

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026 | Issue 3

Dear Families

We began this week with the parable of the workers in the vineyard. It is a Gospel that can initially feel rather uncomfortable. The workers who have laboured all day receive the same pay as those who arrived much later. Our instinct can be to say, *"That isn't fair!"*

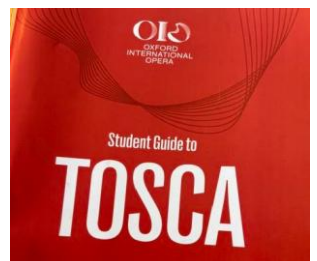
In assembly, we reflected on how quickly our sense of satisfaction can change when we begin comparing ourselves with somebody else. The workers who arrived first had agreed their wage and, until they saw what somebody else received, they had every reason to be content. It reminded me of the saying, 'Comparison is the thief of joy.'

But we also thought more deeply about fairness. Judgement is very easy when we do not know the whole story. Those workers who arrived later had not necessarily chosen to spend the day doing nothing; they had been waiting, hoping that somebody would give them work. Jesus challenges us to look beyond our immediate reaction and to consider the dignity, circumstances and needs of others. Fairness is not always as simple as everyone receiving exactly the same thing.

That feels particularly relevant as our Catholic Social Teaching focus this term is the Common Good. We are called to think beyond ourselves and consider what allows everyone in our community to flourish. We have seen a wonderful example of that through the continuing work of our Citizens UK project. Our students have been campaigning around transport and the challenges young people face accessing opportunities across Oxford. They are learning about community organising and, importantly, discovering that social change does not simply happen: people make it happen. They are listening, organising, speaking to decision-makers and recognising their own ability to improve the community around them. This is the Common Good in action. I am so proud of them.

We have also been delighted to give many students their first experience of opera this week with a visit to the New Theatre to see *Tosca*. It was fabulous! Opera might not have been an obvious choice for everyone beforehand, but that is precisely why opportunities like this matter. Education should open doors to experiences we might never otherwise encounter. The live subtitles were certainly appreciated too! I definitely needed them.

Faith and community have also been at the heart of the week. We held our Welcome Back Mass for families, giving us an opportunity to begin this new school year together in prayer and celebration.



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We were then delighted to welcome so many of you to our Meet the Form Tutor Evening. This is deliberately different from a traditional parents' evening and, as far as I know, quite unusual in secondary schools. We want Greyfriars to be open to families and for relationships between home and school to begin long before there is a problem to solve or an academic report to discuss. The form tutor is an important person in a child's daily school life, and this evening is about making those small connections and recognising that we are united around one shared purpose: the flourishing and success of our children. It was wonderful to see so many families in school and equally lovely to see our students helping people find their way around the site and making everyone feel welcome. We love having you here.

Our Year 11 families also used this evening as an opportunity to join us for a special revision evening as we work together to give students the strongest possible start to this important year. There is a great deal ahead, but beginning early, building good habits and working together will make an enormous difference.



And, alongside lessons, fixtures, enrichment, Mass, opera, community organising and family events, we have also dealt with an injured fox this week! I can reassure everyone that all is now safe and well. It was another reminder of something I say frequently: schools really are the very best places to work. They are filled with learning, relationships and joy, and, almost every week, something happens that you could never possibly have anticipated.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and are able to enjoy some of these final moments of September sunshine.

Lyndsey Caldwell
Headteacher

PS Please remember that we have our Open Evening on Thursday 1st October and INSET day (no students in school) on Friday 2nd October.

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel | Matthew 20:1–16 The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard



¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in

the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’” ⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ ⁹ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ ¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Reflection

There is always the possibility to find meaning, because God loves our life. For the owner of the vineyard, that is, for God, it is just that each person has what he needs to live. He called the labourers personally, he knows their dignity, and on the basis of this, he wants to pay them, and he gives all of them one denarius. The story says that the labourers from the first hour are disappointed: they cannot see the beauty of the gesture of the landowner, who was not unjust, but simply generous; who looked not only at merit, but also at need. God wants to give his Kingdom, that is, full, eternal and happy life, to everyone. And this is what Jesus does with us: he does not establish rankings, he gives all of himself to those who open their hearts to him. (Pope Leo XIV, General Audience, 4 June 2025).

Prayer for the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle

Saint Matthew, God called you and you responded immediately. The emptiness you felt within your soul could not be filled with money. When you encountered Christ, you left all behind to follow Him. Please pray for me, that I will never hesitate in saying “Yes” to God’s call in my life, so that God can transform my life and use me as He wills. Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist, pray for 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

On Monday, students from Year 11 and Sixth Form travelled to The Oxford Academy to participate in a faith-based student leadership training. This was in partnership with Citizens UK, an alliance we are a member of, which will ultimately encourage these students to take on an active project within our city. As the Common Good is our Catholic Social Teaching in focus this term, I am immensely proud of these students who are ready to stand up for justice, bringing a better life for all of Oxford, because of the richness of their faiths.



