Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026 | Issue 7

Dear Families

As we reach the end of our first half term, we began this week with another fascinating Gospel from Matthew. This time, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a question about whether people should pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus asks to see a coin and, pointing to the image of Caesar upon it, replies: *"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."* In assembly, we thought about what this means for us. We all have responsibilities, rules to follow and expectations to meet. But Jesus challenges us to think beyond simply doing what we are told. The coin bears the image of Caesar, but we bear the image of God. That is a remarkable reminder of our dignity and the importance of allowing our values to guide our actions.

At Greyfriars, we talk a great deal about doing the right thing, even when nobody is watching. The Greyfriars Way is not simply about following rules; it is about understanding why those rules matter and recognising that our actions help build a community where everyone can flourish. It brings us back to our theme throughout this half term: actions, not just words.



Of course, I couldn't resist bringing a little history into the assembly too. We looked at the Roman denarius bearing the image of Emperor Tiberius, the type of coin associated with this Gospel. I have **set our students a challenge** for the half-term holiday: **visit the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford** (which is free to enter) and see whether you can track down a denarius bearing the image of Tiberius Caesar. If they are feeling especially adventurous, they can also try to find Guy Fawkes' lantern. Any student who brings me evidence that they have found either of these treasures will receive a special prize in Term 2. I know there are plenty of Greyfriars students who will rise to the challenge, and I look forward to seeing what they discover.



It has been another wonderfully busy week at Greyfriars, beginning with the PFMAC concert at Oxford Town Hall (another historic Oxford building!). This is always such a joyful occasion, bringing students from across our family of schools together to celebrate music and community. This year's theme was the music of ABBA, and what a wonderful way to begin the final week of term. There is something particularly special about seeing young people from different schools come together to share their talents and celebrate one another.

We have also enjoyed our House Assemblies this week, which are always a wonderful celebration of student leadership. These assemblies are led by our students, and I love seeing the confidence, creativity and enthusiasm they bring to sharing messages with their peers. I know House of Ireneaus had to deal with all sorts of challenges and that is great learning. Our House system is such an important part of building community and belonging at Greyfriars and it gives students genuine opportunities to take responsibility and lead others. Next time, the assemblies will be led by individual form groups, ensuring that even more students have the opportunity to participate and develop their leadership skills. This is something we feel strongly about; leadership is not simply for a select few; every student should have opportunities to use their voice and help shape our community.

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Our Year 11 Geography students have also been out at Rushall Farm this week, completing their GCSE fieldwork. Thursday's group enjoyed a glorious autumn day, with crisp air and beautiful sunshine. Friday's group had a rather different experience, with cold, blustery winds and plenty of rain. Of course, I am sure there is something particularly educational about geographers experiencing the full range of British weather. It certainly provided an opportunity for resilience and I am very grateful to our students and staff for embracing the experience.

Also braving the elements are our Key Stage 4 and 5 students, who are currently on retreat at Youlbury. These retreats are such an important part of our Catholic life, offering students the opportunity to step away from their usual routines and enjoy a wonderful mixture of adventure, reflection, friendship and peace. We are very fortunate to have such a strong relationship with the Carmelites at Boars Hill, who make the retreat really special by celebrating Mass with our students. These opportunities for prayer and reflection, alongside all the fun and adventure, are incredibly valuable. I am looking forward to popping in after school today to see everyone, although I sincerely hope they are all warm and dry.

As I often say to students on the gate in the mornings, it might be a grey day, but there is always sunshine in our hearts. That was certainly true at lunchtime today. Our regular Friday karaoke brought some much-needed sunshine to a rather cold and grey afternoon. There is something quite wonderful about hearing students singing together, laughing and simply enjoying being part of the school community. It did make me think we really are an all-singing, all-dancing school!

Perhaps that is the perfect way to end our first half term. We have worked hard, welcomed new students and families, established routines and traditions, and shared so many moments of joy. There have been challenges, as there always are, but what stands out to me is the tremendous sense of belonging and community that makes Greyfriars such a special place. As our school prayer reminds us, *"It is in giving that we receive."* I see the truth of those words every day.

