

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026 | Issue 16

Dear Families

This week our Gospel reflection returned to the Baptism of Jesus, a moment of great significance in the life of Christ and in our own faith journey. In our assemblies, we explored several important messages from this passage. At the Jordan, Jesus steps forward publicly for the first time. He does not do so with power or status, but with humility, choosing to stand alongside others.

It was a powerful reminder for our students that each of them has gifts, purpose and a role to play in the world. Part of this purpose is using their voice and subsidiarity reminds us that decisions should be made as close to the people affected as possible, valuing every voice and empowering individuals to take responsibility. At Greyfriars, this means encouraging students to speak up, lead change, and recognise that they have the power to improve their community. Through our work in form time and our partnership with Citizens UK, students are learning that even small actions, when taken together, can transform the world around them.



It has been a lively and enriching week across the school. Our students took part in a Geography field trip, where they spent time truly at one with nature, building dens, testing how waterproof their designs were, and learning first-hand about the physical environment around them. There was plenty of creativity, teamwork and fresh air, alongside some very thoughtful geographical thinking.

We also enjoyed a Hospitality and Catering trip, with students exploring what it might be like to work in a hotel environment. Visiting the Voco Hotel gave them insight into the wide range of roles involved, from front-of-house and catering to events, management and customer experience. It was both educational and great fun.

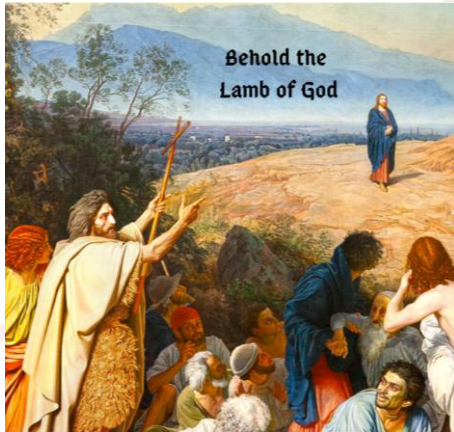
On Thursday evening we welcomed families into school for our Year 11 Parents' Evening. It was a pleasure to have so many meaningful conversations about current learning, next steps, and future pathways, whether into Sixth Form, college or employment. There is much for our students to reflect on, and 2026 promises to be an exciting and important year for them as they look ahead with ambition and hope.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Weeks like this remind us how powerful learning becomes when faith, experience and opportunity come together.

Lyndsey Caldwell
Headteacher

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel - John 1 : 29 - 34



29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

Reflection

In this passage, John the Baptist sees Jesus and tells people that Jesus is very special. He calls Jesus the "Lamb of God", which means Jesus would take away the sin of the world. John explains that even though he came first, Jesus is greater because he existed before him.

John says his job was to baptise people with water so that Jesus could be shown to Israel. When John baptised Jesus, he saw the Holy Spirit come down like a dove and stay on Jesus. This was the sign from God that Jesus was the one chosen by Him.

John finishes by telling everyone that Jesus is the Son of God and the one who will baptise people with the Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Father of all,
We, your children, are all members of the same human family, your family.
We implore you to help us to accept your peace,
To be at peace with ourselves and to live in peace with others. Help us to seek
wisdom and justice in all we do. Help us to be more understanding and
compassionate when dealing with others, To be ready to forgive when
wronged, To be willing to love when hurt and to strive for harmony and
peace when threatened. Eternal Father, in your mercy, hear our prayer
And grant us your everlasting peace. Amen.



To view the St Edmund and St Frideswide (Greyfriars) parish website please click on the following link:

<https://www.greyfriarsoxford.uk/>

GENERAL NOTICES

Catholic Life | Mr Greer

We are continuing to expand and develop our Student Hub! This Tuesday, student leaders met with Ms. McCabe and I to discuss how we can best use the space. We established a weekly schedule and listened to their ideas on how to engage all of our student community. We also continued our Bible Study this week in the Chapel, focusing on 'how to have faith'.

Greyfriars Students Shine at Hospitality Takeover Day | Mr Dunne

A group of Greyfriars students had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a Hospitality Takeover Day at Voco Oxford Thames, an IHG hotel, on Monday 19th January. The event offered a rich insight into the world of hospitality, giving students the chance to experience a range of hands-on workshops led by industry professionals.

