

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026 | Issue 30

Dear Families

We began the week reflecting on the Gospel message of unity. Our Catholic Social Teaching focus this term is Participation, and in assemblies we spent time thinking about what that really means. I found myself drawn to the language itself. A *part* and a *unit* can exist separately. Participation and unity, however, are about being part of something bigger than ourselves. They are about recognising that whilst we are individuals, we flourish most fully when we contribute to a community and work together towards a common purpose.

This links closely to our mission at Greyfriars: flourishing individually and collectively. Every action we take shapes the community around us. Every act of kindness, every contribution in a lesson, every moment of service, leadership or encouragement has an impact beyond ourselves. This is indeed the Greyfriars Way.



Over the holiday, there was some public discussion about the purpose of schools, with some arguing that education is primarily about preparing young people for employment. Whilst work is undoubtedly an important part of life, I think school would be a rather depressing place if it existed only as a conveyor belt to the workplace. Our purpose is not simply to produce workers.

Of course, we work hard to ensure that students are prepared for the future. Through our Human Library events, interview days, work experience placements, careers education and encounters with employers, we help students understand the world of work. The knowledge and skills they acquire here will undoubtedly help them throughout their lives.

But education is about something much bigger. It is about understanding the role we have to play in the world. It is about participation. It is about recognising our responsibility to others and having the courage to contribute. It is about becoming people who make things better.

In assemblies this week, we also reflected on self-discipline. To me, self-discipline is often doing something because you know it is good, even when you do not particularly want to do it. Sometimes it begins with something as simple as getting out of bed when the alarm goes off. Sometimes it means revising when you would rather be doing something else. Sometimes it means showing up, being on time, working with people you do not know well, or pushing yourself beyond what you thought was possible. These habits matter. They help us not only prepare for future employment but, more importantly, become people who can contribute positively wherever life takes us.

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Today is also a significant milestone for our Year 11 students, who mark their final day together before the examination season concludes. Their shirt-signing ceremony has been a wonderful celebration of friendship, memories and shared experiences. I have been amazed by the creativity on display; some of the shirts are works of art in themselves!

This year group holds a particularly special place in my heart. They were the Year 7 cohort when I began as Headteacher at Greyfriars, and we have been on an extraordinary journey together. I have watched them (literally!) grow into thoughtful, ambitious and caring young people. While their journey with us is not quite over, today feels a bit like the end of an era.

We are immensely proud of the part they have played in shaping our school community. They leave behind a legacy of kindness and participation and we look forward to seeing where the next stage of their journey takes them.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

Lyndsey Caldwell

P.S. <https://thankateacher.co.uk/schools/> You can send a card to say thank you to a teacher or member of staff.

National Thank a Teacher Day

Get Ready for National Thank a Teacher Day on 17th June



WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel | John 3:16-18



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Reflection

The Gospel is taken from Jesus' dialogue with Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a member of the Sanhedrin, passionate about the mystery of God: he recognises in Jesus a divine master and goes to speak to him in secret, at night. Jesus listens to him, understands he is a man on a quest, and then first, he surprises him, answering that in order to enter the Kingdom of God, one must be reborn; then, he reveals the heart of the mystery to him, saying that God loved humanity so much that he sent his Son into the world. Jesus, therefore, the Son, speaks to us about his Father and his immense love. Hearing about a Father and a Son brings us back home. Yes, we can think of God in this way, through the image of a family gathered around the table, where life is shared.

Prayer for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity



O most holy Trinity, Almighty God, we adore You, who give life and vigour to every creature and who shed light eternal where there is darkness. We offer you our hearts, our souls, and our whole being, today and on the days to come, that we may offer perfect praise and love to your glorious Name. O Father almighty, we thank you wholeheartedly for all the blessings and graces You have so generously given us then and now. O merciful Christ Jesus, wash away our sins with your most precious blood. Feel the beating of our hearts and make them like your own. Oh, dear Jesus, wipe away our tears and pardon us for our sinfulness. Be with us,

O Lord, until our dying day that we may be worthy of your mercy and forgiveness. O Holy Spirit, our guide and inspiration, lead us to the right path. And if, on our way, we encounter difficulties and trials, do not allow us to fall or lose hope. Grant us the graces we need daily that we may also share our blessings with our fellowmen. And when the time comes, O Holy Spirit, lead us to the place that is secure, full of joy and eternal peace. Amen.