I hope you are all able to enjoy some wonderful family time over the holiday, with opportunities to rest, recharge and enjoy being together. Of course, don;t forget about the Ashmolean Challenge. A great way to spend a rainy, grey day. Happy holiday!

Lyndsey Caldwell
Headteacher

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel | Matthew 22:15-21



The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Reflection

In this Gospel, Jesus reminds us to fulfil our responsibilities to society while always putting God first. The coin bears Caesar's image, but we are created in God's image. Therefore, what God desires most is not our money or possessions, but our love, faith, and obedience.

This Gospel invites us to reflect on whether our daily lives show that we truly belong to God. Amid our worldly responsibilities, let us never forget to make time for prayer, serve others with love, and live according to His teachings.

Prayer for justice and Peace

True Light of the world, Lord Jesus Christ, as you enlighten all men for their salvation, give us grace, we pray, to herald your coming by preparing the ways of justice and of peace. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



To view the St Edmund and St Frideswide (Greyfriars) parish website please click on the following link:
https://www.greyfriarsoxford.uk/

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Catholic Life

Mr Greer is currently on a residential retreat at Youlbury where he has been joined by a number of students from various year groups. They are spending two nights away at the adventure and retreat centre in Boar's Hill. This trip was a success last year, and is becoming an annual tradition.

The purpose of the retreat is to give students leadership experience and participation in Catholic life. Students will bond together, learn teamwork, and overcome obstacles as they journey into the year ahead. The spiritual component to the trip includes a chance to connect with God in their time amidst nature and in a visit to the Carmelites monastery next door. If students are not religious, then they gain from time spent in solitude, reflection, and peace.

Message for Year 8 and Year 9 | Mrs Reddy

As we reach the end of term, we wish all our Year 8 and Year 9 students and families a restful and enjoyable half-term break! With the clocks going back this weekend, please remind children to take extra care during darker evenings and ensure they have warm, weather-appropriate coats for their journey to school, while maintaining our uniform standards.

Our Leadership Enrichment team continues to collect Christmas donations to support those in need. Half-term is the perfect opportunity to sort through good-quality, pre-loved items and share the gift of giving. Donations can be brought to main reception for the attention of Mrs Reddy. Look out for our poster in the newsletter for further details. Thank you for your continued support!

Students leading the way this week…



Year 8	Year 9
Oreoluwa	Mason
Mia	Alex
Bella	Niall
Sarah	Anne-Marie
Shashwat	Ganuli
Muhammed AW	Ronnie
Karthik	Sabella
Sadew	Ephraim
Jeffrey	Yves
Amelia	Quan

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
Y8 and Y9!

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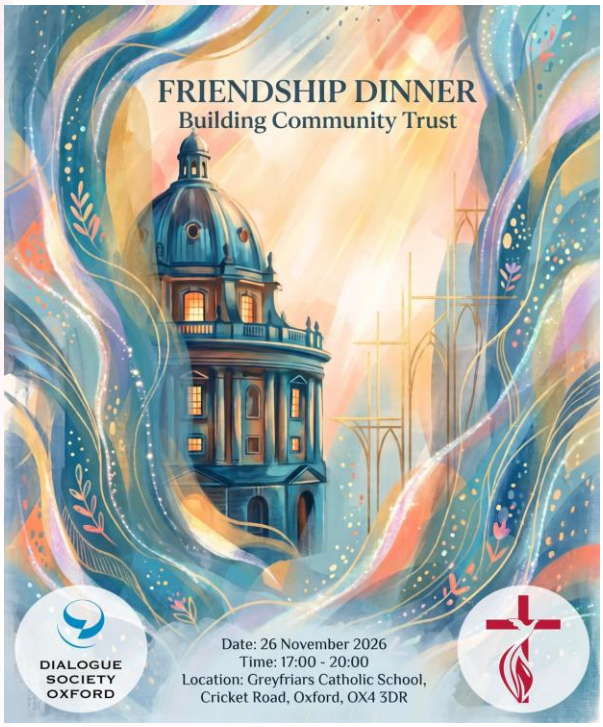
Sixth Form News Ms McCabe

Stars of the Term Well done to a few stand out stars of Y12 and Y13 for gaining the most achievement points this term. In Y12 , Philippe, Arnav and Yunxi, and in Y13, Nifemi, Jeremiah and Goodness. Excellent work, everyone!