Throughout the day, students rotated through a series of creative and practical activities, including towel artistry, pancake decorating, mocktail making, tray-carrying skills, and a sales and marketing challenge focused on producing engaging social media content. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and professionalism were praised by hotel staff.

Here are pictures of a few student during the mocktail-making session, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of several standout students:

- Haider – Best Pancake Decorator
- Crystal – Best Towel Artistry
- Anne-Marie – Best Mocktail Maker
- Zabrina – Marketing Star Student



The day ended on a real high when Greyfriars was awarded first place in the TikTok Video Challenge, where students had to create a 60-second promotional video for the hotel. Their entry finished ahead of teams from The Oxford Academy, Cheney and Oxford Spires, showcasing both creativity and strong communication skills.

It was a brilliant day of learning, confidence-building and industry insight, and our students represented Greyfriars with pride. We look forward to continuing to offer experiences that broaden horizons and inspire future career pathways.

GENERAL NOTICES

Stars Pathway | SEN Department

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Mr Jubin, our new teacher for the Stars Pathway, and what a lively two weeks it has been!

Students have been immersing themselves in *The Merchant of Venice* in English, exploring forces and motion in science, investigating weather instruments in geography, and travelling back in time to learn about Thomas Becket in history, alongside thoughtful discussions about Muhammad in RE. While exploring *The Merchant of Venice*, students boldly followed in Shakespeare's footsteps, giving Belmont some serious competition — courtesy of Ludozio's LudoLand, Lexi's Lexiland, and Tommy's undeniably grand Tomtopia. Learning wasn't all serious business — students dived into a hot-seat showdown in geography, hunted for characters under chairs in English (some more surprised than others), battled it out in Mentimeter quizzes, and tested their wits with a lively game of hangman. Who knew learning could be this sneaky and fun?

Creativity has been in full swing too. Pupils carefully crafted clay boxes and brought them to life with colour alongside Mrs Swanton, before turning their artistic talents to landscape colouring with Miss Evans. In DT, budding designers put their skills to the test by designing cubes, proving that engineering begins with imagination.

A special mention must go to Mrs Surtees and Mr Jubin, who were spotted twinning on Thursday — clearly great minds (and wardrobes) think alike! While all students have shown brilliant effort and enthusiasm, this week's Star of the Week goes to Lexi. Her confidence has grown remarkably, and she has made wonderful progress in learning to self-regulate her emotions — an achievement worth celebrating.

A fantastic start to an exciting journey ahead for the Stars Pathway.



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Library News | Miss Brett

Hello Literary Enthusiasts!



First of all, let me say a huge THANK YOU to Ms Swanton for donating a fantastic set of Eyewitness Guides to our library. I have found a perfect spot for them, all in one place, so they are more accessible and it is easier for students to browse all of them at the same time! Come along and learn something new today! 😊



DISCOVER THE WORLD THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS, FACTS, AND CLOSE-UP DETAILS IN THE EYEWITNESS GUIDES BELOW.



Last month, I tried to spread the news about the 250th Anniversary of Jane Austen's birth (*Pride and Prejudice* is one of my all-time favourites – cliché, I know 😊). I even created a Kahoot quiz to celebrate Austen and her work, and so our students could have some fun reading time and a chance to win some prizes. And yes, reading can be FUN, and all our



students love a good Kahoot! What I realised, though, is that Jane Austen is not a very well-known author among our students, and that's when my new idea was born...Each term, we'll be shining a spotlight on one author for students to discover and enjoy!

Throughout the term, fun and interesting facts about the author will be popping up around the library, so keep your eyes open as you browse. To wrap things up, there will be a Kahoot quiz at the end of the term, testing your knowledge of the author, their books, and their life — with some great prizes up for grabs. Happy reading and good luck! If you want to learn about a particular author, I am all ears!

We are still running our Blind Date with a Book, but the wrapped books are displayed once a week, on Wednesdays, as we are struggling to keep up with the demand!

Do remember about our weekly clubs: book club, clay, crochet, to name a few. If you like the little kittens, the crochet club might just be the thing for you.

Lastly, let us see if our Championship top 5 have changed.

