

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026 | Issue 2

Dear Families

This week, we began with Peter asking Jesus a wonderfully practical question: *'Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'* As one of five children, this Gospel has always felt particularly relevant to me! Growing up with four siblings, I am fairly certain there were occasions when forgiveness was required considerably more than seven times.

Of course, Jesus' answer is that forgiveness cannot be reduced to keeping score. In our assemblies, we thought about what that means for us today. We live at a time when disagreement can quickly become division. People can become entrenched in their positions, and it can sometimes feel much easier to prove that we are right than to repair a relationship.

At Greyfriars, we ask our students to own their mistakes. One of the most powerful ways we can do that is also one of the simplest: to say sorry and to be mindful of when we begin to say *'I was just...'* and making excuses. *'I'm sorry'* are only two little words, but sometimes they are incredibly difficult to say. A genuine apology requires courage and humility. Equally, being willing to accept an apology and forgive someone can be difficult too. Yet learning to do both, to say sorry freely when we get something wrong and to forgive when someone else does, is one of the most important things we can learn if we want to live happy and successful lives alongside others.

Perhaps that is part of what it means to flourish individually and collectively. None of us gets everything right. Strong communities are not communities where nobody makes mistakes; they are communities where people can acknowledge them, repair relationships, forgive and begin again. It is always useful to have this reminder.

We are now fully into the rhythm of the new school year, and there has been so much happening across Greyfriars this week.

We were delighted to welcome Sister Giovanna, who will now be a regular visitor to our school. We are enormously grateful for the time she will spend with our students and for the contribution she will make to the Catholic life of our community.

Our Catholic Life Ambassadors also met Luke Marion, CEO of Oxford Bus Company, continuing the excellent work they began last year around the cost of transport for young people in Oxford. They spoke to him about the challenges young people face in accessing our city, and we are delighted to be working with him to explore how young people can be better supported. I am immensely proud that our students are not simply identifying problems; they are participating in their community, speaking to those who can influence change and helping to find solutions.

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026 | Issue 1

Our Enrichment programme also began this week. This is such an important part of what we offer at Greyfriars. We have wonderful partnerships across Oxford, including work with City Farm and Meadow School, Falcon Rowing and Axiom Maths, alongside the tremendous commitment of our own staff, who give their time and expertise to provide an extraordinary range of opportunities. Here are some pictures of our Greyfriars Earth group. These experiences allow students to discover talents, interests and passions that they might never otherwise encounter.



This year we are also embarking upon a particularly ambitious project: giving every student in Year 9 the opportunity to work towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It is a wonderfully varied programme, requiring students to develop skills, volunteer, become physically active and complete an expedition. We know it will challenge them, but we also know just how much they will gain from it.

Finally, one of my favourite moments this week has been welcoming some of our former students back to Greyfriars to talk about work, university and life beyond school. This is now our third alumni event of this kind, and there is something incredibly powerful about it. Some of those returning left us relatively recently; others left many years ago. Each has taken a different path.

For our current students, it makes the future feel real. They can see people who once sat in the same classrooms and walked the same corridors now studying, working and building lives of their own. But I think it communicates something else too: you never really stop being part of our school – we won't let you leave!

That sense of belonging matters. We want our students to leave us ready to flourish in the world, but we also want them to know that this community helped form them and will always be pleased to welcome them home.

There has been plenty happening this week, and it certainly feels as though the school year is now properly underway. I hope everyone has a restful weekend, and we look forward to another joyful and busy week ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Lyndsey Caldwell
Headteacher

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel | Matthew 18:21-25



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Reflection

In the parable we find two different attitudes: God's — represented by the king who forgives a lot, because God always forgives — and that of the man. Jesus exhorts us to open ourselves with courage to the strength of forgiveness, because in life not everything can be resolved with justice. We know this. There is a need for that merciful love. Today's parable helps us to grasp fully the meaning of that phrase we recite in the Lord's Prayer: "And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" (cf. Mt 6:12). These words contain a decisive truth. We cannot demand God's forgiveness for ourselves if we in turn do not grant forgiveness to our neighbour.