Peer Mentoring Our first cohort of Y12 Peers Mentors graduated on Wednesday. Every Y12 took part in this course and this has proven to be a powerful addition to our Sixth Form curriculum. Students learned about communication, bullying and empathy over the 6 week course.Our Y12 have given us lots of really positive and productive feedback for our next cohort of Peer Mentors.

House Assemblies Our Y12 and Y13 have been planning and delivering House Assemblies this week. These have been on the theme of Black History Month and the Common Good. Delivering an assembly can feel like a daunting task, but students always step up to the challenge and gain so many skills in the process. Well done to everyone who has taken part and contributed.

End of Term letter If you are new to our Sixth Form or our school, please look out for the end of term letter. This is emailed home every term and includes our main highlights and key dates coming up.



Save the Date!

Dialogue Society Oxford, in partnership with Greyfriars Catholic School, invites you to the Friendship Dinner, a special evening celebrating friendship, diversity, and mutual understanding across Oxfordshire's faith and non-faith communities.

More information and the link to register will be sent in due course.

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Farm Enrichment | Miss Crowther













For our final Enrichment lesson this term, students explored the history and traditions of All Hallows' Eve, discovering its connections to the celebration of All Saints' Day. They also enjoyed getting creative, carving their own jack-o'-lanterns and transforming pumpkins into wonderful seasonal decorations. It was a lovely opportunity to combine learning about our heritage with creativity and fun!

We also enjoyed tasting some of the homemade grape jam we made together last week. It was great to try the results of our hard work and enjoy something delicious that we had made ourselves! To make the most of our pumpkins, we also baked the pumpkin seeds to create a tasty, crunchy seasonal snack. This was a great way to explore how we can use different parts of the produce we grow and reduce waste.

Farm Enrichment has been a wonderful opportunity this term for students to get outdoors, develop practical skills, try new things and learn more about growing and making their own food. From harvesting ingredients to creating homemade treats, we have enjoyed a fantastic range of activities together.

A big well done to all the students who have taken part this term! We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for more growing, cooking and exploring next term.

Admissions Policy Consultation | Blessed George Napier

Blessed George Napier School is consulting on its Admissions Policy, in line with the School Admissions Code. The consultation runs from **20 October to 1 December 2026**, and parents, carers and prospective parents are invited to share their views.

For more information and to register your view, please follow this link.

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Art & DT | Ms Youngs Do Patrocinio

Mrs Awanyo's Year 8 classes have been creating drawings inspired by Kate Malone's sculptures. Half of the drawings are in coloured pencil / chalk and the other half is a tonal drawing in pencil.





Year 8 have been developing their observational drawing and shading skills this term.








Mr Dashwood's Year 7 textiles groups have been making their own felt. They firstly created a sketch of their design and then brought these to life by layering wool in different directions. They then had to massage their wool with soapy water to get the fibres to lock together, creating felt.







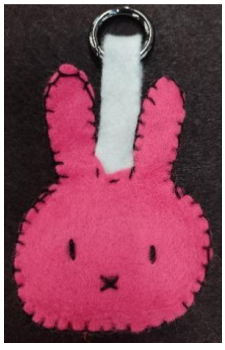





In Miss Youngs' Year 10 textiles enrichment, students have created their own keyrings, inspired by the recent trend of oversized keyrings.









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Message for Year 7 | Mr Cunningham

We have made it to half term! A huge well done to every one of our Y7 students for completing their first term at secondary school. It has been a term full of new beginnings: new routines, new friendships, new subjects, and plenty of new challenges. Through it all, this year group has shown resilience, kindness, and a real willingness to give things a go. We could not be prouder of how they have settled in and made Greyfriars their own.

You have all worked hard and you have truly earned this break. We hope you enjoy a happy, restful, and relaxing week with your families, with plenty of time to recharge before the next stretch of term.

A quick reminder for when we return: with the colder, wetter weather now well and truly here, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat each day.

Congratulations to 7RHO, who with a total of 519 achievement points this week have snuck to the top of the leader board!