Let me leave you with a powerful quote about reading from another one of my all-time favourites (OK, fine – I do have quite a few). *“Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing.”*

— Harper Lee, [To Kill a Mockingbird](#)

TERM 1 WEEK 4				
	Reading Champ		Tutor Reading Championship	
1	SU	24	8TTO	24
2	AJ	16	9KAN	15
3	PL	11	7KR	9
4	A-ML, LN, HS	5	8BMO	8
5	RA	4	7BN	7

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 8 and Year 9 | Mrs Reddy

A huge congratulations to our talented scientists for their fantastic work in the Plasticine Modelling Competition, where students creatively depicted the four layers of the Earth. Coming in **3rd place**, Karina, Dylan and Ephraim impressed everyone with their excellent *to-scale* model. **2nd place** went to Hafsa, Eve, Esme, Lena and Sara, whose brilliant *pie-slice* design featured a fabulous volcano. Taking **1st place** were Niall, Sampson, Grant and Kristin with a stunning *Earth split in two* model. An outstanding display of creativity, teamwork and scientific understanding.

Well done to all involved! It has also been an exciting week for some of our **Year 8 and Year 9 student guides**, who have shown maturity, kindness and leadership while chaperoning our visiting Korean students who will be with us for 2 weeks. Well done to all involved this first week.

Congratulations to all students with 100% attendance.
Thank you to the tutors for their ongoing support.
Keep on striving to be a better version of yourself.

Students leading the way

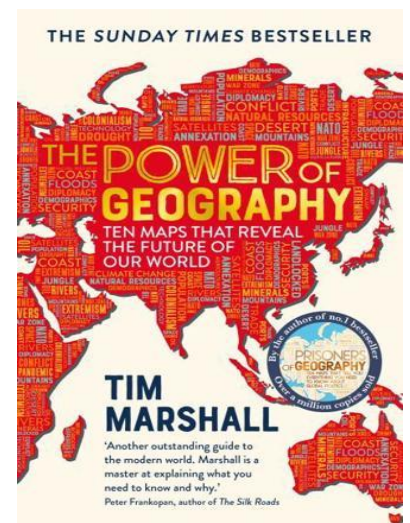
Year 8	Year 9
Anne-Marie	Blossom
Aldo	Ayesha
Abdullah	Saha
Ganuli	Holy-Karen
Chloe	George
Miu Miu	Feranmi
Esther O	Morizo
Emilly R	Ekam
Emily V	Damir
Zabrina	Julia

Weekly Book Review by Lian

I'm personally not a major fan of geography but it didn't really matter with this book. It was overall enjoyable to read and the personality of the writer had shined through to create a whimsy and witty guide to the world. I suppose if I had to word it in a different way I found this book to be a bit like an atlas only with far more interesting words and less incomprehensible colours and lines although that's only the way I found it to be.

It's refreshing to read another person's perspective and although an informational guide, you can find yourself continuing to read more if only for the clever quips that come with nuggets of golden information.

Honestly a fascinating read!



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Message for Year 7 | Mr Cunningham

This week started off with a fantastically positive display from our Year 7 boys football team. Coming up against a well organised and drilled opponent, the boys showed fantastic spirit and sportsmanship in the face of adversity, and despite the score they represented the school wonderfully. We are immensely proud of the character shown by the team, well done!

Our Year 7s have continued to represent the school fantastically in our community, actively engaging in Rowing and Rugby enrichments with organisations outside of our school, helping us build relationships with groups that can support our students and the opportunities that they can be provided with. Thank you so much to Miss Kenneford for her tireless work in organising opportunities for our young people!

In our achievement point league, 7GKE led the way this week with a staggering 501 achievement points, led by Elena with an astounding 38! Special mention to Nicolas who also received 38 achievement points, and to all the students named below for getting over 30!

7GKE	501
7ALW	396
7KR	299
7BN	150



Elena	38
Nicolas	38
Niall	36
Kairo	36
Mya	35
Amelia-Grace	34
Esther	34
Alyssa	32
Eva	31
Tanaka	30

A quick final note on uniform, please remember that coats worn in school need to be waterproof, and they are not substitutes for blazers. School jumpers may be worn too, but we would appreciate students not being sent to school with hoodies!

Have a wonderful weekend.



Kenya 2026 | Trip Update

25 days to go!

Our students are getting really excited, flights booked, forms completed, vaccinations started...

If you are able to make a donation, please go to our JustGiving page:

[LINK](#)



GENERAL NOTICES

Messages for KS4 | Mr Weedon

Year 10

Next week, Year 10 students will begin their in-class PPEs on Monday. Teachers will be running the PPEs during lesson time, giving students an opportunity to assess where they currently stand in their subjects. It's a valuable chance for students to see their progress and identify areas for further focus. I have been really impressed with the hard work and dedication from Year 10 students this week, especially in science, where I witnessed exceptional engagement and enthusiasm. The students are clearly putting in the effort to ensure they are well-prepared for the upcoming challenges.