Prayer for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Most glorious and triumphant Lord, You gave Your life for the salvation of my soul, using the most horrific act of cruelty as the means of Your redeeming grace. I open myself to that grace today and pray that You bestow it in superabundance. I also pray that I will have the courage and wisdom to embrace my crosses every day of my life, uniting them to Your Cross, and trusting that You will use these sacrifices as a means of the further bestowal of Your love on the world. Saving Cross of Christ, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Catholic Life | Mr Greer

This week, the Chaplaincy Team visited Year 7 and Sixth Form Tutor Groups to recruit for Catholic Life Ambassadors. Our new students to the school have a chance to join our team, acting as exemplars of our Catholic Social Teachings, helping out with prayer services and masses, and volunteering their time in service projects. We will commission them next week where they will receive their official dove pin.

The other highlight is that our Citizens UK team met with Luke Marion, the Director of the Oxford Bus Company, in order to negotiate on making buses more fair and accessible for young people across the city. We thank Luke for his time, and we are certainly proud of Constantine and Nifemi who shared personal testimonies that lead the meeting. We are eager for the progress that will bring in the months ahead.



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Upcoming Events

The first is a Welcome Back to School Mass happening next week in the School Chapel from 5:15 to 6:15. It will conclude just before Meet the Form Tutor. We would love to see families there!

The second is our trip to Youlbury, a residential retreat for students in Years 10 to 13.

Letters have been sent out with all the details. In order to secure your child's place, please go to your ParentPay account (the same account used to pay for school lunches). Please sign up as soon as you can! It was a great experience last year and we are so eager to bring students back for an amazing time.

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 8 and Year 9 | Mrs Reddy

We are incredibly proud of how brilliantly our Year 8 and Year 9 students are doing. Across the school, they are showing enthusiasm, resilience and commitment to their learning, making excellent progress and contributing positively to our school community.

A reminder that **Meet the Form Tutor takes place next Thursday at 18:30 – 19:30**. This is an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's form tutor, hear how they are settling in and discuss how we can work together to support their continued success.

Students, please remember to **sign up to be guides for the event**.

We look forward to welcoming all Year 8 and Year 9 caregivers and celebrating our students' achievements together!

We're celebrating Naia this week! Her form tutor has been so pleased to see the incredible turnaround in her attitude towards learning. Naia has shown genuine motivation, a positive mindset and a fantastic commitment to school so far this year. It's wonderful to see her progress and enthusiasm shining through. Keep up the good work Naia, we so proud of 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!

Students leading the way so far

Year 8	Year 9
Kairo	Esther D
Mia	Anne- Marie
Iliam	Taliyah
Madison	Marietta
Isma	Talya
Yolannia	Ganuli
Imivah	Jacob
Naia	Miu miu
Revita	Esther O
Niall	Quan

Have a lovely weekend.

GENERAL NOTICES

GREYFRIARS SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 1st October 2026 6pm to 8pm

Come and see what it is like to be part of our school community here at Greyfriars. Our Open Evening is an opportunity to explore Greyfriars and meet our staff and students.

No need to book — just come along!

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Ms Caldwell, Headteacher, will speak at 6.05pm in the Main Hall.

OPEN MORNINGS

Following our Open Evening, we also hold Open Mornings, where prospective students and their families are warmly invited to come and see us in action during a normal school day.

2026 OPEN MORNINGS

Monday 5th October | Tuesday 6th October | Wednesday 7th October

TOURS

8.50am and 9.50am

Tours are available at both times on each day.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Please contact Reception to reserve your place.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO GREYFRIARS!

GENERAL NOTICES

Duke of Edinburgh | Miss Nash

Our Duke of Edinburgh Volunteer Group has made a fantastic start to the term by discussing what volunteering and community service mean to them and considering how they can make a positive difference within their local community.

Students shared a range of ideas for group volunteering projects, including litter picking, community gardening, assisting at a food bank and even educating primary school children about caring for the environment.

It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and commitment to showing stewardship and care for others and the world around them. We are now excited to choose a project together and begin putting their ideas into action this term!

Axiom Maths | Mr McCutcheon

We started our first Maths Axiom Circle with a fantastic group of Year 7s!

