

NEWSLETTER

17th October 2025



It has been another fantastic week here at Longfields. Just to remind you that we finish school at 15:20 next Friday for half term and return on Monday 3rd November. From all of us, we hope you have a wonderful week.

Attendance Guide for Parents/Carers, please read:

What YOU must do:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am **each day** of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- Arrange holidays for outside of term time.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Cross Country Competition at The Cooper School

On Thursday 9th October, 31 of our KS2 pupils represented the school at our cluster Cross Country Competition. We were extremely proud of all our pupils who attended, who tried their best and represented the school fantastically. All of our teams did amazingly well, all finishing third in the team competitions against some really tough competition. Unfortunately, this means we just missed out on qualifying for the finals as teams,.

Although we did not qualify as teams, due to their outstanding efforts we had 10 children qualify as individuals for the Finals in December. We have celebrated their success in Celebration Assembly.

A big thank you and well done to all who attended the competition.





October—Black History Month

20.10.2025—Red Kites Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

22.10.2025—Flu Immunisations—please submit consent forms by 08:00 on 21.10.2025

24.10.2025—Last day of school before half term

03.11.2025—First day back to school after half term

10.11.2025—Individual school photos

10.11.2025—14.11.2025—Anti Bullying & Friendship Week

11.11.2025—Kingfishers Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

12.11.2025—Parent/Carer Evening

17.11.2025—Woodpeckers Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

19.11.2025—Parent/Carer Evening

24.11.2025—Badgers Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

01.12.2025—Foxes Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

08.12.2025—Otters Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

10.12.2025 = Longfields Winter Fete (after school—more details to follow)

11.12.2025—Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

11.12.2025—Nursery & Reception Winter Play at 09:30

15.12.2025 = Hares Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

17.12.2025, 18.12.2025 & 19.12.2025—children can wear festive jumpers to school

17.12.2025—Christmas songs on the playground for Years 1, 2 & 3 at 14:30

18.12.2025—School Christmas Lunch

18.12.2025—Christmas songs on the playground for Years 4, 5 & 6 at 14:30

19.12.2025—Last day of school before Christmas Holidays

05.01.2026—Inset Day

06.01.2026—First day back at school after Christmas Holidays

Request for help

Does anyone know a local architect who would be able to draw/design a room for change of use in our school? Please contact Mrs Goodes or the school office if you are able to help, thank you!



Menus for the November / December term are now open!

Please log in to your Meal Manager account today to book meals for the next half term, Nov - Dec 2025



STARS OF THE WEEK



10th October 2025



17th October 2025



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Registered ELITE CAMPS

BOOK YOUR PLACE

The Bicester School, Bicester, OX26 2NS

Mon 27th – Fri 31st October 2025
 Extended Day (8:30am – 5:00pm)
 Full Day (9:00am – 3:30pm)
 Half Day for 4-Year-Olds (9:00am – 1:00pm)

TRY A FREE TASTER DAY*

*New customers only – call us to book your free taster day this October Campl 01235 415846



Booking Options

- Book Now via bookings.eliteyouthsports.co.uk
- info@eliteyouthsports.co.uk
- 01235 415846

Trunk or Treat

Saturday 18th October, from 5pm-8pm

'Trunk or Treat' has been such a hit since we started offering this event several years ago. This trend started in America and we think it is a fantastic accessible activity to bring to you, which is a little bit different to the usual trick or treat! £8 per child / young person to attend - members can attend the event for free using their Member discount code



The activity involves the trunk of your car being open and displaying treats, sometimes games, and decorations. Take a trip around our site and visit the trunks! You can still attend even if you don't want to decorate your own trunk.

We will be serving pizzas or chili-con-carne with chips or cheesy chips and lots of Halloween treats from the cafe. We will also be making Halloween slime, doing Halloween facepainting and spooky stories around the firepit!

Dressing up is optional and there will be a prize for the best car boot and outfit on the evening!

To book, visit: www.thomley.org.uk/calendar/

YOUTH ACTIVATORS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The October half term is coming to life in a park near you! Join our Youth Activators for free sports and games.

The sessions are inclusive and suitable for kids aged five and over. They are drop-in, so you can come and go as you like.

WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE FUN

Location	Date & Time	Activity	Skills
BANBURY	Tuesday 28 October: 11am - 12pm	Chandos Park	Multi Skills
	Tuesday 28 October: 1pm - 2pm	Princess Diana Park	Multi Skills
BICESTER	Wednesday 29 October: 11am - 12pm	West Bicester Community Centre park	Multi Skills
	Wednesday 29 October: 1pm - 2pm	East Bicester Spider Park	Multi Skills

FREE!

Cherwell DISTRICT COUNCIL NORTH DORSETSHIRE **YOU MOVE**



Bladon Junior Church

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Monday 27 October to Saturday 1 November 2025, 7.30pm
 Saturday Matinee 2.30pm

BLADON METHODIST CHURCH

Tickets: £15 Adults / £10 Children
www.juniorchurch.com/superstar

Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBER Lyrics by TIM RICE
 An amateur youth group production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Limited.

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Family Learning Online Workshops Nov-Dec 2025

Workshops are held online using Teams.

These workshops aim to help you feel empowered at managing those tricky situations knowing you are doing the best for your child and yourself. You will gain insight into how to strengthen your family's self-esteem and resilience; and practise strategies to encourage positive behaviour. These workshops are aimed at parents/carers of primary school age children.

Mondays			
To Book	COURSE TITLE and COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME
Visit website or phone	Emotional Regulation - P07906	Mon, 10/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Positive Discipline - P07910	Mon, 17/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Implementing Effective Routines - P07916	Mon, 24/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
Visit website or phone	Developing Resilience - P07918	Mon, 1/12/25	12:00 - 13:30

Fridays			
To Book	COURSE TITLE	DATE	TIME
Phone	Emotional Regulation	Fri, 14/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Positive Discipline	Fri, 21/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Implementing Effective Routines	Fri, 28/11/25	13:00 - 14:30
Phone	Developing Resilience	Fri, 5/12/25	13:00 - 14:30

To enroll, contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning by phone.

01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk



Effective Communication for SEN

The Maple Tree
Littleworth Road
Wheatley, OX33 1NW

This **free** course equips you with practical strategies and insights to enhance communication with individuals who have SEN.

Topics covered include:

- using a total communication approach
- using key word signs to support speech
- using visual aids effectively

6th Nov - 11th Dec
Thursdays 12:30 - 14:30
(6 week course)

This course is free to families living in Oxfordshire (Ts and Cs apply)

To book a place please email:

info@mapletree.org.uk



Navigating the Teen Years

Oxford Hub
Windale Primary School
Windale Avenue
Oxford OX4 6JD

Connect with other parents, share experiences, and find support in creating a positive environment for your family.

Come along to gain valuable insights into:

- Teenage brain development
- Maintaining healthy relationships
- Managing conflict
- Building resilience
- Setting boundaries
- Keeping safe on phones and online.

Oxford Hub

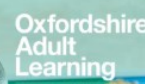
6 Week Course

Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:30

5th November - 10th December

To book a place please contact Penelope (teacher of the course) from Abingdon & Witney College.

penelope.lea@abingdon-witney.ac.uk



Managing Feelings & Behaviour

Where? The Maple Tree, Littleworth Road, Wheatley, OX33 1NW
When? Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 (teas and coffees served from 9am)
3rd November - 8th December
Cost? Free to families living in Oxfordshire (Ts & Cs apply)

A course for parents and carers which covers the following topics:

- Emotional regulation
- Positive discipline and boundaries
- Managing meltdowns effectively

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