



BENSON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



NEWSLETTER

18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TERM 1 VALUE: UNDERSTANDING

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Nursery Places

We have a few places still available in our school nursery. For more information, please see the nursery page on the school website or contact the office.

Juniper Education

All parents/carers will have received an email this week from support.jw@junipereducation.org with instructions about creating a password to access the online parents evening booking system. If your child is in Reception to Year 6, the appointments will take place w/c 9th November, so you do not need to book an appointment yet. Further information about timings and arrangements for these year groups will be sent towards the end of Term 1, by October half-term.

Food Safety

A reminder that any cherry tomatoes or grapes sent into school for snacks or lunch must be cut in half length ways. This is inline with our Safer Eating Policy (available on the school website) as these food items are high risk for choking. We will remove any whole cherry tomatoes or grapes from children and ask you to collect them from the school office. Thank you for your understanding.

Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)

Please remember to complete the flu form for your child – more information in the poster later in this newsletter.

Community Behaviour

A reminder from our local neighbourhood policing team that you can report any anti-social behaviour in the community via

- 101 or the [Thames Valley Police website](https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/) for non-emergency incidents
- 999 if a crime is in progress or there is an immediate risk to someone's safety

Developing Language

We are focusing on developing children's language in school this year as being able to talk fluently with confidence using appropriate words helps learning in all areas of the curriculum. We will add suggested activities for you to do at home in the newsletter regularly and would like to start off with suggestions of some 'Would you rather?' questions to discuss as a family:

- *Would you rather hiccup bubbles every time you laugh or sneeze confetti every time you giggle?*
- *Would you rather eat broccoli-flavoured ice cream or onion-flavoured chocolate chip cookies?*
- *Would you rather have a nose like an elephant's trunk or ears like a floppy bunny?*
- *Would you rather ride to school on a giraffe or fly to school on a giant pigeon?*
- *Would you rather have shoes that squeak like rubber ducks every time you step or trousers that make a horn sound when you sit down?*
- *Would you rather have to hop like a frog everywhere you go or slide on your belly like a penguin?*
- *Would you rather have hair made of actual spaghetti or eyebrows made of fuzzy caterpillars?*
- *Would you rather talk completely backwards for a whole day or only be able to whisper?*
- *Would you rather be as tiny as an ant for a day or as tall as a house?*

Leadership Positions

We celebrated our Year 6 children who have been selected as House Captains and Head Boy/girl in our celebration assembly today. We look forward to these children being positive role models, supporting younger children in school and representing the school.

Head Boy & Girl: Rory O & Freya
Deputy Head Boy & Girl: Arthur & Isla
Buzzards House Captains: Hazel & George
Eagles House Captains: Isaac & Lottie
Falcons House Captains: Hannah & Louie
Hawks House Captains: Arlen & Rebecca

Safeguarding Spotlight

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, you can contact the school office to arrange to speak to one of the school Safeguarding Leads:

Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Pearce (Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Agudelo (SENCo) Mrs Fanstone (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Launchbury-Rainey (Assistant Headteacher)

For urgent concerns you can email the school safeguarding email

safeguarding@benson.oxon.sch.uk

Anyone can report a concern to MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub). [Click here](#) for an online link or phone 01865 519800.

Flu Vaccinations

Benson Church Of England Primary School

22nd September 2026

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**Scan the QR code
or click the link**

Complete the form
for your child

**2****Yes****No**

Tell us your choice

Choose **yes** or **no**

3

Submit the form

Please submit a form even if
your choice is no. It helps us
keep your child's record up
to date

For more information visit
www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



Friends of Benson
School Presents

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

30 September 2026



Gates Open at 5:00pm

Show 5:40pm - 8pm

Food and
Snacks

Circus
Performance

Local
Traders

£12 per ticket



Tickets available **now** on School

Money until 17th July

Tickets are limited and after this dates
tickets, via the website, may be subject to
booking fees

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Open Evening - Thursday 1st October 2026

We are delighted to invite current Year 6 students and parents/carers to our Open Evening at Wallingford School in preparation for September 2027 entry.

The evening will provide an excellent opportunity to explore the school, meet and talk with our students and staff, and get a feel for everything that is so special about Wallingford School.

Our results in 2026 are simply outstanding and again place us amongst the very highest achieving schools in Oxfordshire - we look forward to you joining us!

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Website: www.wallingfordschool.com Social Media: [@wallingford4140](https://www.instagram.com/wallingford4140)



There are two talk & tour sessions you can select from starting at 5.30pm & 6.30pm.

If you would like to attend, you can reserve your place using our Open Evening 2026 QR code:



Open Evening 2026



Wallingford School Prospectus

If you have any questions, please email: admissions@wallingfordschool.com



You're Invited!

Book Now!

Open Mornings

September 2026 – June 2027: 9am–10am



Aureus School

Cultivating ambition; high standards for all.

Scan to book
a place



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Book a place at a Family Centre run session (only
book a space for adults attending) via scanning the
QR code or visit Eventbrite:
wallingfordfamilycentre.eventbrite.com



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Toddler Group ONCE UPON A PLAYTIME WITH A WARM WELCOME 10am - 11.30am	OXFORDHEALTH. NHS.UK/HV/ GROUPS/WELL- CHILD/ 	Baby Group BABY BUNCH 9.45am - 10.45am & 11.30am - 12.30pm	Baby/ New Walkers Group CRUISERS & CRAWLERS 9.45am - 10.45am Baby Massage BOOKING VIA: LIZZIEKINSBROOK.CO.UK 12.45pm - 1.25pm	Toddler Group NATURE EXPLORERS 10am - 11.30am MumFit by Hannah BOOKING VIA: MUMFITBYHANNAH. MYFITNESSCLASS.COM @MUMFIT_BYHANNAH 1.30pm - 2.15pm
SATURDAY MONTHLY	SEN Group A SPECIAL TIME TO PLAY			See website for dates & times

WigodWay Wallingford Family Centre is a charity and relies on donations to run our term time sessions. Suggested donation for attending our sessions is £3 if you are able and can be made in sessions. If you would like to make a one off or monthly donation please scan the QR code:

WWW.WALLINGFORDFAMILYCENTRE.COM



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DATES

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DATES

September		
Tuesday 22 nd	Flu Vaccinations in school for all children	
Wednesday 30 th	FoBS Circus Event	5pm
October		
Wednesday 7 th	Individual school photos	During school day
Friday 9 th	Prospective families meeting	9.30am
Tuesday 20 th – Friday 23 rd	Year 6 PGL residential	
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of term	
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th	Half Term	

Key dates for 2026-2027 for parents can be found on the school website, [click here](#). Term dates can be found on the school website, [click here](#).