

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026 | Issue 33

Dear Families

This week began with one of the most reassuring messages in the Gospel. Jesus tells his disciples: Do not be afraid... And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. It is a remarkable image. Jesus reminds us that we are known completely, loved completely, and never forgotten by God. Yet these words are not spoken when life is easy. They are spoken as Jesus sends the disciples out into the world. He knows they will face challenges and there will be moments when they feel uncertain or afraid. But he tells them to go anyway, because the truth they carry is greater than the difficulties they will face.

That message has stayed with us throughout this week.

We knew at the start of the week that we were facing unusually high temperatures. We also knew it would require us to adapt, to look after one another and to make sensible changes to how we worked. But the spirit that underpins our school did not change and our assembly started with some grumbles, but ended in applause and a true sense of knowing who we are.

At Greyfriars, we believe deeply that education matters. School is where children learn, grow, belong and flourish. We also know that life will present challenges, and part of education is learning how to face those challenges with serenity – courage, wisdom, resilience and hope.

This week has reminded me just how strong our community is. Students have adapted brilliantly, staff have worked tirelessly to make adjustments, and families have been enormously supportive. We have made use of shade, cooler spaces, changes to the school day and sensible precautions, whilst recognising that those who are clinically vulnerable needed to remain safe at home. I am deeply grateful to everyone for the way they have worked together. Perhaps the greatest lesson this week has been that we do not run away from difficulty. We meet it together.

Throughout the week, we have continued to celebrate everything that makes Greyfriars such a joyful place to be. We have looked ahead to our transition events, leavers' service, Sports Day, Culture Day and the many opportunities that bring our community together.

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In particular, both the Y13 Celebration evening and the Leavers' service were an emotional and remarkable demonstration of the love and spirit of our community. Ms McCabe and I had already commented on how wholesome the event was. All the students were so wonderful and all of them danced. (The Belfry also said we were by far the best behaved prom that they had; they had 5 that week!). But, I was also reminded of the meaning of wholesome by a student at the leavers' service; that it was about the whole. It was wholesome because of the togetherness and unity. I loved this.



These moments of joy matter because they remind us that challenging times are never the whole story. They sit alongside friendship, laughter, belonging, hope and unity.

As I walked around school this week, despite the heat, I was struck once again by the determination, kindness and good humour of our students. They have been remarkable.

This is what the Greyfriars Way looks like.

- It is not pretending that things are always easy.
- It is looking after one another.
- It is embracing challenge with courage.
- It is choosing hope and joy.

And, just as Jesus reminded his disciples, it is remembering that we need not be afraid.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. I wish you all a restful weekend and hope that, after a very warm week, you are able to enjoy some slightly cooler days ahead.

With every blessing for a fresher weekend.

Lyndsey Caldwell

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel | Matthew 10:37-42



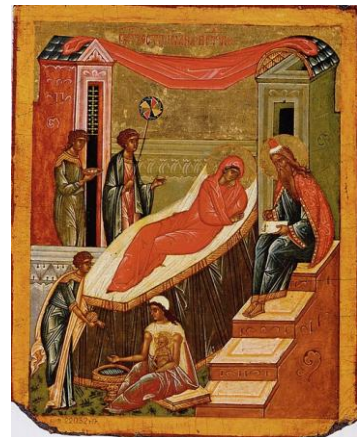
37 "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. 40 "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Reflection

Today's passage is part of the missionary discourse, with which the Teacher prepares the Apostles for their first experience of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Jesus persistently exhorts them to "have no fear". Fear is one of the most terrible enemies of our Christian life. Jesus exhorts: "have no fear", "fear not". And Jesus describes three tangible situations that they will find themselves facing. They are like three temptations: to sugar-coat the Gospel, to water it down; second: persecution; and third: the feeling that God has left us alone. What matters is frankness, the courage of our witness, our witness of faith: "recognising Jesus before men" and going forth doing good.

Prayer for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

God of holiness,
you made St John a mighty herald for your Son.
As we celebrate his birth,
help us, by his example and intercession,
to serve you with heartfelt love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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

GENERAL NOTICES

Catholic Life | Mr Greer

This week has been a tough one for many, but it's been encouraging to see the communal, supportive, and resilient spirits around the school. In our KS3 RE classes, we've been preparing for a public exhibition of artwork called "Through Our Eyes." Our hope is that our stories and testimonies can help those in power see the ways that transport affects our school's life. We pray for fairer transport, more affordable prices, and greater access within our city.



I've also had the pleasure of visiting two of our Year 10 students on work experience this week. I'd particularly like to commend them for helping to open the Oxford Dialogue Society's new office building in City Centre. Our school partners with the Dialogue Society often, helping to promote mutual understanding and genuine friendships across faith traditions. It was fantastic to see our school represented alongside elected officials, including MP Annelise Dodds. We look forward to further opportunities with this society.

