

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026 | Issue 32

Dear Families

There is something rather beautiful about this time of year. School communities are always in motion. We are simultaneously saying goodbye and saying hello; celebrating journeys completed whilst preparing for new ones to begin. It is a reminder that education is never static: it is about people growing and carrying what they have learnt into the next stage of life.

This week we began by reflecting on the Gospel in which Jesus sends out his disciples. It is a passage that reminds us that the disciples were not a group of identical people. Peter was impulsive, Thomas doubted, Matthew and Simon had completely different backgrounds and worldviews. They would not necessarily have chosen one another. Yet Jesus called them all. Not because they agreed on everything, but because they shared a common mission: to bring hope, healing and peace.

It is a powerful reminder that communities are not built by everyone being the same, but by everyone choosing to contribute. Our Catholic Social Teaching focus this term is Participation, and in assemblies we reflected on our responsibility for what our community becomes. Every act becomes another brick in the community we are building together.

This has been a week that has perfectly captured that spirit.

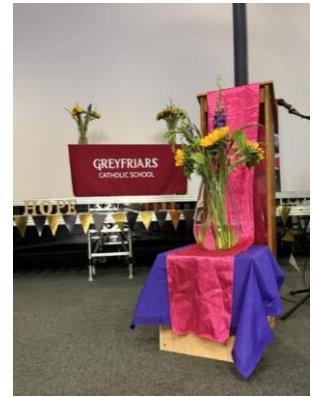
We find ourselves in a season of transition. Today marks our final formal examination of the summer, while at the same time we are already looking ahead with excitement to September and the next generation of Greyfriars students.

Earlier this week we were delighted to welcome more than seventy Year 5 pupils into school for a day of activities and their first taste of secondary life. The excitement and enthusiasm they brought was infectious, and we look forward to welcoming many of them back on Mondays over the coming weeks.

We also welcomed our incoming Year 6 students and their families for an evening introducing them to transition and life at Greyfriars. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces alongside those joining our community for the first time. These evenings are always special because they remind us that becoming part of Greyfriars is not simply about joining a school; it is about becoming part of a family.

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Today we also gather for our Year 11 Leavers' Service, one of the most cherished traditions in our school calendar. It is a moment to send our students forward with God's blessing and with our love as they begin the next stage of their journey. (In the coming weeks we will do the same for our Year 13 students.) Every year I am struck by the affection, gratitude and encouragement students show one another during these services. They remind us that education is about so much more than examinations. It is about relationships, belonging and becoming the people God calls us to be.



This week has also seen students taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh expedition, thankfully in much cooler weather, and our Year 8 Retreat to Greyfriars, both experiences that challenge young people to grow in resilience, teamwork and reflection.

These traditions matter. The rhythms and routines of school life give shape to our community, whilst also celebrating the unique contribution of every individual within it. They remind us that we flourish not alone, but together.

As another week draws to a close, I remain enormously grateful for the kindness, generosity and participation that characterise our school. They are the foundations upon which the Greyfriars Way is built.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Lyndsey Caldwell

PS – thank you for the Thank a Teacher Cards; it is very moving reading them from students and families. Thank you so much!

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel | Matthew 9:36–10:8



At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him. Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

Reflection

God, like a sower, has generously gone out into the world, throughout history, and sowed in people's hearts a desire for the infinite, for a fulfilled life and for salvation that sets us free. The harvest, then, is plentiful. The Kingdom of God grows like a seed in the ground, and the women and men of today, even when seemingly overwhelmed by so many other things, still yearn for a greater truth; they search for a fuller meaning for their lives, desire justice, and carry within themselves a longing for eternal life. On the other hand, however, there are few laborers to go out into the field sown by the Lord; few who are able to distinguish, with the eyes of Jesus, the good grain that is ripe for harvesting. To do this, we need to pray to the Lord of the harvest. Priority must be given to our relationship with the Lord and to cultivating our dialogue with him. In this way, he will make us his laborers and send us into the field of the world to bear witness to his Kingdom. (Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 6 July 2025).