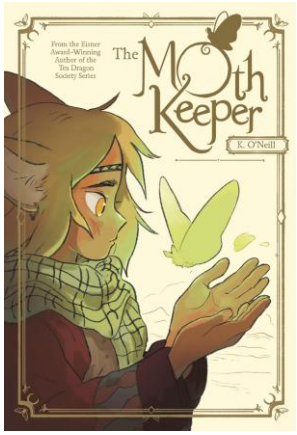
7RHO	3,862
7PJE	3,746
7LP	3,372
7CHO	2,989

Thank you for your support this term. Have a wonderful half term. We look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready to go!

Well done to Hibba who is leading the way after a record breaking week earlier in the term!

Hibba	381
Isreal	286
George	244
Macourley	230
James	229
Emmanuel	226
Parika	225
Pedro	224
Joanna	223

Weekly Book Review by Lian



This may interest you if you were a fan of the graphic novel, 'The Tea Dragon Society!' The Moth Keeper is a beautiful graphic novel filled with nature and mythology as well as being about community and isolation as well as duty.

I believe the graphic novel to be wonderfully cosy but also extremely in touch with emotions people feel very often but aren't as comfortable to share. Feelings like burnout or craving change and spontaneity. The book itself makes you wonder about consequences and risks but also self reflection and development. You grow alongside Anya as she faces both the cost of her sacrifices at first but also her bouts of slight selfishness which led to such fallout within the book.

It's also about learning to support people individually no matter anything else and I believe it to be a super strong and important lesson to learn! It has a brilliant moral of how we all must be there for each other even if tradition or norms have to be broken.

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Library News | Mrs Brett



Hello Savvy Story Seekers! I hope you all had a fantastic week.

The library was incredibly busy the past few days, not only with our lovely regulars, but also with new students seeking shelter from the rain, (re-) discovering the library, and staying for the vibes. Remember, whether you want to find the next great read, play a game of chess, or Uno, craft a little something, or just be in great company, you are always welcome. Without your food, because of the power-hungry ants, of course!

We currently have **23 GOLD READERS.** As you may remember from last week - these students have been awarded 50 Achievement points each this week to celebrate their ambition and commitment to reading excellence! I am so very proud.

The Unite Poetry Competition is drawing to a close and I have now submitted all the entries - good luck! To celebrate the theme, I have encouraged students in this term's Enrichment session to express what 'Unite' means to them. Here are some amazing examples (we saved the poems for the competition).





Our Malorie Blackman - Expert Level Quiz is Friday, with some fab prizes up for grabs, so don't forget to pop along at lunch and have some fun (and maybe learn something new about this incredible author).

I would like to leave you with a fragment of my all-time-favourite poem to ponder on, ***The Road Not Taken*** by Robert Frost.

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference."

I'd encourage you to look it up, and read the entire poem, it is brilliant. A wonderful reminder of the power of the written word. It can soothe, it can relax, it can make you feel understood and less alone. It can give you the strength to be yourself and follow your dreams. And THAT can make all the difference.

Let's check the Reading Leaders for the last time this term.

TERM 1 | WEEK 7				
	Reading Champ		Form Group Reading Championship	
1	Ludozio	47	9BMO	69.6%
2	Sahas	44	8ALW	59.3%
3	Karthik	28	7PJE	59.1%
4	Roisin	12	9RM	56.52%
5	Nimra, Ganuli,Esmae	8	7LP	56%

Have a wonderful break!

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Message for KS4 | Mr Weedon

As we reach the end of another busy period, I wanted to share a few highlights from the term and wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Youlbury Retreat

I was lucky enough to spend an evening with our Y10 and Y11 students at Youlbury yesterday, where we enjoyed cooking together and playing games. It was fantastic to see our students spending quality time learning from Mr Greer while also having a great deal of fun. Opportunities like these are incredibly valuable. They allow students to develop relationships, build confidence, learn new skills and enjoy experiences outside the classroom. Most importantly, they help create the kind of positive memories that students will look back on for years to come.

Year 11 – Preparation for PPEs

With the Year 11 PPEs approaching, I have been encouraging students to give these exams their very best effort. These exams are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge, recognise their strengths and identify areas where further work may be needed ahead of the summer exams. The effort they put in now will be invaluable in helping them understand where they currently stand and what they need to do to achieve their potential. Following the two-week PPE period, I know our teachers will be eager use the outcomes to guide further teaching, support and revision. With continued hard work and positive attitude, there is every reason to be optimistic about what our students can achieve.