Axiom maths circles is a great way to excite and interest students in their approach to problem solving. As the poster says: "Maths gives us power. It teaches us to imagine things never before imagined. It helps us to solve unsolvable challenges, like controlling the effects of climate change or finding a cure for cancer."



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Axiom Circles runs every Wednesday during Enrichment.

Can you solve these Questions

Prime time!

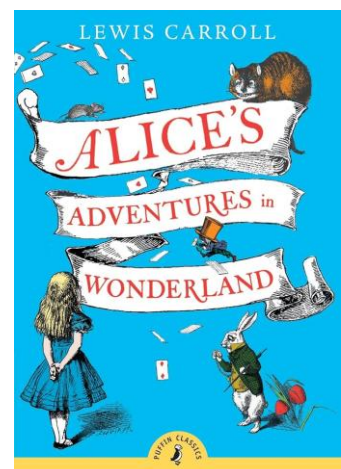
"Can you use all the digits 1 to 9 once each to make six **prime** numbers less than 100?"

The 3 digit square hunt!

"What is the **smallest** 3-digit square number with all different digits?"

Weekly Book Review by Lian

I adore this classic story so much! It's certainly very odd and it was one of my first introductions into fiction being a lot more absurd and fantastical rather than reality adjacent. I love all the different character personalities that are so wildly different (with only the one major exception of all being slightly mad). I believe the story simply sucks you in or rather lets you fall down deep into a rabbit hole of could be adventures. The novel also features some of my favourite references such as being 'mad as a hatter' or the fact that (later in the sequel) some of the locations were inspired by real places in Oxford like Alice's shop which is what the Old Sheep shop was based off of. Even if you have read the story already, everything is so strange and curious that it seems perfect for another read through!



GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 7 | Mr Cunningham

What a fantastic start to the year it continues to be! We are delighted to announce that our girls have a football fixture coming up on Monday and we want to wish them the very best of luck! It has been brilliant to see so many students eager to pull on the shirt and represent Greyfriars. That enthusiasm is exactly what we love to see, and we will be cheering them on every step of the way.

It has also been wonderful to see so many of our Y7 students embracing everything school life has to offer beyond the classroom. Whether signing up to after-school sports clubs, taking on the role of librarian, or stepping forward as Catholic Life Ambassadors, the eagerness with which this year group is getting involved has been really heart warming to see. These are the experiences that make your time at school memorable and it is clear that this cohort understands that already. Keep it up Y7!

Orla	32
Hibba	29
Daniella	27
Aubree-Faith	26
George	26
Amelia	26
Laurencja	25
Kate	25
Elijah	25

Congratulations to Orla for being our achievement point leader this week with 32 achievement points!

7LP	458
7PJE	375
7RHO	324
7CHO	293

GREYFRIARS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

After-School Sports Clubs

Every pupil is welcome! Come along on the days below, wear kit suitable for the sport, and head straight to the venue after the final bell.

Monday
AFTER SCHOOL

Oxford Elite Greyfriars Boys Basketball
Run by Mr Roman

SPORTS HALL

Tuesday
AFTER SCHOOL

Oxford Elite Greyfriars Girls Basketball
Run by Mr Roman

SPORTS HALL

Boys & Girls Football
Run by Mr Dunsin

ASTRO Astro Turf

Wednesday
AFTER SCHOOL

Mixed Badminton
Run by Mr Wootton

SPORTS HALL

Y10-Y13 Gym Club
Run by Miss Kinnaird

GYM

Thursday
AFTER SCHOOL

Mixed Volleyball
Run by Mr Gallance

SPORTS HALL

Mixed Netball
Run by Miss Biggs

NETBALL COURTS

Y9 & Y10 Sprint Training
Run by Mr Cunningham

VARIOUS SPORTS VENUES

Friday
AFTER SCHOOL

Oxford Elite Greyfriars Girls Basketball
Run by Mr Roman

SPORTS HALL

GENERAL NOTICES

Library News | Mrs Brett

Hello Happy Readers! Can you believe how quickly this week has passed? Today, I have a very short and to the point update for you:

