

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025 | Issue 5

Dear Families

Our Gospel reflection this week has the key image of the *mustard seed*; a tiny seed with extraordinary potential. Jesus tells us that even the smallest amount of faith can move mountains. It reminds us that big change often begins in small, faithful acts: a kind word, a helping hand, the courage to keep trying.

This week, we have all been *mustard seeds*: growing, encouraging others, and helping our community to flourish.

It has been an absolute joy to welcome so many prospective students and their families into our school. Our student ambassadors have been outstanding, warm, articulate and full of genuine pride in the Greyfriars community. Hearing them speak about their experiences, their teachers and their learning fills me with joy and hope. They are the best possible advertisement for what makes our school special.

We have also been delighted to begin our new partnership with **Jacari**, an Oxford-based charity that supports young people through reading and mentoring. Jacari will be supporting our new reading programme with student mentors in 6th form, a wonderful opportunity for our young people to develop confidence, curiosity and a love of books. Reading changes everything, and we are proud to be part of such a meaningful collaboration. This will be a really wonderful addition to our already thriving library.



As we move further into the term, there is a real sense of joy and purpose across the school. Lessons are calm and focused, enrichment is thriving, and our community continues to grow stronger together. Just as the mustard seed grows into a tree where others can find shelter, our aim is that Greyfriars remains a place where every student can flourish individually and collectively.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support. You are part of this story too; part of the Greyfriars family that continues to nurture faith, knowledge, care and ambition in all we do.

Lyndsey Caldwell
Headteacher

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel - Luke 17: 5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. ⁷ "Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸ Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"



Reflection

This week's Gospel teaches the parable about a servant who, after a long day in the field, is expected to serve his master before eating. The master does not thank the servant for doing his duty; it is simply what the servant is expected to do. This parable illustrates that when disciples obey God, they are not doing Him a favour but fulfilling their duty. They should not expect special recognition or reward for their obedience but consider themselves "unprofitable servants," or unprofitable servants, who have done only what is required of them.

The passage teaches that faith is not a quantity to be increased but a relationship of trust and active commitment to God's will. Our obedience is not a source of merit but our expected service to God, who is our master.

Prayer - inspired by St. Francis's Care for Creation

Living God, have mercy on us, for the times we forget that we belong to each other. You call us to be still, to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind, to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun, and to be nourished by our Mother Earth. Renew us in your healing love. Inspire us to water the earth, and nurture one another, so all may flourish. Together, as one family, may we always sing your praise. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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

GENERAL NOTICES

This week's Fixtures | Mr Dunne

It's been a packed and exciting week for our U13 football squad, with back-to-back fixtures in both the National Cup and County Cup. The boys have shown incredible resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship across both matches - true ambassadors of the Greyfriars Way. Their commitment on and off the pitch has been nothing short of inspiring.

National Cup Thriller: Greyfriars U13s Triumph Over Wheatley Park

Our U13 boys delivered a footballing masterclass in the National Cup, overcoming Wheatley Park in a pulsating 6-4 victory. The match was packed with energy, skill, and unity - hallmarks of the Greyfriars Way.

Niall was in electric form, scoring four goals with a mix of finesse and flair. His sublime free kick was a moment of pure brilliance, and his cheeky scoop over the keeper had the crowd on their feet. Azzouz added to the tally with a confident strike, and Guardion sealed the win with the final goal - an emphatic finish that capped off a superb team performance.



What stood out most was the unity on display. Every player contributed, showing great communication, resilience, and sportsmanship. The boys supported each other throughout, demonstrating the values we cherish at Greyfriars: respect, effort, and togetherness. A thrilling win and a proud moment for the team - well done!



County Cup Victory: Greyfriars U13s Overcome Gosford Hill

In their second match of the week, the U13 boys continued their winning streak with a composed 3-1 victory over Gosford Hill in the County Cup. It was another performance full of character, discipline, and togetherness.

Niall once again led the charge with two clinical goals, while Kerfala added a third with a powerful finish that capped off a well-worked team move. The defence held strong, the midfield controlled the tempo, and the whole squad showed maturity beyond their years. What impressed most was the spirit on display. From the first whistle to the last, the boys supported each other, respected their opponents, and played with integrity. It was a textbook example of the Greyfriars Way - where effort, respect, and unity come first.