Additionally this week, the Chaplaincy Team has had the opportunity to deliver assemblies to every year group in the school. We've spoken about the common good, our work with Citizens UK, the student hub, and our upcoming mass for St. Francis. It's been amazing to see this team of young people in action, leading their peers confidently and with a clear call to action.

Youlbury

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On that note, Youlbury sign-ups close next week for Years 10-13. We'd love for as many to benefit from this experience as possible! Please use ParentPay.

Amazing artwork!

Well done to Gabrielle who made this beautiful bouquet of flowers for a friend's birthday – if you hadn't worked it out – it is made from pipe cleaners! An ingenious use of an everyday item!



GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 8 and Year 9 | Mrs Reddy

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Meet the Form Tutor evening. It was wonderful to welcome so many families and see the positive engagement between home and school. Strong communication and positive relationships are essential in supporting our students' academic progress, wellbeing and personal development.

If you were unable to attend, we are sorry you missed the opportunity. Please feel free to contact your child's form tutor, who will be very happy to assist with any questions or concerns.

A special shoutout to our Y8 and Y9 students who volunteered as guides, you represented the school brilliantly and made us very proud.

Finally, well done to all our tutees and tutors who have worked hard to make their form rooms welcoming and personal. A particular spotlight on Anne Marie and Ganuli, who have done an amazing job adding the finishing touches to 9RM. What a fantastic example of teamwork, creativity and pride in our school community!



Students leading the way so far

Year 8	Year 9
Sadew	Sampson
Natalie	Karina
Elena	Kyara
Leandra	Jevania
Aseda	Antonio
Amelia	Emilly
Victoria	Chiamaka
Esther	Bela
Rachael	Margaret
Mario	David

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!

Have a lovely weekend!

Uniform Donations

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!

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Sixth Form News Ms McCabe



Our Y12 and Y13 have got off to a brilliant start this term. We have welcomed a number of new students to our school. All students have had two weeks of induction to either orientate themselves to the demands of Y12 or prepare themselves for the year ahead as Y13.

We began with our team building challenge. Students found it very hard to complete the bridge task and it all became very competitive!



Alumni

We hosted our 3rd Alumni event on Friday 18th September. A number of our wonderful ex-students came back to speak to our current Y12 and Y13. They had a wealth of experience to share ranging from very recent experience of sitting A Levels to completing their first year of a degree to graduating and moving onto their careers. This year we shortened the panel discussion and gave more time to students to speak 1-2-1 with Alumni and the hall was buzzing with conversation.

I want to say thank you to all of our students: the Sixth Formers who listened so attentively and to our Alumni. They looked so proud to share their wisdom and pass on the baton to the next generation of Greyfriars Alumni.



GENERAL NOTICES

Safeguarding Update | Mr Daly

With the growing influence of AI and a reliance on social media, we must try and keep children safe online! Here are 5 tips from the NSPCC.



Axiom Maths Problems of the Week! | Mr McCutcheon

1.) The numbers 199 and 223 are **both prime**.

Only **one** of the numbers between 199 and 223 is **also** prime.

Which is it?

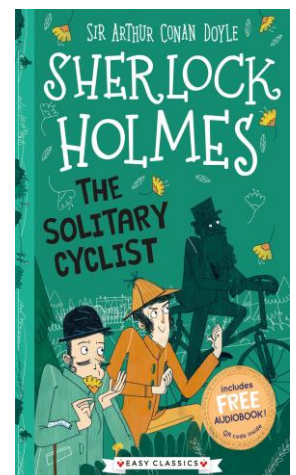
2.) Use all nine of the digits 1 to 9 once each, to make three 3-digit numbers that are all prime.

Good luck!!



Weekly Book Review by Lian

I'm always a total fan of Sherlock cases but this one in particular always seems to stay in my mind. There's a certain kind of ominous feeling during the beginning of this case with John's careful tone about talk of tragedy but soon after you'll start to get distracted with the characters being introduced. There's all sorts of talk about stalking and mysterious figures but soon after picking up more clues the story grows extremely active and a lot more action occurs. It might even get your heart racing and I must admit that one of my favourite quips comes from this adventure. I won't say it as it may spoil the ending but you'll definitely know when you get to that bit. At some points you may think that you understand what's going on but actually another curveball might've been thrown your way!