Year 11

Year 11 has just come off a successful Parents' Evening, where key feedback and information were shared to help guide their final preparations. Now, with this feedback in hand, students are narrowing in on the areas where they can improve and refine their skills. Revision sessions are in full flow, and I'm seeing a real commitment from our Year 11s to put in the work necessary for their success. It's clear they're focused and determined to make the most of their time before their exams.

Let's keep up the momentum, Year 10 and 11—you're doing an excellent job, and we're all here to support you!

Achievement Points

Registration form	Points
10SA	477
10MJ	276
10JOD	250
10CT	245

*Well done and
keep up the
good work!*

Registration form	Points
11JM	163
11JS	154
11RHO	151

Year 11 Geography Field Trip | Miss Watkin

On Thursday myself and Mr Weedon had the pleasure of taking year 11 to Sarsden Glebe near Chipping Norton. This is a beautiful country estate with a brook where students were able to undertake some river analysis to help them answer their GCSE Geography enquiry question- How does velocity change the shape of a meander?

This class was by far full of the most enthusiastic Geographers I have ever taken on a trip! The owner of the estate was incredibly impressed with every student's passion and hard work even in the wet weather and they can't wait to welcome us back again very soon! We can't wait either!



GENERAL NOTICES

Sixth Form News | Ms McCabe

Vocation Week

This week, we have had a series of assemblies about vocation and careers. Sixth Form students have been thinking about the skills needed to flourish long after leaving Greyfriars. We looked at three areas that are highly prized by employers: reliability, communication and problem solving. For Y12, Work Experience provides an excellent opportunity to develop all three of these qualities, especially confidence in communication. Interacting with a range of people in a professional setting can seem daunting but it is a priceless experience. If students have not yet found a placement, they must speak to Ms McCabe or Mr Dunne for help. The deadline is 30th January.

Oxford Schools Debating

Some of the Debating teams have been meeting regularly this week. Students have been learning the very complicated rules of Parliamentary Debating and practising using topics such as whether museums should repatriate artefacts to their country of origin. We had some excellent arguments put forward by our speakers on both sides. With just under two weeks until the competition, we have lots still to do but we are learning new techniques every day.

PPE exams

Y13 have just 3 school weeks left until their final PPEs before the summer exams. Timetables will be issued next week. We should be seeing students revising hard and using their time really productively as they prepare for these exams. Everything they do now will support their success in the summer. The Sixth Form team and tutors will continue to meet with students to talk through their revision plans and progress.

Parent Consultation Evening

A reminder that the KS5 PCE evening is coming up on Thursday 5th February from 4-7pm. This is a very important evening for parents and students. It is the opportunity for students to get specific advice about their revision for the coming months and for parents to know how to support their child.

Bike Shed

Please ensure that your child brings a lock for their bike and that it is securely locked at all times when brought into school. We also kindly ask that any accessories are removed from the bike when left unattended.

Please note that all bikes are left at the owner's risk. We recommend taking a clear photo of each side of the bike for your records.



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PARIS FOOTBALL TOUR

MONDAY 15TH-
FRIDAY 19TH
FEBRUARY 2022
(HALF TERM)

- Fixtures vs local opposition
- Tour of the Stade de France
- Full day at Disneyland Paris
- Shopping in Paris

Sightseeing in Paris:

- Eiffel Tower
- Champs-Élysées
- River Seine

Outdoor Adventure Day:

- Bubble football
- Archery tag
- Disc golf

- Evening meals at local restaurants.
- Executive coach travel and ferry crossing.
- 4 nights en-suite accommodation, including breakfast.



For more information about the Paris trip, please click on the link to watch a presentation by Mr Dunne: **VIDEO**

Astroturf

Please remember that your child needs Astroturf trainers or turf football boots – see the picture adjacent for examples of the shoes that are permitted.

Students wearing the incorrect footwear will not be permitted on the Astroturf.

Football boots can be bought for as little as £4.99 via Sports Direct (Sondico ones).

We will hold some spare boots to lend to students if necessary, however, these are to be returned at the end of the lesson. This way we can ensure we always have a supply of boots for those students who forget theirs or are in the process of buying their own.