Two matches, two wins, and a team growing stronger with every game. Well done to all involved!

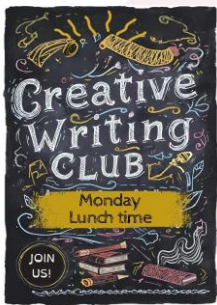
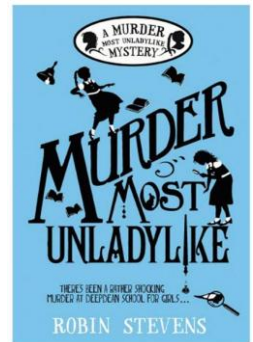
GENERAL NOTICES

Library News | Miss Brett

WELCOME
to
THE
LIBRARY

Hello Everybody! This week's updates will be all about our clubs and initiatives :) ·

BOOK CLUB – Tuesday after school. Here's our first read. We read the first chapter together this week and I am already very excited!



We are about to launch our first **CREATIVE WRITING CLUB**. If you have a story brewing inside you that just can't wait to come out, pop up to the library and sign up 😊. We are expecting some guest visits from a local author too.

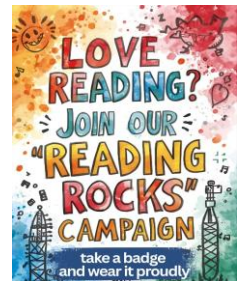


Another new addition is our already very popular **BOOKMARK PAINTING CLUB**

(although I feel like maybe we should call it something a bit more catchy). Also, don't worry, there is nothing messy about it as we are using acrylic paint pens.

The crochet and clay club are still as popular as ever, so come along to check them out.

Finally, join our Reading Revival movement called: **READING ROCKS**. Come up to the library and help yourself to one of our READING ROCKS badges. But remember, if you see a fellow READING ROCKS badge wearer, chat to them! Ask them what they're reading? Are they enjoying it? It's a great way to meet like-minded people and make new friends with similar interests.



Lastly, don't forget that you can still submit your story to the BBC's 500 words competition (if you're in Y7 and not 12 yet). It's a BIG DEAL- listen to this:

"Each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library."

50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded grand final at Windsor Castle in February 2026, which will once again be hosted by Her Majesty The Queen. If that's not enough, each winner will also see their story be read aloud by a superstar celebrity on TV, which will be shown as part of a special 500 Words programme with The One Show in early March."

Continued on the next page...

GENERAL NOTICES

Library News Continued

We'll conclude with the latest Reading Championship update, and it looks like everybody has kept their place this week.

TERM 1 WEEK 5				
	Reading Champ		Tutor Group Reading Championship	
1	SU	9AS	9AS	112
2	PL	10MJ	7KR	76
3	AJ	9RCR	8RM	71
4	BD	8RM	7ALW	59
5	BV	9RCR	10MJ	54

Now, get ready for a Bard joke.. (see what I did there? 😊)

Why did Shakespeare always write with a pen?

Because pencils made him ask, "2B or not 2B?"

Wishing you a weekend as captivating as a good book.

Mr Masterson to Run Oxford Half Marathon for St Edmund's Charity

Mr Masterson will be lacing up his running shoes once again to take part in the Oxford Half Marathon on Sunday, 12th October. He's running in support of St Edmund's charity, which supports sick newborns, their parents, and those who care for them to flourish in times of hardship.

St Edmund has raised awareness for important causes such as Samaritans in the past and they continue their commitment to raising awareness and much-needed funds for the incredible work for SSNAP who are located at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Last year's efforts were a great success, and we hope the Greyfriars community can rally behind him again this year.

If you'd like to support Mr Masterson's run and contribute to the charity, donations can be made via his fundraising page:

justgiving.com/page/sean-masterson-2



Let's all wish him the best of luck as he takes on the 13.1-mile challenge for a truly worthy cause!

GENERAL NOTICES



Greyfriars Christmas Fayre

Raffle and Tombola Prize Donations

We are asking for donation of items that can be used as prizes to help our fundraising at our Christmas Fayre

Do you have something special that you would be willing to donate as a tombola prize? Unwanted gifts, toys, toiletries, wine, games, gift card etc Please leave any donations at reception.

We hope you will be able to join us on Saturday 6th December from 11.30am.