Prayer for the Jubilee Year of St. Francis

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognised true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen

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, some of our Year 8 students walked to our local parish, Greyfriars Church. The journey to meet our Franciscan brothers was lovely, and students enjoyed learning about Franciscans from the brothers. They were told about the church, the stained glass, and the priory hall. We then celebrated mass with one another. When asked for volunteers for readings, we had too many eager enthusiasts! It's encouraging to see the joy and devotion of our students. After mass, we had lunch together and played team-building games in the fellowship hall before heading back to school. This will be a repeated journey for sure!

INSET Day | No Students in School

Please be reminded that there is an INSET Day on Monday 29th June, no students are expected in school.

Weekly Book Recommendation by Nicolas

Nate, a ten year old boy struggles with the emotional and academic pressure of year six, whilst battling his own anger, placed in a different class from his friend. His younger brother is rushed to the hospital in the middle of this, will everything go well, or will it collapse? Yet one thing is destined to go wrong, School.

This exciting and very deep emotional longing book is made in verse, bringing a beat alongside reading, making the book feel more upbringing. I personally recommend this from experience and I think anyone would like this book; and as for students who don't read, this is a great place to start!!



GENERAL NOTICES

Marlow Race | Ms Caldwell



One of the great joys of Greyfriars is seeing students discover new passions through our enrichment programme. This week, we are delighted to celebrate one of our students who first became involved in rowing through our partnership with Falcon Rowing Club. Having embraced the opportunity wholeheartedly, she competed at the Marlow Regatta last week and achieved an outstanding second place. What a fantastic accomplishment! Her success is a wonderful example of what can happen when students step outside their comfort zone, participate fully and seize the opportunities available to them. We are incredibly proud of her and look forward to seeing where her rowing journey takes her next.



Message for Sixth Form | Ms McCabe

PPE Exams

This week has continued to be all about exams. I have been so impressed by the way our year 12 have approached these exams. There have been lots of students who have chosen to study in school and I know students have been revising hard at home too. Reports will be sent home in the week beginning 6th July.

Coming up...

Today, students have returned to lessons. There is much to do before the end of term so we need to see students in school every day at 8:45am. We're aiming for 100% attendance for the remainder of the term. Students will be starting Y13 content, getting prepared for the year ahead. Lessons will also focus on getting and acting on feedback from the exams so that students know how to pick up extra marks.

Lots of fun events too!

As Y13 also finish their exams today, we are getting ready for our Y13 Celebration Evening on Tuesday. The playlist is in and tickets have been collected. Then, on Thursday, the students return to school one final time as a year group for their Leavers' Service. It will be a special week for everyone.

GENERAL NOTICES

Library News | Mrs Brett

Hello Fantastic Fiction (and Non-Fiction) Fans, and just like that, another week has gone! Today, we are going to be admiring... me! Yes, you read that correctly, but it's not what you think.

Sahas and Lorenzo formed an alliance and built a LEGO-Me (yay!) together. AND IT IS GLORIOUS! They even tried to incorporate Greyfriars logo on my T-shirt. Although, I'm not quite sure where the cane came from... I must look much older than I feel, haha.



Now, have a look at how wonderfully talented our students are! These are the winners of my Term 5 Enrichment session- PICTURE BOOKS: make a kid obsessed with reading.

1st place: Boots and Puss – what a fun and adorable twist on the classic.



2nd place: A Swan in a Dress – beautifully written and illustrated.



Both created by Y7 students!

I would also like to remind you, in case you have forgotten, that there are hundreds of fantastic books in the library, ready to be borrowed, read, loved (or hated!). You won't know how you feel about a book until you've read it 😊.

Finally, are you ready for our...



... come to the library on Monday 22nd June, pick up your Detective Booklet and solve the crime! Come and join the fun!

Go, Reading Champions!

TERM 6 WEEK 3				
	Reading Champ		Tutor Group Reading Championship	
1	Sahas	62	8BMO	81%
2	Roisin	47	8LSC	80.7%
3	Ludozio	20	8RM	64%
4	Ayesha.	15	7ALW	60.7%
5	Phoebe, Martyna	10	7GKE	58.6%

Happy weekend, everyone!

GENERAL NOTICES

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Success | Miss Kenneford

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, seven Year 9 students successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition. The adventure began at the Uffington White Horse, where students set off on their expedition route. Using their navigation skills, they made their way independently across the terrain, passing through checkpoints before eventually arriving at camp.