Lastly, I'm pleased to announce that our local Catholic community was exceedingly generous to us when we had our giving mass in April. We raised **£2,250** from the mass alone, and we are beyond thankful to the individuals and charities that pledged their support. Thank you!

Weekly Book Review by Mrs Brett

Looking for a book that grabs you from page one and refuses to let go? *Legend* delivers. Set in a future America ruled by a powerful Republic, it follows June, a military prodigy, and Day, the nation's most wanted criminal. When their worlds collide, both discover that the truth is far more dangerous than they imagined.

As many of you know, I am a big fantasy fan, but this book reminded me why it's important to venture out of your comfort zone sometimes (even if it's not very far out:)). Packed with action, twists, and just the right amount of rebellion, this dystopian sci-fi adventure is perfect for fans of *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent*. The characters are full of surprises in the best possible way! A brilliant read that will leave you reaching for the next book immediately! (and we have all of them in the library!).

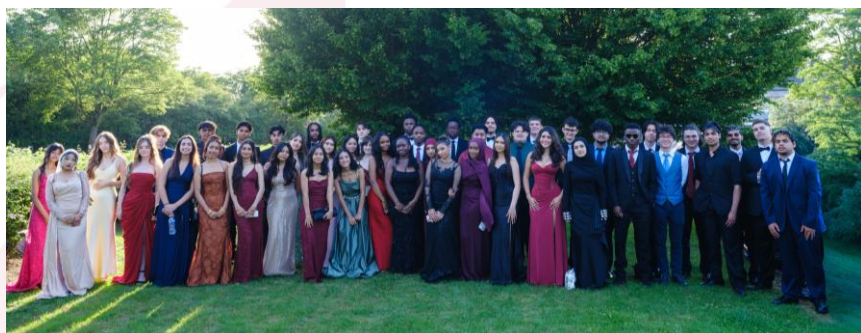


GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Sixth Form | Ms McCabe

Y13 Celebration Evening

On Tuesday Evening, our Y13 had their Celebration Evening at the Oxford Belfry. The red carpet was rolled out and the students looked wonderful. The dancing started within 10 minutes of arriving and didn't stop until the lights went up. It was a brilliant night! A huge thank you to the staff who came along to dance the night away with us.



Y13 Leavers' Service

We were joined on Thursday by many of the students' families for one final time as we held our Leavers' Service. There were prayerful reflections, speeches, awards and videos, as well as a few tears and lots of laughter. I can confidently say that Y13 had a fantastic send-off. I hope they all have a great summer and we will see them on 13th August for Results' Day.

Y11 Transition Day

We are now looking forward to welcoming our new Y12 as we get ready for our Y11 Transition Day on Wednesday 1st July. Sixth Form Transition Day marks the first step towards greater independence as a student. Students will visit lessons and learn about Sixth Form life from current Y12 students. If any students or parents have any questions about Transition Day, please let me know.

Monday 29th June | 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.

GENERAL NOTICES

DT | Mr Thomas

This term our Year 7 students have been working hard designing their own desk tidy. They have then then brought these to life in their woodwork class. You can see a few examples in the photograph.



Well done!

Message for Year 10 | Mr Weedon

Congratulations to all Year 10 students on completing their work placements this week. This valuable experience provides an excellent opportunity to explore potential career interests, develop workplace skills, and reflect on whether a chosen pathway is the right fit. Most importantly, it encourages students to begin thinking about the exciting next steps beyond Year 11.

Despite the challenging weather conditions, Year 10 students have represented the school exceptionally well. Well done to everyone for the commitment, resilience, and enthusiasm shown throughout the week.

Have a good weekend.

Year 10 Work Experience Visits | Miss Watkin

This week it was great to feel part of team Greyfriars when I visited year 10 students on work experience. I heard how helpful and hardworking our students had been at Helen and Douglas house. A wonderful local charity supporting families through the most difficult times. The students said their work experience has been really informative and has made them think about how rewarding a career in charity work can be.

It was joyful to visit shoe zone partly due to the air contained shop which was a lovely sanctuary from the sweltering heat but mainly to see how well our wonderful students were getting on. It was brilliant to see the new skills they had learnt and how their confidence had grown. Donna the manager pictured below said they were an absolute pleasure to have and would welcome them back anytime for a job!



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Library News | Mrs Brett

Hello Stellar Story Surfers, It has been quite a week! A tad warm, wouldn't you say?

This week our main focus is... THE CRIME! It would appear that to celebrate June - the Crime Reading Month - somebody thought it would be a good idea to steal something from the library...



Do you see it?! Yes, that's right - our precious LEGO King Crown has been taken! We currently have six suspects and I know from reliable sources that there are no fewer than 12(!) hidden clues in the library. Can you help us solve the Mystery of the Missing Crown?



Come up and grab your detective paperwork. You can work as a team, or on your own. Find the clues, interrogate the suspect, draw conclusions. Do you have what it takes? Are YOU the best detective/s in the entire school? Come and find out!