If anyone has spare Astro shoes that they would like to donate to the school, this would be much appreciated. These would be used or students to borrow as explained above.



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Friends of Greyfriars (PTA)

Friends of Greyfriars is an open and important community of parent volunteers working alongside the school and teachers to benefit the school. It is like a PTA. It is a group that aims to ensure the best educational and enrichment experience for all its students. Friends of Greyfriars is a reflection of the school in the wider community.

By joining the Friends of Greyfriars you can help the school to build a far more effective and up-to-date teaching and learning environment, for the benefit of all its students. Everyone is welcome, parents, carers, staff, governors, past students, past parents, anyone and everyone who cares about the school. Please join us and be a Friend.

If you are interested, please contact Sophie Upellini via: s.upellini@gfcs.uk

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- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

If you would like to apply, please contact Fiona Easton for an application form via: f.easton@gfcs.uk

GENERAL NOTICES

Dates for your Diary

- 27 January | Year 11 Mock Interviews
- 30 January | Year 11 Art Trip to Ashmolean Museum
- 3 February | Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- 5 February | KS5 Parent Consultation Evening
- 10 February | Safer Internet Day
- 11 – 13 February | Battlefields Trip to Belgium
- 11 February | Made in Oxford Launch
- 16 – 20 February Half Term
- 17 February to 2 March | Kenya Trip

Donations

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Breakfast Club

**Breakfast Club is open
Mon – Fri 8.00am - 8.30am
in our restaurant.**



Everyone is welcome to come and join us for breakfast club.
Breakfast is free. Start your day with friends and food!

Vacancies

If you are interested in joining the team at Greyfriars Catholic School, please email our School Business Manager, Sophie Upellini via: s.upellini@gfcs.uk or visit: <https://www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk/join-us/vacancies> to view all our current vacancies.



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DROP IN SUPPORT AVAILABLE DURING THIS SESSION WITH
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BRONZE	10-13 yrs	50m	3000m	1500m
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SENse Learning is running six workshops, designed to support parents and carers with practical guidance, up-to-date information, and strategies that can be used at home. The sessions are a great way to learn, build understanding, and gain confidence in supporting your child's development and wellbeing.

Workshop topics include:

- 28th Jan | Parenting styles and attachment [Book here](#)
- 11th Feb | Brain development in children and young people [Book here](#)
- 25th Feb | Self-regulation and sleep [Book Here](#)
- 11th Mar | Online safety [Book here](#)
- 25th Mar | Understanding young people's mental health [Book here](#)

Booking information

All workshops are free to attend and will be delivered online
Tickets can be booked via Eventbrite
Places are limited, so we encourage early booking

Full details of each session, including dates and times, are available on the Eventbrite booking page



牛津華人社區及諮詢中心
Oxfordshire Chinese Community & Advice Centre

2026 LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

YEAR OF THE HORSE

日期 Date: Sunday 22nd February 2月22日 (星期日) 正月初六
地點 Venue: 牛津市會堂 Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates, Oxford OX1 1BX
時間 Time: 下午 12:30 - 1:20 pm Entry/Collect Simple Lunch 入場/領取食物 (Assembly Room)
下午 1:30 - 3:30 pm Mini Dragon Dance Workshop 小龍舞蹈工作坊 (Main Hall Entrance)
2:00 - 4:00 pm Cultural Performances 文娛節目 (Main Hall)
2:00 - 4:00 pm New Year Market 新春市集 (Assembly Room)

Programme 新春節目

Lion/Dragon Dance, Martial Arts, Guzheng, Pipa and Jinghu Duet, Classical Poem Recital, Peking Opera, Piano Recital, Chinese Folk Dances and Songs, Skit, New Year Market and Charity Raffle Draw
舞獅、舞龍、功夫、古琴、琵琶京胡二重奏、唐詩朗誦、京劇、鋼琴獨奏、民族舞蹈及歌曲、小品、新年市集、慈善抽獎

入場券 (費用包括簡餐) Tickets (Simple lunch included)	早鳥預購價/Early Bird Price (1月31日及之前/ on/before 31 st January)	正價/Normal Price (2月1日開始/ begins on 1 st February)	即日票價 At the Door Price
成人 Adult (13+)	£16	£18	£20
兒童 Child (3-12)	£10	£12	£14
上賓 Premium Guest	£30		