1 Join a library club - it's so much fun! We are starting next week.



Library Clubs			
CLUB	DAY	TIME	LEADER
Art Club	Thursday	Lunch	Ludozio
Book Club	Tuesday Thursday	Lunch	Esmae
Craft Club	Wednesday	Lunch	Mia
Creative Writing Club	Tuesday	Morning	Mrs Brett
Crochet Circle	Wednesday	Morning	Mrs Brett
Kahoot Quiz	Friday	Lunch	Nicolas/Ludozio
Manga Drawing Club	Monday	Lunch	Anne-Marie



2 Borrow a book - it's so much fun (and soooooo good for you in many, many ways!). We have many wonderful books in the library, come and check them out (pun intended!). I have also placed a couple of book orders, so new titles will start trickling in shortly. If I don't have what you like - tell me, and I will do my best to get it.

3 Enter a writing competition - it's so much fun! You have nothing to lose, and so much to gain. Quite apart from the many achievement points, and a chance to become a published author, there are some amazing prizes up for grabs. Just look at the UNITE competition. You don't think you're a writer? You don't think you're a poet - come to my creative writing club and let me prove you wrong.

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See this teacher for more information:

Finally, go Reading Champions!... you can come and check the updated leader board in the library from Monday, as my library system is currently refusing to cooperate.

TERM 1 WEEK 2				
	Reading Champ		Form Gp Reading Championship	
1	Ludozio (8BN)	5	9BMO	71.43%
2	Bela (9RM)	4	9TTO	33.33%
3	Ali (11CT)	3	7LP	22.73%
4	Many students	2	8BN	14.81%
			8KR	14.29%

Have a **READtastic** 😊 weekend!

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for KS4 | Mr Weedon

Year 11 Passport to Prom

This year, students have the opportunity to work towards their **Passport to Prom**, with recognition for meeting expectations in three key areas: behaviour, attendance and participation in our P6 Club.

The response from Year 11 to the P6 Club has been fantastic so far, with students giving up their time to attend the additional sessions. Passport to Prom gives students an additional incentive to maintain these high standards throughout the year, with those who meet the required targets having the opportunity to win a free Prom ticket

It has been wonderful to see the determination and commitment of our Y11s. They are working incredibly hard to make the most of this important year, and we could not be prouder of them. Keep going, Year 11!

Year 10 Setting Up for Success

In assembly this week, we focused on the importance of owning our choices and understanding that the decisions we make every day can have a real impact on our future success. Students were encouraged to reflect on their choices, take responsibility for their actions and make positive decisions that will help them achieve their goals. Year 10 is an important year in building the habits, attitudes and resilience needed for success. We are really pleased to see students engaging positively and beginning to take greater ownership of their learning and their future.

Form Group	Points
11JOD	203
11MJ	199
10KAN	193
11SA	163
11CT	141

**Well
done!**

Form Group	Points
10JS	297
10RC	226
10SW	201
10KAN	193

Uniform Donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated uniform to the school—we really appreciate your generosity.

We would be very grateful for any further donations of good-quality uniform to help support families in our school community.



Any items can be handed to main reception. Thank you

GENERAL NOTICES

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](#)



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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.

GENERAL NOTICES

Free School Meals

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.

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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 21 September | Citizens UK Leadership Academy Trip

Tuesday 22 September | Tosca at the New Theatre

Thursday 24 September | Welcome Back Mass / Meet the Form Tutor

Tuesday 29 September | Chaplaincy Commissioning Mass Trip

Wednesday 30 September | Feast of St Francis Mass

Thursday 1 October | Black History Month Begins

Thursday 1 October | Open Evening

Friday 2 October | INSET Day – No students in school

Donations

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

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open

Mon – Fri 8.00am - 8.30am in our restaurant.

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



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.

