

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It was a very busy last week of term! All around the school children were completing their learning for the year and preparing for the coming academic year. It was a joy to welcome children to the school who will be joining us in September, as well as facilitating transition for children who are moving from us into other settings.

With great sadness we said goodbye to our children in Year 6, who are now off to the next stage of their education. SATS results were issued during the week, and we were delighted that they confirmed what we already knew, that our Year 6 children are ready for secondary school. They have worked really hard and now have the skills that they need to be able to access the learning that they will have access to in their new settings. We wish each and every one of them well as they move on and look forward to hearing from them when they come back to visit us.

In Collective Worship this week, as well as in our leaver's events, I took time to remind the children of two key things.

Firstly, a quote from Rudyard Kipling that appears above the doors to Wimbledon's centre court –

‘If you can meet with triumph and disaster and meet those two imposters just the same...’

And secondly, a reminder that –

Your greatest moment does not define you. Your worst moment does not define you.

I think these two messages are important for all children to hold on to, but especially as they move on to a new setting. Learning to deal with both triumph and disaster are key skills, recognising that they are both challenges. Our greatest moments will not define who we are, but similarly neither will our worst.

As children journey through school, they are learning a whole raft of academic skills and gaining knowledge, and we have the highest of expectations for them. However, we are also teaching them how to navigate the challenges of life and to do so well. I believe that our school Values, based on the teachings of Jesus, equip each of us well to deal with both triumph and disaster. Nothing is more certain than that we will all face highs and lows, for each of us there will be both successes and failures - maturity comes as we learn how to face them both the same.

I wish you all a peaceful and happy summer, with some periods of rest and relaxation as well as time to laugh and make memories with your children.



Values Awards

A particular well done to all the children who in this last week of term received a Values Award. It is quite something, in the business of the last week, when everybody is tired and ready for a break, to still be living by and demonstrating our Values. Our Values shape our community and ensure that school is a safe and happy place for us all.

Important reminders and information

School is now closed for the summer. If you need to contact us, the office email (office.3600@blake.oxon.sch.uk) will be monitored regularly (but not daily) through the summer break.

School starts for all children on Thursday 3rd September at 8:40am. Please do check term dates before booking holidays.

For the first half term only, school meals can be ordered via ParentPay (as they have been). If you want your child to have a school meal on the Thursday or Friday that we come back, you must order by midnight on Thursday 27th August. You can order anytime between now and 27th August.

If you are buying school uniform over the summer, please make sure that you are buying in accordance with our uniform policy. Specifically, please make sure that PE shorts/joggers are **plain black** and PE T-shirts are **plain white** (or have the school logo on them).

If you are ordering sweatshirts/cardigans/hoodies, these can be picked up from school at the start of term. School will be open on Wednesday 2nd September for uniform to be collected. School hoodies can only be worn on PE days, on all other days children should wear an ordinary school sweatshirt or cardigan.

Please do make sure that all uniform is named. Please also label lunchboxes, snack pots, water bottles and coats.

We are moving over to a new school website – we will circulate the link for this as soon as we have it. It should be an overnight move from one to the other, but please bear with us if the website disappears for 48 hours.

Do take time over the summer to double check your parental controls on your children's devices and your internet filters. Children should only bring their mobile device into school if they will be walking to or from school on their own. If you are considering buying a phone for your child over the summer, we recommend reading the [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) information before you do!

Please check your details on MCAS – it is really important that we have up to date contact details for you, so that if we need to get hold of you, we can do so. Please also check your other contacts to make sure these still reflect the people you would like us to contact if we can't get hold of you.

When thinking ahead to next year, please remember that we are a nut free school and so any foods you send in should not contain nuts – we have some children who school who are at very high risk from their nut allergies. Please also remember that a fruit/veg snack is only provided for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We regularly have hungry children from further up the school coming to ask us for a snack – please make sure you send your child in with a snack to keep them going! Morning snacks should be fruit or vegetables, cheese, crackers, cereal bars, breadsticks etc – no sweet biscuits, cakes, crisps or chocolate.

Planning ahead.... Year 5 Ancient Greek Day (29th September), Year 6 Quinta trip (12th – 16th October), Whole school flu immunisation (2nd December), Pantomime for Years 1 – 6 (11th December), Year 4 residential (13th and 14th May), KS2 SATS week (10th – 14th May). We will circulate other dates as soon as we have them.

News from Around the School – Music Makes The World Go Round

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and friends to our 'Music Makes The World Go Round' concert. The children performed with skill and confidence, their practice has clearly paid off, and as always, the choir really lifted our spirits. Thank you to Mrs Raven and all the music teachers who had prepared the children so well.



Farewell to Year 6

It is always sad to say goodbye to our children in Year 6. There is always so much to celebrate from the years that they have been with us. We wish them every blessing as they head to secondary school.



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Fri 28th August
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Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road, Ducklington, OX29 7US

Dates: Weds 22nd - Fri 24th Jul, Mon 27th - Thu 30th Jul
 Tue 4th - Fri 7th Aug, Mon 10th - Thu 13th Aug,
 Tue 18th - Fri 21st Aug, Mon 24th - Thu 27th Aug

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm (drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

Cost: £20/day 15% discount for bookings made 1 week prior start date

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EVERY CHILD IS WELCOME
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AGE GROUPS (From Sep 2026)
 • U9 (Year 4)
 • U10 (Year 5)
 • U11 (Year 6)
 • U13 (Year 8)

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Summer Savings

For the duration of the summer holidays, the Government is cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions.

During August, children aged 5 - 15 will be able to travel free on buses in England.

You can find out more about local summer savings online - <https://summersavings.gov.uk>

Music Lessons

If your child has been inspired to learn an instrument (a range of instruments available) in school, please do contact the [County Music Service](#) to find out more details. If they would like to learn the piano, then we can add their details to the waiting list - please do email the school office.



Oxford Swim School

Summer Holiday Swimming Lessons
 Monday 27th to Friday 31st July
 5 day intensive course
 30 minute lessons

Private Pool at Oxford High School (Summertown)

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 www.oxfordswimschool.co.uk

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Summer 2026

Windrush Holiday Club

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years, with funded places available for children in Reception to Year 6

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.

LOCATION:
Windrush C of E Primary School

COST:
£29.99 per day
 All childcare vouchers accepted
FREE places available for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals

DATES & TIME:
 08:00am - 17:00pm
 Monday 27th July - Friday 31st July
 Monday 10th August - Friday 14th August
 Monday 24th August - Thursday 27th August

HOW TO BOOK:
 Scan the QR code to book and use code HOWRPS to take you straight to the club or visit our [website](#)

To book a funded place via E&Q, please scan this QR code

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Tickets

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Thank you to everyone who expressed their thanks to teachers, kitchen staff, Teaching Assistants and the admin team at the end of the year. Your kind words and your gifts were much appreciated. We love working with your children and are looking forward to seeing them all again in September.

Loving, learning and flourishing in community