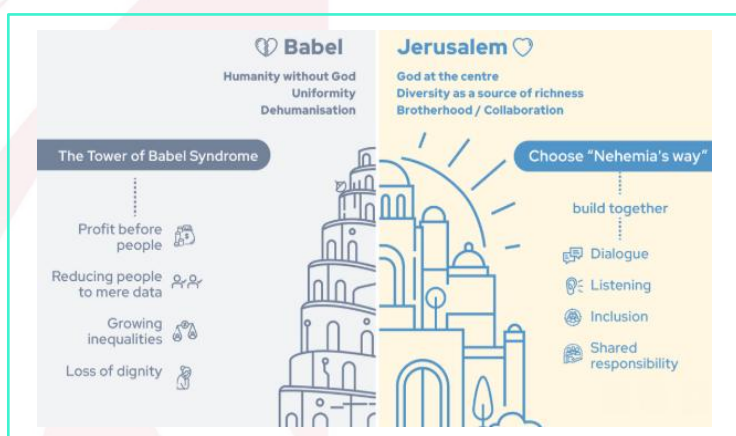
To view the St Edmund and St Frideswide (Greyfriars) parish website please click on the following link:

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

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Catholic Life | Mr Greer

Welcome back to our summer term! This is always an exciting term for Catholic Life, as it's filled with many opportunities for trips, retreats, and mass. As our Catholic Social Teaching in focus is Participation, we delight in the ways each one of us gets to participate in God's work at the school. Already in this first week, our Catholic Life Ambassadors began planning projects with Citizens UK. We continued to put on rosary prayer services. And, we are getting ready for our first retreat in a few weeks with Year 8. The community perfectly modelled for us in the Holy Trinity is what inspires us to keep building a rich community here at Greyfriars.



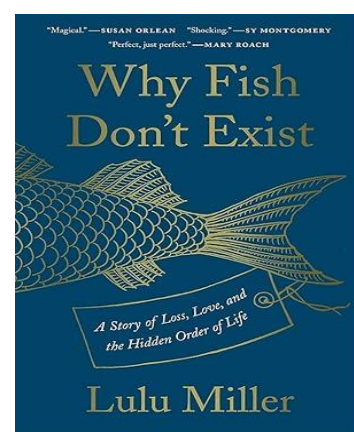
We also celebrate with the Church the release of Pope Leo's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*. We will work with this text in the weeks to come, but for now we're spending time discussing and learning from it as we approach new topics like AI. We pray that it helps the world to seek the common good more clearly in the years to come.

Weekly Book Review by Lian

This novel is a little different to what I'd normally read but I believe it was entirely worth it. It's a form of memoir with an almost tender sort of outlook. Funnily enough it feels like reading a journey or misty memory through a fishbowl filter as your eyes catch glimpses of particularly meaningful lines like scales.

I thought the book was rather profound and introspective. Definitely an insightful perspective but also still connective to average or ordinary life. It helps put things in perspective when a person might be just the tiniest bit deep into nihilism.

I thought there were hints of the concept of string theory scattered inside mostly to do with the thematic elements of finding the value in small things (essentially everything) but that's just a straying interpretation! This book is a genuinely interesting piece to read!



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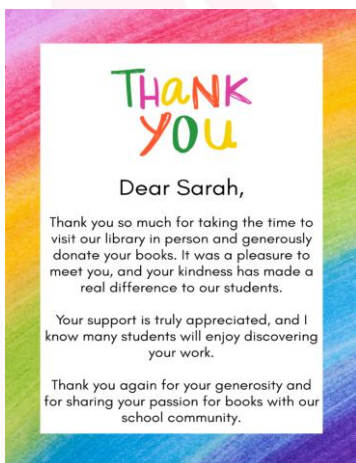
Library News | Mrs Brett

Hello Daring Devourers of Books! Welcome back for the final term of this year. I really hope to see you ALL in the library before you start your summer adventures, so I can put a book in your hand to enjoy along the way. There are still some weeks to go, so don't be shy, pop up and have a chat with me and I'll pick you a good story.

We have been very busy in the library – on top of our daily tasks, we have many wonderful new books to process, thanks to amazing donations we have received recently. This week, we are thanking two wonderful donors.



Donna and the Oxford Hub – just look at this display – which is by no means complete. It's great timing too, because it means we can all go away for the long break holding a brand new adventure to explore 😊 (after we have read a couple while we're still here!). There are many great titles and if you don't want to read for yourself, borrow a book that you can read to your younger sibling (HINT: Thomas the Tank Engine is always a favourite and it is an insanely beautiful edition).