簡餐包括: 春卷、咖喱角、雞塊、雞翼、粟粉/麵、三文治及蛋糕
Simple lunch include: spring rolls, samosas, chicken nuggets, chicken wings, rice vermicelli/noodles, sandwiches and cakes
Tickets are likely to sell out, so please buy your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment! 欲訂向快, 購票從速
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- The Meeting Room, St Clement's Family Centre, Cross Street, Oxford OX4 1DA
- *由 2026年1月12日起 (逢星期一) 中午12:00 - 下午2:30 / From 12th January 2026, Mondays 12:00 noon - 2:30 pm
- Senli Cash & Co, 16th High Street, Oxford OX1 4AG & 17 Golden Cross, Oxford OX1 3EU
- Jing Jing Oriental Food Store, 198 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1UE
- Jim Jin Chinese Restaurant, 179 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1UT
- Meal Plus, 31 St Clements Street, Oxford OX4 1AB
- Rice Box Chinese Restaurant and Takeaway, 178 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1UE
- Sir Sun's Wok, 278 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1UR
- Sushi Corner, 94 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1JE

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Sort code: 20-65-18 Account number: 606909005
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Charity Raffle Draw 慈善抽獎

One 1st Prize 頭獎一名
OXY 八人自助晚餐 OXY ORIENTAL "Buffet Dinner for 8" Voucher

One 2nd Prize 二獎一名
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Two Sir Sun's Wok "Meal for 2" Vouchers £20 美食餐券 (14名) £20 Meal Voucher* (14 prizes)
No.44 Fish Bar £30 餐券 2張 Two No.44 Fish Bar £30 Meal Vouchers *美食餐券贊助 Sponsors: Jin Jin, Rice Box, Sushi Corner

「慈善獎券, 買過十張, 喜慶祥瑞, 支持中心, 扶弱濟貧, 造福人聲」

請踴躍購買農曆新年慈善獎券, 所有收入全數撥作中心經費

All proceeds go to OCCAC, Oxford City Council registration number: 25/05121.SML0TT





LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Cokethorpe SCHOOL

FUTURES

← **CAREERS** **APPRENTICESHIPS** →

← **UNIVERSITY**

Futures Fair

5:15pm, Tuesday 10 February

Over 40 universities and companies attending.



Register here:

Blackbird Leys COMMUNITY LARDER

Oxford Hub Working together to build a better Oxford

What is a community larder?
A membership programme that provides:

- Access to utility discounts and social tariffs.
- Local business discounts
- Little larder club
- Meet new people in a friendly environment

Who can join? Anyone who wants to prevent food waste and save money. It is not means tested.

Where does the food come from? A Didcot based charity, providing surplus food, training and opportunities to young people and organisations.

£10
P/YEAR
ANNUAL JOINING FEE

+

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
FROM **£3.50**
P/WEEK

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP
FROM **£7**
P/WEEK

An individual membership provides up to 10 items of non-perishables (pasta, tins etc.) per week plus free fruit and vegetables. A family membership is twice as much.


We offer hot drinks in our back room to all members and volunteers, this is from around 12:30.

Want free food and a bunch of other benefits?
Sign up today!
www.sofea.uk.com


Registered Charity Number 1116781




FACE



Happy New Year!






A secondary school with 1000 pupils, pays 38p/student, a primary school with 300 students, pays 77p/student for their parents to have free access to all these sessions for 12 months



Autism: Improving Communication
Raising Self-Esteem
Supporting Healthy Screen Use
Supporting Healthy Sleep
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness

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Decreasing Depression
Improving Family Communication

contact Jane
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk
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OXFORD UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY www.ouitc.org



SCAN THE QR TO BOOK



GIRLS ONLY PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS TUESDAY IN OXFORD YEAR 7 - YEAR 13 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Leys Pools and Leisure Centre,
Pegasus Road
Oxford
OX4 6JL

FUN AND SOCIAL FOOTBALL

FREE TO ATTEND.