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Message for Year 7 | Mr Cunningham

Well done to our Year 7s for another fantastic week at Greyfriars. As students are becoming increasingly accustomed to the routines and expectations at Greyfriars, it is great to see them settling in and getting involved with activities that shape our community here.

I would like to congratulate and thank all our year 7 students who made the effort to help out as tour guides for Meet the Tutor evening. Being part of that student volunteer team is something to be really proud of. It was great to speak to so many of you, and I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet your child's form tutor, and put names to faces!

Next Thursday is Open Evening, and it would be great to see Y7s volunteer to guide new parents around the school.

Joanna	45
Aubree-Faith	45
Hibba	42
Ahmad	42
Ephraim	41
Esmae	41
Rainha Priyanka	40
Elijah	40

It has been a big week for achievement points, congratulations to Joanna, Aubree, Hibba, Ahmad, Ephraim, Esmae, Rainha and Elijah for receiving over 40 achievement points each!

Sparx Maths **WEEK 3**

Total hours spent on Sparx this year

511hrs

Number of questions answered correctly

33,034

XP Champions THIS YEAR | 25/09/26

Name	Year	Total XP
Michael	7	6,551
Morizo	10	3,339
Marvelous	10	3,262
Aminata	10	2,720
Janet	7	2,553
Seerat	8	2,321
Miu Miu	9	2,212
Yolannia	8	2,200
Ephraim	7	2,128
Mollie	8	2,119

XP Champions for this WEEK

Name	Year	XP POINTS
Samayrah	11	775
Nadia	11	545
Kevin	10	1,040
Olivia	10	709
Demi	9	751
Bela	9	688
Marvelous	8	2,088
Joe	8	1,252
Michael	7	2,275
Verio	7	1,745
Samayrah	11	775

7PJE	538
7LP	515
7RHO	392
7CHO	347

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Library News | Mrs Brett



Hello Persistent Page Perusers! The library has been buzzing with activity this week. This was our first ever Manga Drawing Club - at least that's what it looked like at the start... 4 more participants joined in the meantime and it was such a joy to watch. We will be moving the club, so that instructions can be displayed on the screen.

Feel free to join this or any of the other many clubs.

New books started coming in and I wanted to take a photo of the display to show you what we have got so far, except... some items got borrowed before I had a chance to (YAY!). There are plenty more though, so come up and have a browse.



As for the Reading Champions - see for yourselves!

Have a **restful weekend and a good book in your hand** 😊.

Library Clubs			
CLUB	DAY	TIME	LEADER
Art Club	Thursday	Lunch	Ludozio
Book Club	Tuesday Thursday	Lunch	Esmee
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

Well done to all the students who borrowed a book in the first two weeks of term. I awarded the promised achievement points to all of you on Monday (2925 points in total!). Great work, but I know we can do even better.

Finally, don't forget that there are plenty of opportunities for you to be creative, including exciting external competitions with fantastic prizes, such as the Unite poetry competition, the Ghost Story competition, or the 500 Words competition. For more details, come and talk to me in the library:).



Congratulations to Maria, one of the students who did an amazing job in our Enrichment last term, working really hard to produce her Manga comic strip.



TERM 1 WEEK 2				
	Reading Champ		Tutor Group Reading Championship	
1	Sahas	22	9BMO	71.43%
2	Karthik	16	7PJE	62%
3	Ludozio	12	8ALW	56%
4	Kehinde	7	8KR	48.3%
5	Bela	5	9RM	47.83%

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Message for Year 10 | Mr Weedon

Year 10 – A Positive and Productive Week

It has been another positive and productive week for Y10, with some excellent examples of teamwork, commitment and progress both in and outside the classroom.

Year 10 Football Team

A special mention this week goes to our Y10 football team, who secured a fantastic win. While the result was certainly something to celebrate, it was the attitude and conduct of the team throughout the game that was particularly impressive. The students demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and respect, supporting one another and maintaining a positive attitude from start to finish. They represented the school exceptionally well and showed that success is about much more than the final score. Their commitment, resilience and sportsmanship were a real credit to them.

Year 10 Meet the Tutor

It was also a pleasure to welcome parents and carers to our Meet the Tutor evening. The event was very positive and provided an excellent opportunity to discuss students' progress and experience of Year 10 so far.

A particularly valuable part of the evening was the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the KS4 examination journey and the transition from Year 10 into Year 11. Dr Rogers gave a clear and informative presentation on the examination plan, helping parents and carers to understand the key stages, expectations and preparation involved as students move towards their GCSE examinations.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and engaged so positively with the evening. The partnership between home and school is extremely important, particularly as students move through the increasingly important stages of Key Stage 4.