We also had a visit from the wonderful Sarah Underwood, who, very generously, donated gorgeous hardback copies of her books not only in English, but also in other languages. She had some lovely chats with me and our students, and offered to come back at some point to tell us more about her amazing career.



Young Writers have opened a new competition, so if you want to become a published author, here's your chance!



ATTENTION!!!

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Library News Continued...

Finally, look at our Draw Together masterpiece! We have the next one out already! 😊



Now, let's see who's leading in reading! 😊

TERM 5 WEEK 5				
	Reading Champ		Tutor Group Reading Championship	
1	Sahas	48	8LSC	77.4%
2	Roisin	40	8BMO	76.2%
3	Ayesha J.	13	8RM	64%
4	Phoebe L.	9	7ALW	60.7%
5	Martyna, Karthik, Ludozio	8	7BN	53.6%

Happy weekend, everyone!

Message for Sixth Form | Ms McCabe

Army Teambuilding

Y12 had a brilliant day at the end of last term. They were put through their paces and completed a number of physical and strategic challenges. They needed to harness all of their teambuilding and leadership skills to complete the tasks they were given. Once again, students said they had a brilliant time and it was the best day of their year.

Events & Opportunities

As we move through Term 6, we have many opportunities for students to get involved. We would love our Y13 and L2 Y12 students to join us for these end of year events. All students have been sent a form to sign up for these. This is a good chance to gain some work experience before leaving school and to really get involved before the long summer break.

PPEs Wednesday 10th - Thursday 18th June

A reminder that exams begin for Y12 on Wednesday 10th June. Students need to be in school by 8:45am for 9:00am exams and by 11:30am for 11:45am exams. We know students have been working hard for these as they are an important way to know the progress students are making. Students do not have to be in school on exam days but Sixth Form will be available as a calm, silent space for revision. In addition, students can use printing and copying resources in school to support their revision. If students or parents have any concerns about PPEs, please let me know.

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Message for Year 7 | Mr Cunningham

Welcome back, everyone — we hope you all enjoyed a well-earned rest over half term and are feeling refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead!

As we settle back into the rhythm of school life, this week's assembly has given us all something important to reflect on: self-discipline and making the right choices. These are qualities that sit at the heart of everything we do here, and they matter just as much in the small, everyday moments as they do in the big ones — choosing to give your best effort in a lesson, being kind to someone who is having a hard day, or simply doing the right thing when no one is watching.

Well done to 7GKE who have started this term off strong in our achievement point league, however our top achievement point scorer is Hafeez from 7KR

7GKE	309
7KR	221
7ALW	201
7BN	142

Hafeez	28
Imiyah	25
Amelia-Grace	21
Esther	21
Madison	20
Esme	20
Elia	19
Karthik	19
Dirgano	18

We are looking forward to a brilliant half term ahead, and we know our students are more than capable of rising to the challenge. Let's make it a great one!



Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students are invited to take part in a trip to the site of the Battle of Hastings, where they will explore the battlefield and develop their understanding of how and why the battle was fought in 1066.

Students will also study the religious and cultural significance of Battle Abbey, built to commemorate the victory of William the Conqueror.

The trip concludes with a visit to Pevensey Bay, the landing site of the Norman invasion, bringing the events of 1066 to life. This forms part of the examined historical environment study.

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TOUCH OF MADNESS 24 HOUR FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

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CATHOLIC
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Fundraising Event | Miss Kenneford

Over the past year, Oxford Harlequins RFC has teamed up with Greyfriars Catholic School to create something really special for its students. Through this partnership, young people have enjoyed fun, high-energy, top-quality coaching sessions completely free of charge—helping them build skills, confidence, and a real love for the game. The girls' teams have proudly worn their own sponsored kit, while students across the school have benefited from free equipment and funded memberships at the club, opening the door to opportunities that might otherwise have been out of reach.

This is why our 24-hour touch rugby match is such an important cause. Taking place in an area facing significant deprivation, the event is all about breaking down barriers to participation and making sport accessible for everyone. We want to ensure that cost, access, or opportunity never stand in the way of a young person getting involved. By supporting this challenge, you're helping us continue this incredible work—bringing more fun, opportunity, and community spirit to the next generation.

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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



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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.