Finally, I would like to wish all our KS4 students a fantastic half-term break. I hope they enjoy some well-deserved rest, spend time with family and friends, and return refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead. Many thanks for your continued support.

Axiom Maths Problem of the Week! | Mr McCutcheon

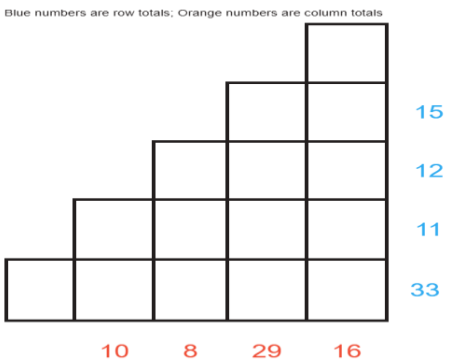
Additional reasoning

Fill each square with **a whole number from 1 to 9**.

A number **can** be repeated.
A number **cannot**

- appear twice in the same row
- appear twice in the same column

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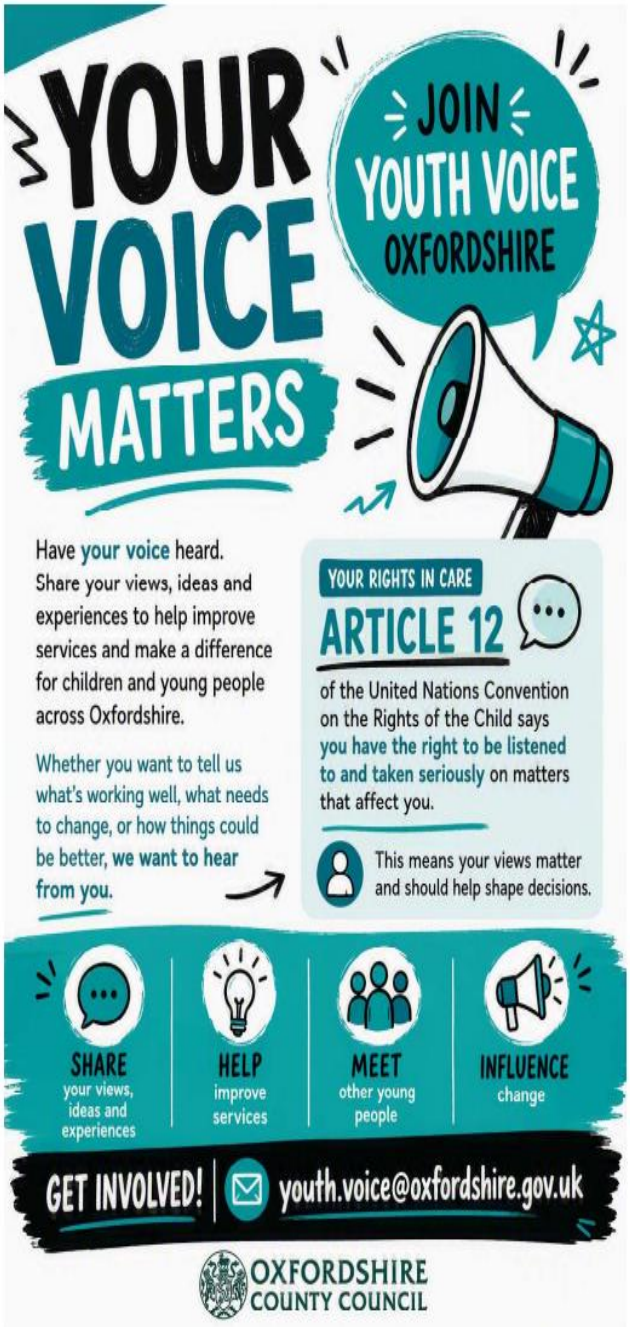
Restaurant Menu for Term 2







Safeguarding | Mr Daly



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Mrs Reddy's Christmas Donations

As in previous years, we are collecting donations for the Salesian Sisters to donate to families in need in our community.

Any donations would be gratefully received.