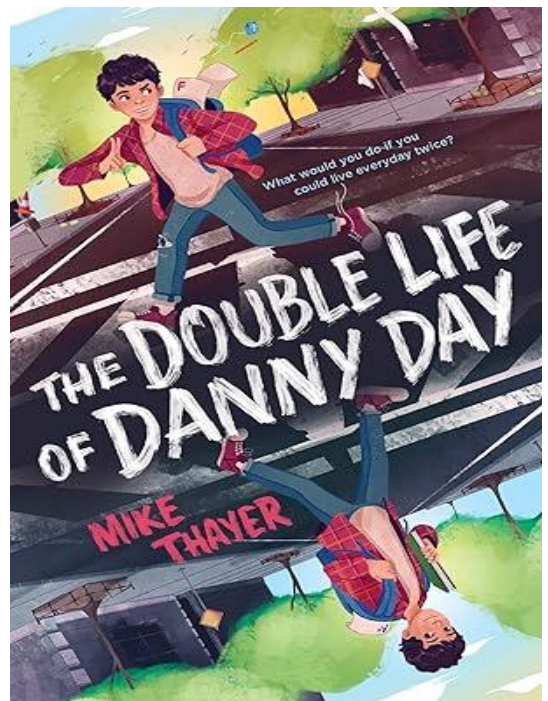
Weekly Book Review by Lian G

The Double Life of Danny Day by Mike Thayer

It's a 'curiously engaging story! With the premise being quite entertaining in itself you can imagine that it isn't hard to really get into this book. Something as amazing as a guaranteed second try may not seem all it's cracked up to be when things start to get tense.

However, despite all this it's all around enjoyable and you find yourself wondering along with Danny which route he should take even with his 'practice runs'.

I think it's a fun, simple read that's sure to get you pretty hooked!



St Frideswide Primary School Open Evening



Is your child starting school in September 26?

Come and find out how St Frideswide Primary put nurture based practice into action, next door to Florence Park!

Join us at one of our open sessions: Monday 13th October 9.15-10.00 / Friday 17th October 9.15-10.00 / Monday 10th November 1.00 pm-1.45 pm / Friday 14th November 1.00 pm -1.45 pm. Book your place [here](#).

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 8 and Year 9 | Mrs Reddy

It's been fantastic to see so many of you getting involved in extracurricular activities this week. Year 8 had two football matches and Year 9 have had one. It's brilliant to see you representing the school with pride, teamwork, and enthusiasm.

Beyond the pitch, I've also been really pleased with how many of you are showing great focus and effort in lessons. Balancing your studies with clubs, sports, and other opportunities is a valuable skill, and many of you are doing it brilliantly.

Keep up the great work, whether it's in the classroom, on the field, or in any other area you're passionate about. Your commitment and energy make a real difference.

Students Leading the Way

Y8

Haider
Karina
Anne-Marie
Alda
Yves
Maria
Kyara
Wissam
Keilah
Elissa



Y9

Sahas
John
Alexandra E
Delight
Ammarah
Kosmos
Eleesha
Sylvia
Blossom
Sabrina

Leadership Enrichment Donations

The Leadership Enrichment group is currently collecting items to support needy families and children in our community. We kindly ask you to contribute any **pre-loved items** or **unwanted gifts** that we can donate to the church to distribute to those less fortunate. Please drop off your donations at **Reception** for the attention of **Mrs Reddy**.



Thank you for your generosity and support in making a difference!

Thank you to all caregivers who attended Meet the Form Tutor evening, it was great to see you.

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!

GENERAL NOTICES

Y10 Hospitality & Catering | Mrs Awanyo

Caitlin has shown outstanding progress in catering this week; making bread and tomato soup, developing both her practical skills and understanding of key concepts.

Her dedication and willingness to learn have truly paid off.



Greyfriars Catholic School
Invites you to a

FREE BREAKFAST!

Get an energy boost before
class with a **FREE** breakfast -
don't miss out!

When: Every week day

Where: School Restaurant

Time: 8:00am-8:30am



National School Breakfast Programme is delivered by Family Action.
Find out more at family-action.org.uk/NSBP.



Family Action. Registered as a Charity in England & Wales no. 264773.
Registered as a Charity in the Isle of Man no. 1206. Registered Company Limited by Guarantee in England and Wales no. 01064186.