Once there, the students demonstrated excellent teamwork and resilience by setting up their own tents and cooking their evening meal on Trangias. After dinner, there was time to relax and enjoy some well-earned recreation, with cricket, volleyball and football all featuring in the evening's activities.

Although sleep was in short supply for some, the students were awake at the crack of dawn and ready for the second day. After cooking breakfast, they packed up camp and set off on their return journey to the White Horse. Morale was high throughout day two, and their positive attitude led to them arriving back at base ahead of schedule.

Our assessor, Richard, had nothing but positive things to say about the group. He was particularly impressed by the students' motivation and the camaraderie they displayed throughout the expedition. Students willingly offered to swap bags and carry heavier loads when their peers were struggling, showing exceptional teamwork and support for one another.

Richard also praised the students' impeccable manners and the respect they showed, not only towards each other but also towards the environment in which they were walking—qualities that are not often seen and should make them all incredibly proud.



Congratulations to all those who took part in this year's Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. You represented the school brilliantly, and we look forward to seeing you take on the challenges of the Silver Award next year.

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 8 and Year 9 | Mrs Reddy

As we continue to enjoy the warmer weather, we would like to remind all students and families of the importance of self-care and staying hydrated throughout the school day. Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle and drink regularly, particularly during break and lunchtime. Please also ensure that students are getting sufficient rest and taking sensible precautions to stay cool and comfortable during periods of hot weather. A reminder that our uniform expectations remain unchanged. Students should continue to attend school in full uniform and maintain the high standards of presentation expected at Greyfriars.

This week, I had the pleasure of accompanying a group of our Year 8 students on a retreat to Greyfriars Church. Their behaviour throughout was exemplary and they were excellent ambassadors for the school. Special congratulations go to Sophie, Penelope, Anne-Marie, Britania, Jacob and Sampson, who confidently delivered part of the scriptures and psalms. Following a fun-filled lunch and activities, all students willingly helped to clean the dining hall, demonstrating responsibility and teamwork. Thank you to Brother Mike and Brother Anoop for the wonderful mass.

We would also like to recognise Georgette, who showed great care and kindness by ensuring that a friend had lunch yesterday. Well done, Georgette, for exemplifying our school values through your thoughtful actions.

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.



Students leading the way

Year 8	Year 9
Kerfala	Sahas
Ephraim	Eleesha
Haider	Jason
Grant	Da Vinci
Roisin	Mercy
Alex	Amma
Chiamaka	Arlo
Jevania	Omer
Yves	Tatiana
Isayah	Jameilah

Have a lovely weekend!

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 7 | Mr Cunningham

I wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you to everyone who has offered their support with our Year 6 transition arrangements. Starting a new school is such a big step, and the kindness and helpfulness shown by parents, students, and staff alike has made all the difference in making our new students feel welcome. We really do appreciate it.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be running our Year 7 Rewards Trip on Friday 3rd July, and we would love as many students as possible to join us! If you haven't yet signed up, please do so as soon as you can. If you have any questions about the trip, please don't hesitate to email me directly and I will be happy to help.

7KR are staying strong at the top of our Achievement Point leader board this week, helped out by Noah leading the individual scores with 40 Achievement points

7KR	489
7BN	332
7GKE	318
7ALW	150

Noah	40
Mia	32
Sadew	30
Victory	28
Faaris	28
Joe	25
Luis	25
Powell	25
Rida	24

Message for KS4 | Mr Weedon

Year 10 mocks have now finished, and I would like to commend students for their excellent attendance throughout the examination period. They have worked incredibly hard over the past two weeks, demonstrating commitment and resilience. I hope everyone has a well-deserved, restful weekend before results are shared and we begin focusing on key areas for improvement and future success.

I would also like to wish all Year 10 students an enjoyable and successful Work Experience Week. I hope they make the most of every opportunity offered to them, develop new skills, build their confidence, and gain valuable insight into the world of work. We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.

The Year 11 Leavers' Assembly was a fantastic occasion and a fitting way to celebrate our students as they complete their journey with us. It was wonderful to come together for one final send-off, recognising their hard work, achievements, and contributions to school life over the years. A huge thank you to all of the speakers who helped make the event so special. Their words of encouragement, reflection, and celebration ensured that our students left feeling appreciated and proud of all they have accomplished.