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

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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- 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

- 08 June | Year 10 PPEs Begin
- 08 June | Blackfriars Hall Trip
- 10 June | Year 12 PPEs Begin
- 11 June | Inter-military Cricket Trip
- 17 – 18 June | Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- 18 June | Year 8 Retreat to Greyfriars Church
- 17 June | Year 6 SEND Transition Morning / Year 6 Induction Evening for Families
- 19 June | Year 11 Leavers' Service
- 22 – 26 June | Year 10 Work Experience Week

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>



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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Contact:

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Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30am - 5pm
Tuesday: 9:30am - 5pm
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Saturday: 9:30am - 5pm
Sunday: Closed

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In Store Opening Hours

Will be open for pre-booked fitting appointments from Monday 13th July- Friday 21st August.
We recommend booking a fitting appointment so we can offer you dedicated one-to-one service during the summer period.
Walk in customers are welcome, Saturdays are a great option for visiting without an appointment, and our team will assist you as soon as they are available.

Please visit our website to check extended opening hours over the summer.



LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

THE LEYS FESTIVAL ONE PEOPLE ONE PLACE

is co-created by residents of the Leys and the Cultural Programme at the University of Oxford.

GET INVOLVED!
11 JULY 2026



THE LEYS FESTIVAL ONE PEOPLE ONE PLACE

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 16 April

The Leys College (Activate Learning) Cuddesdon Way, OX4 6HN

Free food, music, and a chance to meet the group who have made the Festival since 2024. You can sign-up for a stall or to volunteer, or just come along and tell us what you want from your local community festival.

Everyone welcome

Regular Festival meetings are on Thursday evenings 8-9pm usually at The Leys College, come along and make sure the Festival belongs to the whole community.

every idea, and every offer of help, however small, makes a difference.

2026 meetings are:

14 April, 18 April (OPEN EVENING), 30 April
14 May, 23 May
11 June, 25 June
8 July

Find out more at: <https://linktr.ee/LeysFestival>



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Starting date:
10 June 2026

8 Evening sessions
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17:00-18.30

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June 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

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Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 June 10am
School Anxiety	1 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	2 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	2 June 7pm
Anxiety Explained	8 June 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 June 7pm
Introduction to OCD	9 June 10am
What is ACT?	9 June 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 June 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	15 June 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	16 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	22 June 10am
Autism-Improving Communication	22 June 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 7pm
ADHD and Homework	25 June 7-8pm

Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your ADHD child start and complete their homework.

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Building Emotional Resilience

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Facing Defiance

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You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Online Courses for Parents page
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



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Hi there!

Welcome to **Parent Pathways** – your guide to supporting your child’s journey to university (years 10-13).

Choosing a university can feel overwhelming, for parents as much as students. With so many courses, deadlines, and decisions, it’s hard to know:

- where to start
- what really matters
- how best to support your child

That’s exactly why we created **Parent Pathways**.

Produced by the teams behind **Whatuni** and **The Complete University Guide**, this free termly newsletter gives you **clear, trusted guidance** at every stage, from early research through to results day.

Win travel + accommodation for a university open day!!

We know visiting universities can be expensive, but it can be one of the most important parts of making the right choice.

Sign up to Parent Pathways and be entered into a draw to win travel and accommodation costs for you and your child to attend an open day.

[Competition Terms and Conditions](#)

Key dates and deadlines

Replying to offers: There are three key dates for replying to university offers:

- **31 March** – All university decisions received → reply by 6 May.
- **13 May** – All offers received → reply by 3 June.
- **15 July** – All offers received → reply by 22 July (*Excludes UCAS Extra applicants*).

Other key dates and deadlines

- **30 June** – Deadline for applications to be sent to universities (6pm)
- **2nd July** - **Clearing** opens

👉 Learn more about [how to reply to offers](#).

👉 [See UCAS key dates and deadlines](#)

💡 Add these to a shared family calendar to avoid last-minute stress.

Help your child choose with confidence

Parents play a crucial role in helping students think beyond just grades or rankings. Here are the tools thousands of families use:

- **Real student reviews** – explore honest feedback with Whatuni Student Choice Awards (WUSCAs).

👉 [Read reviews now](#)

- **Trusted League Tables** - compare universities across 74 subject areas, student satisfaction, graduate outcomes and more by using trusted, independent data.

👉 [Check out our league tables](#)

- **Cost of Living Calculator** – Understand what student life really costs in different cities.

👉 [Try our budgeting tool now](#)

💡 Many families use our cost of living calculator together to compare options and avoid unwanted surprises later on.

- **Virtual open day tours** - can't visit in person? Explore from home.

👉 [Start a virtual tour now](#)

Enjoyed this issue?

Stay informed (and don't miss future opportunities)

Subscribe here: [Sign up to Parent Pathways](#) (You'll also be entered into the open day prize draw)

Help another parent: If you found this helpful, forward it to another parent and help us build a community supporting students together. Many families are navigating this for the first time.