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Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

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Arts and performance
Anna Dumitriu exhibition, JR Hospital & Optical Illusion uchiwa, Pegasus (all Festival)
Lady Ionosphere, E.Ox. Community Centre (Fri 9 Oct)
Poetry of Science, Westgate Library (Sat 17 Oct)
The Cloud Factory, Science Oxford (Sat 17 Oct)
Brain Bending Illusion Show, Pegasus (Sun 18 Oct)
Ruskin's Skies, Ashmolean Museum (Sat 24 Oct)
Storm-Cloud, Natural Hist. Museum (Sat 24 Oct)
Amazing Animals, The North Wall (Tue 27 Oct)
Orbit, by Creation Theatre, and
Dancing Dark Matter (Thu 29 Oct)
Fusing Glass: Becca Rowland, (31 Oct & 1 Nov)

Interactive Festival zones
Packed with hands-on activities for families, teenagers and adults on weekends, evenings and during half term, spend a few hours at:
Family Day (Sat 17 Oct)
EXPLORAZONE (Sat 17 Oct)
TECHWORKS (Sun 25 Oct)
BLAST! (Tue 27 Oct)
ZONE ONE (Thu 29 Oct)

Presentations and Talks
The Dawn of AI (Sat 17 Oct)
Ghost in the Machine documentary, OSA (Tue 20 Oct)
Careers in Medical Research (Wed 21 Oct)
Spilling the Tea with Uncomfortable Oxford (Wed 21 Oct)
Breakup Monologues: Artificial Intimacy? (Mon 26 Oct)
Weapons of Mass Persuasion: Propaganda (Mon 26 Oct)
Modelling the Unseen: Zombies & Health (Sat 31 Oct)

Workshops and a new hobby?
Get coding with Glow Your Own (Wed 14 Oct-18 Nov)
Photographing Big Science at Culham (Sat 17 Oct)
Enamelling: Make a pendant (Mon 19 & 26 Oct)
Metals and Colour from the Earth (Tue 20 Oct)
The Chemistry of Colour (Thu 22 Oct)
Exploring Art for Science: Wildlife Drawing (Mon 26 Oct)
Fusion Fix It (Thu 29 Oct)
Origami Engineering: beginner to expert (Sat 31 Oct)

Try tonight!
UKAEA Open Day (Sat 24 Oct)
History of Oxford Science (Sat 31 Oct)

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& DISCIPLINE

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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.

£10 P/YEAR ANNUAL JOINING FEE + INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FROM £3.50 PER 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.

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Sign up today!
www.sofea.uk.com

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

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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



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

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Is your child up to date with their vaccinations?

We have finished our school visits for this year but vaccinations can still be given in a clinic. Please check your child has received the vaccines below.

Either ask at your GP surgery or check for an email from school.immunisations@nhs.net

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) – Two doses are required which are usually given before children start school.

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) – One dose is given in Year 8

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio (Td/IPV) also known as the 3 in 1 or Teenage Booster – The 5th and final dose is given in Year 9

Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) – One dose given in Year 9.

How can I book an appointment?

Our website has all the information you need to Consent and to book an appointment in a clinic

<https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/parents/>

Have a question?
Contact the Immunisation team

Email:- immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Further information about vaccinations can be found using the links below

[Immunisations for young people - your questions answered \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[Vaccine Knowledge Project - Oxford Vaccine Group](#)

[Vaccinations - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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This study has received ethical approval. ENSO Number: 110732

A research study about NEURODIVERSITY

Are you neurodivergent? If you have been diagnosed as neurodivergent or if you self-identify as neurodivergent, and are in a mainstream secondary school or college, please get in touch.

The research

I am doing a study to find out what neurodivergent young people would like their neurotypical peers to know about neurodiversity. I will use this information to create practical advice and resources schools can use to support inclusion and promote neuroaffirming practice...

What will it involve?

I will ask you questions about neurodiversity, school and friends. There are no right or wrong answers to my questions; all thoughts and opinions are welcome and valid.

I can meet you in person or online, it's your choice. If you'd prefer not to talk to me, I can send you a questionnaire to complete instead.

As a thank you for taking part, you will receive a £20 Love2Shop voucher.

Additional information

I am a Trainee Educational Psychologist at The University of Southampton. This research is for my thesis. All interview data will be kept confidential and will be anonymised before it's included in my thesis.

If you think you'd like to participate, or if you have any questions about the study, please contact me: v.j.clarke@soton.ac.uk

Thanks, Victoria.

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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



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, DM4 2NR 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 Fisslau 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 Kennelord.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

From Laura and the Quins coaching team.

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