Sparx Maths **WEEK 5**

Total hours spent on
Sparx this year

1350hrs

Number of questions
answered correctly

89,858

XP Champions THIS YEAR 10/10/25

Name	Year	Total XP
Miu Miu M	8	7451
Ana Paula C	10	5,739
Samayrah K	10	5,562
Seerat S	7	5,520
Nita C	11	5,153
Aminata J	9	5,121
Wissam B S	8	4,712
Mithun K	10	4,670
Victoria A	12	4,428
Aman A	9	4,329

XP Champions for LAST WEEK

Name	Year	XP POINTS
Russell R	11	2,275
Artur G	11	2,245
Mithun K	10	2,540
Brisa C	10	1,309
Gaudencio F	9	2,171
Aminata J	9	1,988
Joshua S	8	2,088
Miu Miu M	8	1,952
Leandra A M	7	2,875
Hafeez K	7	1,745

GENERAL NOTICES

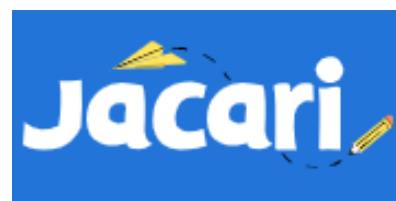
Sixth Form News | Ms McCabe

University Seminars

We are absolutely delighted that 3 groups of students in Y12 and Y13 are getting to experience university style seminars with our visiting Research Fellow, Edward Hadas. This week, students have been discussing the carbon footprint of the aviation industry and what political, economical and theoretical challenges this may create.

Jacari Training

Students had their first training to become Jacari Reading mentors this week. 8 wonderful students across Y12 and Y13 will soon be working with some of our younger EAL students in Y7 and Y8. Students will complete 2 more training sessions before starting work with their buddies after half-term.



Sixth Form Environmental and Sustainability Society (ESS)

The ESS group has been busy seeking funding for our Sixth Form garden project. They have had promising responses from both B&Q and Wickes and have been invited to meet with a Community Project Manager in the next couple of weeks to explain their project and secure some funding. Brilliant work from all involved, with a special mention for the leadership & initiative of Sadika.



Independent Study & PPEs

PPEs are fast approaching for Y12 and Y13. Y13 have had 2 assemblies this week on the importance of Independent Study for A Level success and an assembly with Dr Rogers on revision and the amazing brain. Independent study and testing guarantee academic success which is why we have worked hard to build a working environment in Sixth Form that is perfectly tailored to focused study. It is good to see students developing these powerful learning habits and routines.

Y12 Work Experience

After the official launch of Work Experience for Y10 and Y12 last week, Y12 had a form time session on how to contact prospective employers. The most competitive work experience placements are often taken very quickly. So, any student who is interested in a placement in dentistry, pharmacy, healthcare or law should send emails to possible workplaces as soon as possible.



GENERAL NOTICES

Careers | Mr Dunne

This is a fantastic opportunity for Parents and guardians to learn how to help their child gain a foothold in the world of work with the many major brand from various sectors who will be joining us for the event.

This event will touch upon applying for corporate roles and the application process, commercial awareness and how young people can develop these skills as well as highlighting degree apprenticeships, what they are and key deadlines to make applications.

There will also be breakout room sessions with sector-specific panels and workshops that you and your child can participate in throughout the evening. Please note that to join the breakout rooms, you will need the Zoom app on your laptops or phones.

Date: Thursday, 16th October 2025

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Zoom

The whole session will be led by the direct hiring managers at global firms, so you'll learn from the very best on how to support your child as they transition from education to the professional world with leading brands. Sign up [here](#)



Discover Careers in Pharmacy - Thursday 16th October 2025, Lecture Theatre 1, Level 2 Academic Centre Trauma, John Radcliffe Hospital, OX3 9DU, 5:15-7:00. Booking not required.

For lots of useful information regarding careers, please click:

[**Oxfordshire Careers Hub: Picks of the Week**](#)

Message for Year 7 | Mr Cunningham

This week in Year 7 we have been thinking about Careers and how our individual subjects can teach us valuable skills that can help us beyond our time in school. Alongside this we had a fantastic visit from Into University, who sung the praises of the students who attended for their engagement, as well as how friendly and polite they all were.