We wish all of our Year 11 students every success and happiness in the next stage of their journey.

With the warmer weather upon us, a couple of quick reminders: students do still need to have their blazer with them each day, but they will not be required to wear it while the hot weather continues. Please could parents also make sure children come in with sun cream applied (and a bottle to bring in if needed for top-ups) and a water bottle, so they can stay cool, protected, and hydrated throughout the day.

GENERAL NOTICES

Sparx Maths **WEEK 31**

Total hours spent on Sparx this year	Number of questions answered correctly
11,136hrs	845,558

XP Champions THIS YEAR | 19/06/26

Name	Year	Total XP
Miu Miu M	8	59,451
Seerat S	7	56,640
Sampson O	8	52,570
Rayan P	7	41,900
Aman A	9	41,329
Samayrah K	10	40,303
Gaudencio F	9	39,312
Aseda k	7	38,343
Mia E	7	36,976
Marvelous E	7	36,845

XP Champions for LAST WEEK

Name	Year	XP POINTS
Jennive F	10	1,240
Jameka C	10	1,109
Chris J	9	1,471
Grace G	9	1,388
Miu Miu M	8	1,988
Sampson O	8	1,657
Asiya K	7	2,775
Saveeha W	7	1,645
Jennive F	10	1,240
Jameka C	10	1,109
Chris J	9	1,471

GENERAL NOTICES

TOUCH OF MADNESS 24 HOUR FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

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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.

GENERAL NOTICES



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Where: School Restaurant
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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.



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

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- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
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- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
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- 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

22 – 26 June | Year 10 Work Experience Week

22 June | Year 5 Transition

23 June | Year 13 Celebration Evening

24 June | Year 10 Leys Taster Day

24 – 26 June | Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Days

25 June | Year 8 Into University Buddy Trip

25 June | Year 13 Leavers' Service

29 June | INSET Day – No students in school

1 – 3 July | Year 10 Driving 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.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Vacancies



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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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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

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for eligible 4-16 yr olds
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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.

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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 6-8pm 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:
18 March
9 April, 16 April (OPEN EVENING), 30 April
14 May, 28 May
11 June, 25 June
8 July

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



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Recordings available for 48 hours

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

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.

Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page
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Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership.

Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month
Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



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.

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Online Courses for Parents page
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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



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

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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).

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

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

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

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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

YOUTH CLUB Registration Form – Fill out form

<https://forms.office.com/e/297mk0U3ck>

DONNINGTON DOORSTEP
NEW SOCIAL HUB
@ DOORSTEP

GAMES, ACTIVITIES, MUSIC, FOOD

YEAR 7 TO 11

TUES 5.15PM - 7.30PM
WED 3.30PM - 7.30PM

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FOR WHEN WE RE-OPEN END OF

MARCH 2026

DONNINGTON DOORSTEP

DONNINGTON DOORSTEP, TOWNSEND SQUARE, OX4 4BB
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1144821

INFO@DONNINGTON-DOORSTEP.ORG.UK

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMPS

GET SET FOR ULTIMATE EASTER & SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN!

Outstanding holiday day camps with over 40 activities every week

For ages 4 to 14

Mon - Fri
8am - 6pm

EARLY BOOKING OFFER NOW ON!

At Headington Rye Oxford in Oxford

Ultimate savings when you book early!

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GO WILD FOR A WHILE!

Fun and adventurous outdoor summer day camps, fully-immersed in the natural environment

For ages 7 to 14

Mon - Fri
8am - 6pm

EARLY BOOKING OFFER NOW ON!

Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, Farmoor nr Oxford

Ultimate savings when you book early!

OXFORD UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY www.ouitc.org

GIRLS ONLY PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS TUESDAY IN OXFORD YEAR 7 - YEAR 13 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Leys Pools and Leisure Centre, Pegasus Road Oxford OX4 6JL

FUN AND SOCIAL FOOTBALL FREE TO ATTEND.

Contact Us plkicks@oufc.co.uk

Premier League Kicks OXFORD UNITED

Oxford Quins RFC

Rugby Club

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 2RR on a Wednesday evening at 6-7pm or 7-8pm (depending on age group). And we play fixtures on a Sunday. It was a proud week for us at Quins, as 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.

