

What's on?

Positive Covid-19 cases in school

We continue to have a number of positive Covid-19 cases in school. The majority of cases remain clustered in Year 5, but there are isolated cases in other year groups. A number of staff have now also tested positive for the virus.

In line with the government guidance and following conversations with Thames Valley Public Health and Public Health England, our key mitigations remain ventilation, vaccination and good hygiene.

As the weather begins to cool, please do make sure that your child has warm clothing in school.

We are aiming to ensure that there is always good airflow, whether in classrooms, or shared areas.

If your child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, we would encourage you to take them for a PCR test. If your child is symptomatic, they should not come to school, but should go for a PCR test.

Non-uniform day

On Friday 1st October we will be having a non-uniform day in school. Michael Lynch, Mrs Lynch's brother-in-law, will be running the London Marathon on Sunday 3rd October in aid of Helen and Douglas House.

Mrs Lynch's young son Toby spent five-weeks at Helen and Douglas House before dying peacefully in June 2020. The family will be forever grateful for the support they received.

Please bring in £1 on Friday 1st October to contribute to this very worthwhile cause that is close to all our hearts. If you wish to find out more or donate directly to Michael Lynch's Just Giving Page, you can do so by [clicking here](#).

Snacks

Learning is hungry work!

Please make sure that you send your child into school with a snack and a water bottle.

Children in the Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 have one snack provided for them each day by the government but also need to bring in another snack. Depending how hungry your child gets, children in all other year groups need at least one snack.

We would like to remind you that snacks should be healthy and ideally fruit based. Crackers, oatcakes or breadsticks may also help fuel your child through the day.



St Mary's Cogges is inviting the community to take a few moments to reflect on the impact of the pandemic over the last eighteen months.

Drop by Cogges Church Centre on Sunday 10th October between 10am and 3pm to engage in some simple art activities to capture your reflections on the pandemic and contribute to a collective art installation to be displayed outside the centre.

Everything needed to take part in the artwork will be provided free along with tea, coffee and cake.

You can find out more on the [church website](#).

COGGES

at the heart of Witney

With the last rays of summer sunshine and autumn's beautiful colours emerging, it's a special time to visit the farm.

Say hello to your favourite animals, see what's growing in the Walled Garden and explore the refurbished Manor House.

Why not stop off and grab a latte or lunch in the Cogges Kitchen Cafe, or book some me time with one of our [adult learning workshops](#).

Try something new or hone skills from the creative to the practical, with various arts and crafts courses up for grabs, or, inspired by our garden and orchard, concoct herbal remedies, learn about growing food or fruit tree pruning.

You can even get stuck in with a traditional skill such as hedge-laying and dry-stone walling, all set in the beautiful grounds at Cogges.

Teenagers might enjoy the weekly free [drama club](#), which will run on Mondays from 4 – 6pm.

The Farm Museum is also working with the Witney Educational Foundation to provide an opportunity for a [career working on the land](#) to young people aged between 16 and 24.

Adventure Zone

We would like to remind you that children should only use the Adventure Zone outside of school hours where they are being actively supervised by a parent/carer.

Please do not allow children to run ahead of you, or to remain on site without you.

Your children are mastering some new skills, do be present with them to celebrate.

The Friends – date for your diary

The first friends meeting of the year and the AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th October in school.

Come for 7pm for drinks and nibbles and a chance to chat to existing members of The Friends and find out more about the fundraising that they do for the school.

Childrens Beginner KARATE CLASSES
AGES 6 - 12 YEARS
Classes available in:
EYNSHAM
CHIPPING NORTON
WITNEY

OSTMA LIONS
Life and safety skill programme for 4 - 6 year old boys and girls.
This specialist programme teaches and develops children's self esteem, increased awareness of body and space, fundamental motor skills, respect, discipline, self control, initiative, stranger awareness and a love of learning.
Classes available in:
WITNEY
EYNSHAM
CHIPPING NORTON

For more information or to book your child into one of our free introductory lessons, WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!
GIVE YOUR CHILD THE EDGE

OXFORD BOTANIC GARDEN & ARBORETUM
AUTUMN FAIR
9th October
- at -
HARCOURT ARBORETUM

Book online at OBGA.OX.AC.UK

ACTIVITIES ANIMALS
FOOD CRAFTS DRINK MUSIC