Contact Us
plkicks@oufc.co.uk






LEYS YOUTH HUB

LOCATION: LEYS POOL AND LEISURE CENTRE, PEGASUS ROAD
FREE ACTIVITIES FOR 11 - 18

MONDAYS 3.30 PM - 5.30PM:
CREATIVE SESSION
BAKING, ART, MUSIC

THURSDAYS 3.30 PM - 5PM:
CREATIVE SESSION
COOKING, BAKING, ART,
MUSIC

TUESDAYS 4PM - 6PM:
GIRLS GROUP
NAILS & BEAUTY, GAMES,
MOVE NIGHTS

PLUS ROCK CLIMBING (PREBOOK ONLY)
MONDAY 5.30PM - 6.30PM
THURSDAY 5PM - 6PM &
6PM - 7PM


TUESDAYS 6.15PM - 8PM:
OPEN ACCESS
GAMES, COOKING, CHILL OUT

CALL LYDIA ON 07483007103
OR JEN ON 07483010739

FOR ROCK CLIMBING BOOKINGS EMAIL:
LEYSYOUTHUB@OXFORD.GOV.UK

ARE YOU A PARENT TO SOMEONE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY FROM A BLACK, ASIAN OR OTHER ETHNIC MINORITY GROUP?

WE ARE OFFERING A **FREE BRIEF THERAPY INTERVENTION** FOR PARENTAL STRESS AS PART OF AN OXFORD UNIVERSITY STUDY




WHAT IS THE BRIDGE-LD STUDY?

The BRIDGE-LD Study (Burnout Relief Intervention for Diverse Guardians of Learning-Disabled Youth) examines whether a short course of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy reduces depression, anxiety, and burnout in parents of people with LD. It includes four online one-on-one sessions with a trainee clinical psychologist and one follow-up session. You will be asked to complete questionnaires throughout. Each session will last approximately one hour.


WILL I BE COMPENSATED FOR MY TIME?
Yes, you will be given a 5 pound voucher for each data collection session you complete (up to 25 pounds).

I HAVE QUESTIONS. WHO CAN I ASK?
If you have any questions, you can contact the Lead Investigator, Nadia Abdel-Halim, at grt4101@ox.ac.uk or you can scan the barcode below for more information.


WHO ARE WE?




NADIA ABDEL-HALIM
TRAINED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST




DR. EMMA KINNAIRD
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST



DR. NEHA MUNDRA-WALIA
TRAINED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST



SCAN HERE!



This study has received favourable approval from the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee (CUREC)
Ethics Reference: MS DREC 619988

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Next Thing Education Presents

LIMITED SPACES
BOOK BY
6TH FEB

FEB HALF TERM 2026



Coding & Robots + Circuitry & Inventions + LEGO Engineering + Minecraft Madness + Tech Fun

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

Different activity theme each day, please check our website for your camp activities.

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY - LIMITED SPACES

What Parents Say

"Absolutely Fantastic!
First time attending &
my son loved it!"

★★★★★

HOW TO BOOK

STEP 1 SCAN THE QR CODE

STEP 2 FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

STEP 3 BOOK ONLINE SPACES LIMITED

BOOK

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS AND TAX FREE CHILD CARE ACCEPTED

W: WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION
E: INFO@NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150

TECH CAMP

FEBRUARY CAMPS 2026

Dragon School, OX2 6SS

£39.99 PER DAY OR £175 FOR 5 DAYS
9 AM - 4PM, AGES 5-11

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE
www.nextthing.education

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CHILDREN UNDER 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

School holidays just got more exciting!
Fresh air, freedom and adventure!




Ready for a school holiday full of excitement?

Active Adventures at Youlbury is the ultimate outdoor adventure club for children aged 8-16. Packed with thrilling challenges, nature connection activities, and epic team games, each day offers a new adventure to inspire a love for the great outdoors!

www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events

East Oxford Parent Power

What path would you like to see your child take after high school?

We warmly invite you to our Parent Power meeting.





Date: Tuesday 27th January 2026
Time: 6-8pm
Location: Rose Hill Community Centre Caroles Way OX4

We're meeting to discuss important topics that affect our families:

- Accommodation & Safety
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Your voice matters. Your ideas matter. Together, we make change happen!

Action Step:
To register your interest and find more information, contact:

Iram Woolley 07756 224022
parentpoweroxfordshire@thebrilliantclub.org



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 school holidays - February, Easter, May, Summer and October (see website for dates).
- 9am-5pm daily.
- Early drop off (from 8am) and late pick-up (until 6pm) available.
- 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
📍 Scout Adventures Youlbury, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HD



Scout Adventures is owned and operated by The Scout Association, Reg Charity number 328101 (England and Wales), Registered address: The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4 7DF

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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We support local parents living in the OX4 area

Our team of Parent Advocates (local parents), Donna, Kerrisa and Kylie, can support you with:

- Practical and emotional support
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- Connecting you to a network of parents so you can support each other.
- Help and support with form filling

Need help? Want to get involved?