AGN

Kenford.

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

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](#)



OBCA
COME AND TRY CHEERLEADING!

SIGN UP FOR JUNE CLASSES TO GET
YOUR TRAIL FOR FREE!
TRIALS - SATURDAY JUNE 27TH 2026
BROOKES SPORT, CHENEY LANE
FIND OUR SIGN UP FORM AND CLASSES
ON THE QR CODE BELOW!

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.

JOIN US ...

RAF Air Cadets recruiting now!

If you love aircraft, action and adventure, then the Air Cadets is for you. The Air Cadets is a UK-wide cadet force sponsored by the Royal Air Force. As a cadet, you'll get the chance to do things that others only dream about such as adventurous training, camps, drill and real flight experience.

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>

For more information about joining the Air Cadets call:

0345 600 6601

or go to www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets

Make new friends
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SATURDAY, 4th JULY AT ABINGDON MARKETPLACE
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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

EASTER & SUMMER 2026

The WOW Camp

SCIENCE, LASER TAG, VIRTUAL REALITY, ANIMAL WORKSHOPS, MINICRAFT, STREET DANCE, ROBOTS, INFLATABLES

STEM. Creativity. Physical Play
All in one camp

HMRC TAX-FREE CHILDCARE ACCEPTED

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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	MINICRAFT 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

TRY LOVE RUGBY

WANT TO PLAY RUGBY? TRY OUR FREE FOUR-WEEK INTRO TO RUGBY FOR GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN

CONTACT GIRLSRUGBY@OXFORDHARLEQUINS.ORG

Give your child an unforgettable school holiday filled with fresh air, freedom and adventure!

Set within 42 acres of stunning woodland in rural Oxfordshire at Youlbury, Boars Hill, children aged 8-16 will take part in a daily programme of non-stop outdoor action. With expert instructors leading the way, creating a safe and supportive environment where children run, climb, explore, and build confidence while unplugging from screens and having a blast with friends in the great outdoors!

What's on offer:

- High-energy adventures such as archery, ziplining, and climbing.
- Fun team building games and problem-solving challenges.
- Survival skills such as shelter building, backwoods cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.

When is it:

- Running throughout 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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NEW 6 RETIRED LEGO SETS

BUILD CHALLENGES

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

CHARITY TOMBOLA

MILLIONS OF LOOSE BRICKS

PLUS SO MUCH MORE!!

11TH JULY
KINGS CENTRE
OXFORD BRICK FESTIVAL

MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF

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

OXFORD HUB

DROP IN SUPPORT AVAILABLE DURING THIS SESSION WITH THE PARENT POWER TEAM

Open every Monday from 12th January 12-2PM

Templers Square Shopping Centre

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KYLIE 07707918532
KYLIE@OXFORDHUB.ORG

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10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

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LATE PICK UP **+£6** Per Day

MASSIVE MOMENTS

BRAIN BUSTERS OPERATION OUTDOORS

CRAZY CRAFTS SUPER SPORTS

RECEPTION - YEAR 7
4 - 12 YEARS

8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
LATE PICK UP UNTIL 6PM

WWW.U-KIDS.CO.UK/CAMPS/OXFORD-HOLIDAY-CLUB

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

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:

YOU MOVE

YouMove is here to offer free and low cost activities for children on benefits related free school meals and their families.

MASSIVE MOMENTS

- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Bouncy Castle
- Inflatable Football Darts
- NERF Wars
- Laser Tag

CRAZY CRAFTS

- Drawing & Painting
- 3D & Model Making
- Camp-Themed Crafts
- Seasonal-Themed Crafts

BRAIN BUSTERS

- Lego Challenges
- Engineering Challenges
- Science Discovery Zones
- Puzzle Games

SUPER SPORTS

- Dodgeball
- Football
- Tag Rugby
- Soft Archery
- Darts
- Mini Olympics
- Ti-Golf
- Netball
- Cricket
- Hockey

OPERATION OUTDOORS

- Exploration Games
- Bushcraft & Survival Skills
- Outdoor Team Challenges
- Nature Science