SPARX Update | Mr Secker

Sparx Maths WEEK 7

Total XP points earned	Number of questions answered
1,709	138,809

XP Champions THIS YEAR | 23/10/26

Name	Year	Total XP
Micahel E	7	12,807
Marvelous	8	7,853
Joe F M	8	6,138
Laurencja B	7	5,740
Verio H M	7	5,621
Miu Miu M	9	5,521
Morizo D C	9	5,652
Oreoluwa S	8	5,352
Kryspin B	8	4,528
Mia E	8	4,492

XP Champions for the LAST 2 WEEKS

Name	Year	XP POINTS
Noor A	11	1,410
Oscar K	11	1,290
Muhammed N	10	1,840
Olivia J	10	1,509
Miu Miu M	9	2,371
Zabrina B	9	1,788
Joe F M	8	2,418
Dirgano B	8	1,852
Laurencja B	7	3,029
Leilana E A C	7	2,029
Noor A	11	1,410

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Attendance at Greyfriars

At Greyfriars Catholic School, our priority is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to flourish individually and collectively. Consistent attendance plays a vital role in this success and we have high expectations for all pupils, with the aim of achieving 100% attendance.

Every day in school counts.

For more information on our attendance policy and details of how to notify the school of your child's absence or indeed, to request a term time absence, please follow the link below which will take you to our attendance page on the school website:

Attendance

Student Illness Procedure

- If your child feels unwell a member of the on-call team will be called to the classroom to assess your child in the first instance.
- If on-call believe that the student is not well enough to continue with their lesson, they will be escorted to main reception to be seen by the person on duty in the medical room.
- At this stage, parents / carers will be contacted.
- If it is decided that your child is too unwell to continue the school day, you or a named adult will be asked to collect your child from school.
- Alternatively, if you are unable to collect your child, they will likely be sent back to lessons.



School Lunch Accounts

Please remember to regularly check your child has enough funds in their ParentPay lunch accounts and if this is running low please top up. Students will be unable to purchase food in the restaurant if they do not have enough funds in their account.

Please note that we are a cashless school and cannot accept cash for lunch payments.

ParentPay
COUNT ON US

If you are having trouble accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the school.

GENERAL NOTICES

National Changes to Free School Meals from September 2026

The current transitional protection arrangements for Free School Meals will end in July 2026. This means that pupils who are currently receiving FSM will not automatically remain eligible from September 2026. To continue receiving Free School Meals, families will need to meet the revised eligibility criteria.

Expanded Eligibility from September 2026

From September 2026, **all children living in households that receive Universal Credit** will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of household income.

If you believe that your child is eligible for free school meals, please complete the following Google Form: Free School Meals Registration Form

5 Ways to Well-being

Click on the logo to find out more.



Building small actions into your daily life can make you feel good,and feeling good is an important part of being healthy. There are 5 ways to wellbeing that are proven to make a real difference to you.



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

GENERAL NOTICES

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26 – Friday 30 October | Half Term

Monday 2 November | Term 2 Begins

Friday 6 November | Peterhouse Outreach for Year 11

Friday 6 November | Bach Choir Rehearsal

Friday 6 November | Diwali Begins

Wednesday 11 November | Remembrance Service

Monday 16 November | Anti-bullying Week Begins

Thursday 19 November | Year 11 Cambridge University Visit

Donations

If you wish to make a donation to the school please click on the link.

DONATE



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!



Greyfriars 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 https://www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk/join-us/vacancies or visit: to view all our current vacancies.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Vacancies

https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES













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FACE

November Timetable

All regular 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

Introduction to OCD	2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT?	10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 7pm
FREE - Responding to Stress & Anxiety	19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance	23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety	24 Nov 7pm









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Donnington Doorstep Family Centre has reopened its **free Youth Club** for young people in OX4.