It has also been a successful week in class, with Year 7 students receiving 2083 achievement points over the last week. Top achievers were Jude with 46, Elia with 39 and Amelia Grace with 38.

7GKE with 672
7ALW with 516
7BN with 472
7KR with 423.

Two more weeks to go
until a well deserved
break for everyone!

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 10 and Year 11 | Mr Weedon

It has been a great week for Y10 and Y11. New topics have begun in English lessons; Mr Derrick and the team are very excited about Macbeth! I have visited Y10 Maths and seen some amazing equation work. Mr Hosking's lesson was outstanding with his use of a new interactive board that he is testing out. Y11s are working extremely hard in science with Mr Turner providing some of the best explanations I've ever heard – the students were really engaged.

I was also lucky enough to watch two of our Y10s play for Oxford United FC. Both students represented themselves extremely well. Myself and three members of staff really enjoyed the game and it was great to see so many of our students supporting. I wish them the best for this year and look forward to watching more exciting games.

Weekly Achievement Points

Tutor	Points
10SA	231
10MJ	225
10JOD	218
10CT	203

Tutor	Points
11JS	359
11JM	331
11RHO	279

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.

GENERAL NOTICES

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

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.

free period products



In partnership with hey girls...

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- 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

- 16 October | PFMAC Concert
- 24 October | Last day of Term
- 27 – 31 October | Half Term
- 3 November | Term 2 begins
- 6 - 8 November | Catholic Life Ambassadors Youlbury retreat
- 10 – 14 November | Anti-bullying Week
- 10 November | Year 11 PPEs begin
- 11 November | Remembrance Service
- 13 November | Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening 4pm – 7pm

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!

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.



You Tube

GENERAL NOTICES

Save the date!

GREYFRIARS
CHRISTMAS
Fayre

6th DECEMBER 2025
11:30AM - 2PM

JOIN US

GREYFRIARS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ERICKET ROAD OXFORD OX4 3BR
TEL: 01865 749933 OFFICE@GFCSS.UK

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

October Half Term The North Wall Arts Centre

YouthLab
Ages 12-17

Stage Combat
27 - 29 Oct
9am - 12pm

Experiment with different styles of armed and unarmed stage combat in this exciting skills workshop, to bring fight scenes dramatically to life!

"A creative place to innovate."

Tickets £60 for 3 half days

Double the Drama, Double the Fun!

SAVE £15 when you book both workshops!

Musical Theatre - Acting Through Song
27 - 29 Oct
1pm - 4pm

Combine the power of acting and singing and learn how to connect emotionally with an audience through your character in this musical theatre workshop.

Tickets £60 for 3 half days

"Friendly, enjoyable - a great experience."

Book now: thenorthwall.com/type/workshop
Full bursaries available
To Apply: Email Laura on howellsgreen@thenorthwall.com

OXFORD SCIENCE IDEAS FESTIVAL
www.if-oxford.com
Over 100 events and activities

17 Oct - 2 Nov 2025
A taste of the Festival...

Arts and performance
Treister exhibition, Modern Art Oxford (all Festival), Shaping Destiny, UPP Cinema (Sun 12 Oct), Moth x Human, Natural History Museum (Fri 27 Oct), A Monstrous Discovery 2, Poetry of Science, Westgate Library 9, Myth Monster, Pegasus Theatre (Sat 18 Oct), Almost Nothing But Blue Ground, History of Science Museum (Thu 23 Oct), Orbis, by Creation Theatre, ZONE ONE (Fri 24 Oct), Great Big Bug Show!, Natural History Museum (Mon 27 Oct), Jericho Comedy, North Wall (Tue 28 Oct), Musical concert, University Church (Wed 29 Oct), Adventures in Science, Pegasus Theatre (Sun 2 Nov), M30in Minutes Present

Interactive Festival zones
Packed with hands-on activities for families, teenagers and adults on weekends, evenings and during half term:
Science Saturday - EXPLORAZONE (18 Oct)
ZONE ONE (24 Oct), TECHWORKS (25 Oct), BLAST! (27 Oct), Explore the Moon (30 Oct)