Overall, it has been a very encouraging week for Year 10. We are proud of the positive attitudes our students are demonstrating and look forward to continuing to support them as they progress through the year.

Form Group	Points
10JS	281
10KAN	179
10RC	179
10SW	136

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 11 | Mr Weedon

Year 11 – Taking Accountability and Preparing for Success

There have been some fantastic signs from Year 11 this week, with students increasingly demonstrating the maturity and determination needed as they approach their GCSE examinations.

Year 11 Meet the Tutor

Meet the Tutor evening was a very positive event and provided an excellent opportunity to discuss students' progress, preparation and next steps as they move towards their examinations.

One of the key messages from the evening was the importance of students taking accountability for their own learning and making the most of the opportunities available to them. We are particularly pleased to see an increasing number of students taking advantage of the P6 revision clubs, which are running from Monday to Thursday. These sessions provide valuable additional time for students to consolidate their learning, ask questions and prepare effectively for their examinations.

We have also been excited to share details of the upcoming Passport to Summer Ball, giving students something positive to work towards and look forward to as they reach the end of their Year 11 journey.

Another highlight of the evening was Dr Rogers' excellent presentation on the examination revision guide and how students can use it effectively to structure and support their revision. This provided parents and carers with a clear understanding of how students can approach their preparation and how they can be supported at home.

We are seeing so many positive signs from Year 11. Students are increasingly taking ownership of their learning, making use of the support available and demonstrating the right attitude towards their upcoming examinations.

We want to continue in this fashion. With students, parents and school working together, we can ensure that Year 11 makes the most of the opportunities available to them and finish their school journey with pride, confidence and a strong sense of achievement.

Form Group	Points
11CT	218
11MJ	209
11JOD	168
11SA	157

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:

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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

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If you are interested, please contact Sophie Upellini via: s.upellini@gfcs.uk

GENERAL NOTICES

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 30 September | Feast of St Francis Mass

Thursday 1 October | Black History Month Begins

Thursday 1 October | National Poetry Day

Thursday 1 October | Open Evening

Friday 2 October | INSET Day – No students in school

Monday 5 October – Wednesday 7 October | Open Mornings (Appointment only)

Monday 5 October | Economics Conference

Tuesday 6 October – Friday 9 October | Into University Workshops

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Breakfast Club

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

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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, 3F Festival 5
Optical Illusion exhibition, 3F Festival 5
Lady Ikonosphere, E.Ox Community Centre (Fri 9 Oct)
Poetry of Science, Westgate Library (Sat 17 Oct)
The Oxford Factory Science Oxford (Sat 17 Oct)
Train Bending Illusion Show, Pegasus (Sun 18 Oct)
Ruskin's Shores, Ashmolean Museum (Sat 24 Oct)
Storm-Cloud, Natural Hist. Museum (Sat 24 Oct)
Orbits by Creation Theatre, The North Wall (Tue 27 Oct)
Dancing Dark Matter (Thu 29 Oct)
Fusing Glass: Becca Rowland (Sat 31 Oct)

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)

EXPLORAZIONE (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, G64 (Tue 20 Oct)
Careers in Medical Research (Wed 22 Oct)
Spilling the Tea with Uncomfortable Oxford (Wed 22 Oct)
Breakup Monologues: Artificial Intimacy? (Mon 26 Oct)
Weapons of Mass Persuasion: Propaganda (Mon 26 Oct)
Modelling the Unknown: Zombies & Health (Sat 31 Oct)

Workshops and a new hobby?

Get coding with Glow Your Own (Wed 14 Oct - 18 Nov)
Photography Big Science at Culture (Mon 27 Oct)
Examining: Make a pendant (Mon 13 & 26 Oct)
Metals and Colour from the Earth (Thu 20 Oct)
The Chemistry of Colour (Thu 22 Oct)
Exploring Art for Science: Wildlife Drawing (Mon 26 Oct)
Fusion Fix (Thu 29 Oct)

Original Engineering: beginner to expert (Sat 31 Oct)

Try today!

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

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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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robyn.weller@serco.com or harry.saunders@serco.com

oxfordcityleisure.com

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL **MORE** for everyone

SEND Coffee Mornings

Peer support group for parents of children and young people with SEND/Neurodiversity

17th Sept and 1st and 15th October

9:00 - 11:00

Flo's cafe
Florence Park, OX4 3NP

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
email - Kylie@oxfordhub.org
phone - 07707918532
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Scan the QR code to find out more about the work we do.

Oxford Hub, Windale Avenue, OX4 6JD

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 PER 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!
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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



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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YEAR 7 - YEAR 13

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When
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Where
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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 Fisilau 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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