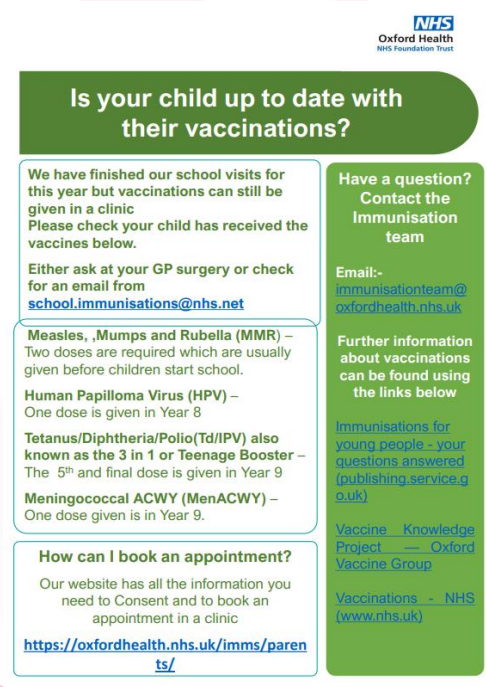
We offer a safe, welcoming space with activities, support, and a free hot meal each session.

Open **Tuesdays & Wednesdays**

Please see our poster for parental permission details.

PARENTS to COMPLETE FORM

YOUTH CLUB Registration Form – Fill out form







LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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



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

Scout Adventures Youlbury, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HD

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Are you or anyone you know looking after someone else's child?

If a child is cared for informally by someone who is not a close relative for 28 days or more, this is considered **private fostering** and legally we must be told.



Let us know

Get in touch to make sure everyone gets the support they deserve. You can do this anonymously:

01865 323 126

private.fostering@oxfordshire.gov.uk

oxfordshire.gov.uk/privatefostercare

Fostering in Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire County Council



Weekly drop-in sessions
Wednesdays
12 -1:30 pm
term time only

For more info contact:
hello@ark-t.org or 01865 772095

MySpace (online)

MySpace (Online) is a weekly creative wellbeing group for 10 to 14 year olds who are struggling with school attendance due to emotional challenges. The sessions run in a drop in / out style supporting individual interests and needs.

Supported by Oxfordshire Community Foundation

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Rugby Club

Great work so far, everyone, in our Rugby Club. We have been very impressed by your enthusiasm and ability to pick up new skills so quickly – and we're only in week 3!

As a reminder, we have worked on the fundamentals of rugby play:

- Run forwards, pass backwards
- Shoot the ball from the hip like a rocket
- Evasion - Stepping and swerving
- Chicken scratch on touch
- Retreating in defence

We'll continue to build on these skills in the coming weeks.

We plan to enter teams into the England Touch Schools Championship in the Summer Term – so something very exciting to work towards. Take a look at this video for some more details about the Touch game.

If you are interested in doing a bit more rugby, then please consider coming along to Oxford Quins RFC. We train at the Horspath Sports Ground, OX4 2RR on a Wednesday evening at 6-7pm or 7-8pm (depending on age group). And we play fixtures on a Sunday. It was a proud week for us at Quins, as Grey Fisilau was picked for England's Six Nations squad. Look out for him on TV in the coming weeks.



Bring your Boots!

Running on grass is so much easier if you are wearing studs. If you have them, please remember to bring your rugby or football boots along.

If you don't have any boots but would like some, please speak with Miss Kenneford.

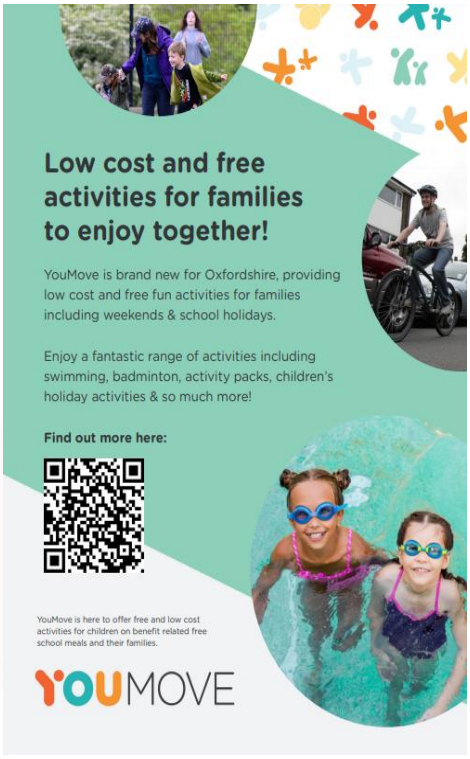
We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

From Laura and the Quins coaching team.











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