Talks and discussions
Fusion Energy, Almost There? (Mon 20 Oct)
The Anti-Catastrophe League (Tue 21 Oct)
Think Like a Mathematician (Thu 23 Oct)
Whose IP is it Anyway? (Sun 26 Oct)
The Ig Nobel Prizes, Tom Crawford (Sun 26 Oct)
Women's Pain: science & systems (Tue 28 Oct)
Once Upon in a Time in Space (Tue 28 Oct)
Tangled up: Alzheimer's disease (Thu 30 Oct)
Modelling undead: zombies & health (Fri 31 Oct)
Art of Uncertainty with David Spiegelhalter (Sat 1 Nov)

Start a hobby!
Learn coding with Glow
Your Own or join Hack Your Planet! (Thu 23 Oct), Photographing Big Science at Culham (Sat 25 Oct), Creativity in Conservation (Sat 25 Oct), Is Bread Alive? (Mon 27 Oct), Fusion Fix It (Thu 30 October), Wormery Workshop (Fri 31 October)

Try tours!
UKAEA Open Day (Sat 11 Oct), Cemetery Geology (Sat 18, Sun 26 Oct), A Story in Stone (Sat 18 Oct), Unnatural Histories (Sun 19, Tue 28, Thu 30 Oct), History of Oxford Science (Sat 25 Oct)

Download and browse the Festival programme (PDF, 1.6MB)

IF Oxford is a vibrant, inclusive festival where you, your family and friends can get hands-on with science, meet experts and explore big ideas through a huge range of activities like comedy nights, performances and talks.

Check out science and ideas events in Oxford and beyond

Oxford city centre

Follow and post about IF Oxford:

Book your events this Autumn: www.if-oxford.com

QUIZ NIGHT WITH 

DARRAGH 'THE MENACE' ENNIS

 FROM THE CHASE

Do you have what it takes to beat the chaser?
Join us to fundraise for Éire Óg Gaelic football club.
Refreshments and prizes on the night.

11TH OCTOBER
7.00 - 10.30PM
HORSPTH VILLAGE HALL, OX33 1RT

TICKETS £12

www.fienta.com/quiz-night-with-the-menace-148293
or contact the club on secretary.eireog.hertfordshire@gaa.ie

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

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

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

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

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

CALL LYDIA ON 07483007103
OR JEN ON 07483010739

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

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Maths Circles
at Keble College

Free Maths Circles in October 2025 for Y7-10 students - Register Now.

A registered charity "We Solve Problems" is inviting pupils to join the in-person weekly Maths Circle at Keble College (University of Oxford).

Maths Circles are free training sessions for maths lovers that promote the art of problem-solving and structured thinking. Students in years 7-11 who love puzzle-solving will enjoy the sessions regardless of their proficiency in the school curriculum. Maths students and professional mathematicians from Oxford University run Maths Circles.

To secure an invitation to the Circles, all students are welcome to participate in the London Verbal Maths Challenge, a fun oral-style Olympiad free of charge. Students in years 7-10 are invited to join, provided they enjoy problem-solving and math-based reasoning.

To register for participation in Maths Circles, please fill in the following form: [Register](#)

To find out more information about Maths Circles, please visit: [Maths Circles](#)

ART CLASSES

A PLACE TO BELONG, GROW & CREATE

BOOK A TRIAL NOW!

- + Art Classes for Children 4+
- + Teen Art Classes
- + GCSE & A-Level Support
- + Holiday Art Workshops
- + Seasonal Family Workshops
- + Birthday Parties & Events

07384 670391
oxford@art-k.co.uk
art-k.co.uk/class-oxford
37 South Parade, Summertown, Oxford OX2 7JN

COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING | OFSTED REGISTERED | CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Blackbird Leys COMMUNITY LARDER

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.

Oxford Hub Working together to build a better Oxford

Oxford Hub Community Larder
Every Wednesday 12:30-14:00
Email: Hello@oxfordhub.org
Telephone: 01865 745265
If you have any further inquiries.

£10
P/YEAR
ANNUAL JOINING FEE

+

£3.50
P/WEEK
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FROM

+

£7
P/WEEK
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FROM

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 1161763

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

OCTOBER 2025

TECH & STEM CAMP

WITH TAKE HOME INVENTIONS!

Robots

Inventions

Minecraft +LEGO

Engineering

VR

Tech Fun!

GET READY FOR SPOOKY TECH FUN!