Keep your child in the know encourage your child to register on the links below to receive helpful newsletters with student-focused guidance:

- [Register on the Complete University Guide](#)
- [Register on Whatuni](#)

With best wishes,

Corinna and the team at **Parent Pathways**

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

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YEAR 7 TO 11

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GREYFRIARS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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, DX4 28R 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 Greg Ffoliaw was picked for England's Six Nations squad. Look out for him on TV in the coming weeks.

GREG FISILAU

ENGLAND SIX NATIONS CALL-UP

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 Kennford.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

From Laura and the Quins coaching team.

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 Diced based charity, providing surplus food, training and opportunities to young people and organisations.

£10 P/YEAR ANNUAL JOINING FEE + **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FROM £3.50 A WEEK** = **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FROM £7 A WEEK**

An individual membership provides up to 10 items of non-perishables (paste, 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 1051962

COMMUNITY LARDER SOFEA

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

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Oxfordshire Youth Music Theatre



Aged between 12 and 19?

Auditions for our 2026-27 season
Monday 22 & Monday 29 June 2026

@ 6.30-9 pm
Centre for Music
Bayswater Road
Oxford
OX3 9FF

Get an audition slot here - register for waiting list
[registration page](#)



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OBCA
BROOKES Sport

Supporting your mental health through creativity

scan here to sign up

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

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.

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

Community Foundation
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So if you're aged 12* - 17 and you're looking for a challenge call 0345 600 6601 or log on to www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets

*You must be in Year 8 (England & Wales), S2 (Scotland) or Year 9 (Northern Ireland).

2210 (Cowley) Sqn
Sandy Lane West, OX4 6LD
www.aircadets.tv/2210 Come join us on 20th of April at 8 pm! RSVP: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/6jMhPHALRE>

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For more information about joining the Air Cadets call:

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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

EASTER & SUMMER 2026

The WOW Camp

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STEM. Creativity. Physical Play
All in one camp

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SCAN TO BOOK!

EASTER & SUMMER CAMPS

Tech-powered camps, packed with **WOW** experiences!

Example camp activities

Camps run 9 am - 4 pm

ROBOT LAB	LEGO ENGINEERING	ELECTRIC INVENTIONS	3D CREATIONS	ANIMATION
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY CODING	MOVIE MAKING	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	VIRTUAL REALITY

NEW FOR EASTER - WOW EXPERIENCES

INFLATABLES	ANIMALS	STREET DANCE	SCIENCE	LASER TAG
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Activities vary by location. Please visit our website to see what's running at your venue.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!
Blending hands-on tech exploration with unforgettable WOW experiences, we inspire children to invent, create, and discover. Led by DBS-checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids build confidence while diving into exciting activities, challenges, and real skill-building adventures.

LIMITED SPACES - BOOK NOW!

WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150

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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

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LOCATION: LEYS POOL AND LEISURE CENTRE, PEGASUS ROAD

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TUESDAYS 4PM - 6PM:
GIRLS GROUP
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TUESDAYS 6.35PM - 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

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

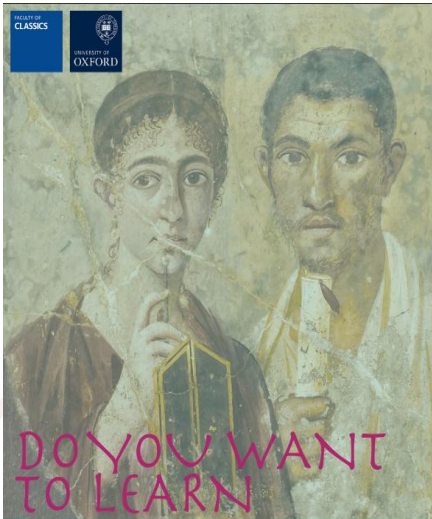
enquiries@connectionsupport.org.uk
01865 711267
connectionsupport.org.uk

Drop-in details:

Visit our website to download the referral form

Connection Support

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



DO YOU WANT TO LEARN LATIN?

OXFORD LATIN TEACHING SCHEME
2026—2028

The Faculty of Classics at the University of Oxford is offering state school pupils FREE Latin teaching to GCSE-level.

If you are interested in learning the language of the Romans, CARPE DIEM! and see overleaf for more details.



FREE PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM POP-UP SHOP

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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KYLIE 07707918532
KYLIE@OXFORDHUB.ORG

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