We are also preparing to send you off with some great reads for the Summer (it really isn't that long now!). My Y10 Student, Christina, who had her Work Experience week with me, has already designed a fun Summer Reading BINGO Challenge and created a super poster to promote reading for pleasure during the break. What a great job she did!

In the next few days, we will also be putting together a refillable display of recommended reads, so you can choose from any genres, any formats, any lengths :). As usual, there will be prizes that you can claim in September, including a book of your choice, stickers, bookmarks, and some fun mystery gifts.



Finally, if you're interested in running any of our clubs next year, please speak to me before the end of term. There are plenty to choose from. Similarly, do sign up if you just want to participate.

For a little bit more mystery.. We will not be updating the Championship Leader board this week. It's been (understandably) quite slow in the library this week, but I am also hoping that a little uncertainty might motivate more students to contribute :).

Have a readful weekend, everyone!

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 8 and Year 9 | Mrs Reddy

As the hot weather continues, we would like to commend our Year 8 and Year 9 students for their positive attitude and commitment to learning. Their resilience, ambition and determination to succeed have been evident throughout this period of unusually high temperatures.

We are particularly proud of the maturity students have shown by adhering to the reasonable adjustments put in place to help prevent heat-related illness, including seeking shade during break and lunchtime. We encourage all students to continue looking after themselves by staying hydrated, making necessary adjustments to uniform, applying sunscreen where needed, and making use of shaded areas. Taking these simple steps helps everyone stay safe, healthy and ready to learn. Thank you for your continued perseverance, responsibility and dedication.

A huge thank you and well done to all our Year 8 and Year 9 students who so willingly supported our international visitors this term. We welcomed two separate groups during the term, and when school trips meant that some of our planned student helpers were unavailable, several students stepped forward at short notice without hesitation.

We are incredibly proud of the kindness, confidence and maturity you showed in representing our school. Your willingness to help others feel welcome reflects the very best of our school community. Thank you for your enthusiasm, flexibility and generosity. You did yourselves and the school proud once again.

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
Eve	Sahas
Rachael	Alexandra
Hannah	Eleesha
Dylan	Ammarah
Kennedy	Lexie K
Kerfala	Nedia
Grant	Tatiana
Sampson	Ali H
Yves	Leyna
Alex	Sylvia

Have a lovely weekend!

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 7 | Mr Cunningham

Well done to all our students for getting through what has been a long, warm week! It is never easy keeping focused and energised in the heat, and we have been really impressed with how positively everyone has coped. You should be proud of yourselves.

A special thank you also goes to our Year 7 students who have given up their time to help out during Year 6 transition days. Your warmth, patience, and enthusiasm have made a real difference in helping our new students feel settled and welcome — it has been brilliant to watch.

Just a quick reminder that the Year 7 Rewards Trip is taking place next Friday. Payments are still open via ParentPay, so please do make sure these are completed in good time to secure your child's place.

7GKE have led the way this week with 268 achievement points, and Ore has had a brilliant week in the heat with 24 achievement points.

7GKE	268
7ALW	167
7KR	160
7BN	85



Oreoluwa	24
Tanaka	19
Amelia-Grace	19
Esther	19
Karthik	19
Iliam	17
Madison	17
Jefrin	16
Safah	16

We hope you all have a lovely, relaxing weekend — you've earned it! We look forward to seeing everyone bright and ready on Tuesday.

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.

If you believe that your child is eligible for free school meals, please complete the following Google Form: [Free School Meals Registration Form](#)

5 Ways to Well-being

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 **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

GENERAL NOTICES



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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Find out more at family-action.org.uk/NSBP.

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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

Dates for your Diary

29 June | INSET Day – No students in school

1 – 3 July | Year 10 Driving School

1 July | Year 11 into Year 12 Transition Day

2 July | Feast of St Peter and St Paul Mass

2 July | Axiom Maths Trip

3 July | Year 7 Youlbury Trip

3 July | Year 8 – Year 10 TDP Immunisations Catch Up Session

6 July | Year 9 / Year 10 Pilgrimage to St Frideswide's Well

7 July | Called to Act Trip

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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Monday: 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:

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

Additional Support Courses for Parents

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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

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.

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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 Ffolliott 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 Kenneford.

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 lender 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.

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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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term time only

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hello@ark-t.org or 01865 772095

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.

Oxfordshire Community Foundation
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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/6jMhPH4LRE>

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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

EASTER & SUMMER 2026

The WOW Camp

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EASTER & SUMMER CAMPS

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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.

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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
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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

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YOU MOVE

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- ✓ Inflatible Football Darts
- ✓ NERF Wars
- ✓ Laser Tag

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- ✓ Science Discovery Zones
- ✓ Puzzle Games

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- ✓ Football
- ✓ Tag Rugby
- ✓ Soft Archery
- ✓ Darts
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- ✓ Tri-Golf
- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Hockey

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- ✓ Nature Science