REVOLTING ROBOTS

ERIE ENGINEERING

MYSTERY MINECRAFT

SPOOKY FILM MAKING

TERRIFYING TECH FUN

NEW Take Home Inventions

20th -31st October LIMITED SPACES

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

This October, children will explore micro-robots, video game design, LEGO WeDo2, animation, augmented reality, 3D pens, movie making, VR, Minecraft, Marvel, and even launch their own science rockets —with a Spooky Dress-Up Friday —to finish the week!

★★★★★

"My son LOVED camp — he came home buzzing, with the things he made!"

Rob Seargent - Google Review

★★★★★

"My son had a wonderful time and was begging to go again."

Olly Coleman - Google Review

★★★★★

"Staff who truly care about children and will ensure that they enjoy the camp."

Hina Dhillon - Google Review

LIMITED SPACES, BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY!

W: www.nextthing.education T: 01442 873150

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



October 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)

Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm

Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Monday 13th October 10-11:30am

Tuesday 11th November 7-8:30pm

90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs

£24.

Available to book now
facefamilyadvice.co.uk



FREE webinars for parents, designed to explain the different types of qualifications available to young people after Year 11.

Each session will run for 45 minutes and is a great way for parents and carers to gain understanding and confidence in supporting their child's next steps and ask questions ahead of our Open Events.

Wednesday 8th October, 6:00–6:45pm –

[Book Here](#)

Monday 13th October, 6:00–6:45pm –

[Book here](#)

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Parent Power

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
- Connecting with your child's school or local organisations, such as attending parents' evenings with you.
- 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@connectionssupport.org.uk
- ☎ 01865 711267
- 🌐 connectionssupport.org.uk

Drop-in details:



Visit our website to download the referral form



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



School holidays just got more exciting!

Fresh air, freedom and adventure!



Ready for a school holiday full of excitement?

Active Adventures 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, backwards cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.

When is it:

- May half-term, summer holidays and October half-term (see website for dates).
- 9am-5pm daily.
- Early drop off (from 8am) and late pick-up service (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



OXFORDSHIRE
PARENT CARERS FORUM
A Voice for Parent Carers in Oxfordshire

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service

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

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

LEYS YOUTH HUB @ ORION ACADEMY

Fun, Free & Exciting Session for Young People

Location: ORION ACADEMY,
KNIGHTS ROAD, BBL, OX4 6DQ

EVERY FRIDAY
3.30pm - 6.30pm

GIRLS YOUTH CLUB

Sports, Art, Cooking & More!

For Age 11 - 18

(Up to 25 if you have a disability)

For further details, please contact
07483010739 or 01865 335884



LEYS YOUTH HUB @ ORION ACADEMY

Fun, Free & Exciting Session for Young People

Location: ORION ACADEMY,
KNIGHTS ROAD, BBL, OX4 6DQ

EVERY WEDNESDAY
3.30pm - 6.30pm

Baking, Art & Craft

Music, Dance

Design & More!

For Age 11 - 18

(Up to 25 if you have a disability)

For further details, please contact
07483010739 or 01865 335884



LEYS YOUTH HUB @ BLAP

Fun, Free & Exciting Session for Young People

Location: BLAP, MOORBANK,
BLACKBIRD LEYS OX4 6HW

EVERY THURSDAY
5.45pm - 7.45pm

Cooking, Sport

Art, Games

Movies & More!

For Age 11 - 18

(Up to 25 if you have a disability)

For further details, please contact
07483010739 or 01865 335884



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.

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

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/SIR/WEBINARS

7 years+ recommended

Biology week

Poo trivia quiz

Find out what happens in our guts and toilets.

Get your free tickets to the online event to participate in the live quiz
5pm Friday 17 Oct
2pm Saturday 18 Oct

<https://PooTriviaQuiz.eventbrite.co.uk>

Sponsored by:

wooclup
helps people to teach and learn

Yes, we are real poo scientists.

#BiologyWeek is an annual celebration of the biosciences hosted by:

Royal Society of **Biology**

Created by:

OXFORD CENTRE FOR MICROBIOME STUDIES

KENNEDY

CALLING ALL YEAR 11 - YEAR 13

SOCIAL FOOTBALL DURING YOUR EXAMS!

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

EVERY TUESDAY
6:30PM - 8:00PM
OXFORD