Get in touch with the team:
Email: donna@oxfordhub.org

Oxford Hub

oxfordhub.org/parent-power



Are you at risk of losing your home?

We can help you to avoid eviction

Our Housing Support Service Team can help keep a roof over your head by providing you with the tools to manage your money, navigate benefits, be independent, and avoid homelessness. Our team will help you gain control of your situation by working alongside you, to fully understand the challenges you are facing, so we can tailor our support. This free service is for individuals and families over the age of 16, who are residents in Oxfordshire.

Get in touch

- ✉ enquiries@connectionsupport.org.uk
- ☎ 01865 711267
- 🌐 connectionsupport.org.uk



Visit our website to download the referral form

Drop-in details:



Low cost and free activities for families to enjoy together!

YouMove is brand new for Oxfordshire, providing low cost and free fun activities for families including weekends & school holidays.

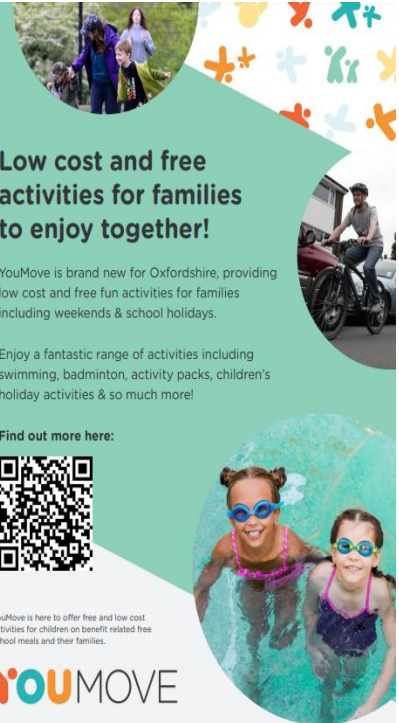
Enjoy a fantastic range of activities including swimming, badminton, activity packs, children's holiday activities & so much more!

Find out more here:



YouMove is here to offer free and low cost activities for children on benefit related free school meals and their families.

YOU MOVE



PARENT WEBINAR



Parents are the most important part of young peoples lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us, help you, to help them.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

SUBJECTS INCLUDE

- TEEN ANXIETY
- SELF HARM
- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD



WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SR/WEBINARS



OXFORDSHIRE PARENT CARERS FORUM
A Voice for Parent Carers in Oxfordshire



WEDNESDAY WEBINAR SERIES

Wednesdays | 12:00-1:30 PM

To register for a webinar visit: <https://oxpcf.org.uk/webinars>

24 September 2025

What to Expect from the CAMHS: NDC (Neurodevelopmental Conditions) Service

22 October 2025

Supporting family member's mental health through compassion

26 November 2025

Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

17 December 2025

Autistic Burnout

28 January 2026

Demand Avoidance

25 February 2026

Understanding, preventing, and supporting meltdowns

25 March 2026

Support in the community for young adults (post-18)

These sessions, presented in partnership with CAMHS, aim to provide insights, expert guidance, and discussions on key topics related to SEND. To learn more or register for a webinar please visit: oxpcf.org.uk/webinars

Thinking about an APPRENTICESHIP?



We are running

TASTER SESSIONS

Monday

16th Feb
2026

Come along to Oxford Energy Academy

& find out more about our apprenticeships in

plumbing & heating and electrical

For more information:

Email: apprentices@oea.training Tel: 01993 771155



Oxford Energy Academy

Avenue One, Station Lane, Witney OX28 4XZ

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

online talk by Jane Keyworth

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

3rd February 10-11:30am
3rd March 7-8:30pm



Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
£24 or Free with a school membership code



FEBRUARY 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	2 Feb 10am
Improving Family Communication	2 Feb 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	3 Feb 10am
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Anxiety Explained	16 Feb 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Feb 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Feb 10am
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FREE - Reducing the Harm from Screens	19 Feb 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	23 Feb 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Feb 7pm
Decreasing Depression	24 Feb 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Feb 7pm
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm

CALLING ALL YEAR 11 - YEAR 13
SOCIAL FOOTBALL DURING YOUR EXAMS!

EVERY MONDAY
8:30PM TO 10:00PM
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EVERY TUESDAY
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