakers

To register follow the link or QR code:

<https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/involvement/oxon/www/>



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Moving from Primary to Secondary School: Parent information

Your child is about to go through some big changes in their life, moving from Primary School up to Secondary School. There will be lots for you both to think about but it's important to begin to prepare your child for the new journey from home to school.

Follow the tips below to ensure that your child's transition to secondary school is as safe and smooth as possible.

Young people are in a higher risk group as road users during the early years of secondary school. Research shows that pupils in Years 7 to 9 are twice as likely to be hurt on the roads compared to pupils in Years 4 to 6.

This may be the first time your child is travelling to school without you. Help prepare them for their new school journey and make sure they have the skills needed to judge traffic and make safer decisions.

Before your child starts school in September discuss and practise the new school route together. Use the same mode of transport they will be using either walking, bicycle or bus.



Have you used our Footsteps child pedestrian parent guide? Download your **Footsteps Guide**.




October Short Courses

26th - 30th Oct

Foundation Top up 10-10.30am
 Beginner 10.30-11.00am

For more information please speak to a member of staff or visit betterlessons.org.uk/onlinejoining



BETTER

Community Events



TERM TIME CLASSES  HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Half Term Fine Art Workshops
FOR AGES 5-12
Magic and Mischief

caper: £25/Class
Magdalen Road, OX4 £48/Day
£135/Week

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ACTIVE COMMUNITIES
October half term activities
26 - 30 October

 **Xplorer** 

 **Fun Games** 

 **and more** 

For more information and to book, visit
southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities or scan the QR code



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** 

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