

'Love one another, as I have loved you' John 13 v34



BENSON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Providing a rich,
stimulating & enjoyable
environment, where
children can begin their
learning journey &
prepare for adult life*



NEWSLETTER

26TH JUNE 2026
TERM 6 VALUE: WISDOM

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Hot Weather

Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult week. It is obviously very unusual to have a red warning of extreme heat for three days in a row and we have done all we can to keep school safe for the children attending. We look forward to the slightly cooler weather next week.

Free School Meals – Important Information

Free School Meals are changing from September 2026.

If you receive Universal Credit, your child will now be eligible for free school meals, and you must complete a form as soon as possible.

If your child currently receives free school meals due to the Targeted Free School Meals scheme (annual earned income under £7,400) they will still be eligible for free school meals, but you must complete a form as soon as possible. If you do not, you will be charged for meals from September.

Forms are available to pick up from the school office, or please email to request one is emailed to you.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will continue to receive a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme and **so only need to complete a form if you would qualify under Universal Credit or household income.**

Singing Club

Well done to the Singing Club for taking part in Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey last week. They were all wonderful. Thank you to Miss Wallage and Mrs Harpham for organising and going with the children.

School Access Monday 29th June

We have some work taking place in our boiler house on this date which will mean the small gate onto the nursery garden will not be able to be used. The larger gate further along the walkway will be open for access. Any new Reception parents attending the meeting after school on this day, please come to the main school office. JAG will be in Oak classroom after school and access for pick up will be via the main office.

iRock

Well done to all of our musicians for a great iRock concert this week. Even though the temperature meant the hall was very warm, the children all still played very well together.

Sports Day

This is taking place on Wednesday 1st July on the field on the Cala Estate:

9.15 – 10.15 Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

10.30 – 11.45 Years 3 and 4

1.45 – 3.00 Years 5 and 6.

Children need to wear PE kit, sun hat and bring a water bottle to school. It is helpful if children can wear a t shirt in the colour of their house, but this is not essential.

Please note dogs are not permitted on the field. There is a separate seating area for parents/carers and we would appreciate it if you could remain in this area to allow us to run the sports sessions effectively and safely.

Wrap Around Care

We are pleased to confirm Mrs Timms will be joining Miss Grundy for Breakfast Club sessions in September. We have not yet confirmed who will join Miss Grundy for After School Club and do still have an advert out for this post. Please [click here](#) to see this advert for this role.

OXFORD HALF MARATHON

A REMINDER to let me know if your child would like to take part in this year's School Challenge in October. Please email me with the following:

Name

Class

Address

Date of birth

Emergency contact for that day (name and mobile)

Permission for photos to be used in publicity from the event.

If you would like to run the last mile with us as a parent volunteer, please also give the above information for yourself. Adult places may be restricted.

I am still waiting for the official release of information but should get this by the end of term.

Tania Hadfield



READ to the BEAT



...with a **FREE** children's reading challenge
at your local Oxfordshire library!

4 July to 5 September 2026

The Summer Reading Challenge 2026: **Read to the Beat** celebrates the joy of reading with a theme inspired by music. Children can discover how books spark creativity and imagination.



**Finish the challenge and get
your own medal and certificate!**

**Look out for fantastic new
books and activities at your
library!**

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

FOREST SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

10am to 2pm

@ Wallingford Sports Park (OX10 9RB)

Friday 24 July
Friday 31 July
Friday 07 August
Friday 14 August

£40 per day

Age 5 to 11 years

Led by fully qualified Forest School Leaders

Den Building Fire making Cooking
Bug House building Wildlife Identification
Tree swings and much more!

To book contact -
samfullcirclesports.co.uk



Musical Theatre Workshops

Age 6 to 13 years

SING DANCE ACT

Join us for a fun filled workshop where young performers can:

- ★ Build Confidence
- ★ Make new friends
- ★ Enjoy performing & collaborating



Tuesday 04 August

&

Wednesday 12 August

10am to 3.30pm

£40 per day



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HOCKEY CAMP



Week 1
21/22/23 July
&
Week 2
25/26/27 August
10am to 3.30pm
£40 per day
£110 for 3 days in same week

Wallingford Sports Park
OX10 9RB

OPEN TO PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITY LEVELS & AGES FROM 6 TO 14 YEARS (School Year 2 to 9)

ALL PLAYERS WILL NEED A STICK, SHIN PADS, GUM SHIELD, WATER BOTTLE & PACKED LUNCH

FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES

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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP

Come join us to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun !

All Coaches are Experienced, Qualified and Insured

20 July to 28 August

Wallingford Sports Park
(OX10 9RB)

9.30am to 4.30pm
(Extra time of 8.30am to 5.30pm available)

£37 per day
Multiday & Sibling discounts available
Childcare Vouchers accepted
OFSTED Registered

"Exceptional Care"
"Outstanding Provision"
"Excellent Coaches"
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DATES

June		
w/c 29 th	Review meetings for parents of children on the SEN register – invitations to follow	
Monday 29 th	Meeting for parents of Reception children joining in September 2026	4.15 – 5.00pm
Tuesday 30 th	Meeting for parents of Nursery children joining in September 2026	4.00pm
July		
Wednesday 1 st	Sports Day 9.15 – 10.15 Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 10.30 – 11.45 Years 3 and 4 1.45 – 3.00 Years 5 and 6	
Thursday 2 nd	Transition morning for children in school – morning spent with teacher for next year in classroom for next year	
Thursday 2 nd	Transition morning – new Reception children	9.30 – 11.30am
Thursday 2 nd	Nursery stay and play - new September children	9.45 – 10.45am
Friday 3 rd	Y5&6 boys football tournament	After school
Tuesday 7 th	Year 6 performance	6.00pm
Wednesday 8 th	Year 6 performance	6.00pm
Friday 10 th	Year 6 performance	1.15pm
Friday 10 th	End of year reports sent home	
Thursday 16 th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	2.15pm
Friday 17 th	End of Year Church Services	
Friday 17 th	Last day of term	2pm finish