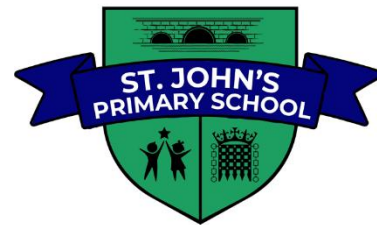


St John's Primary School

Newsletter – 20th March 2026



COMIC RELIEF AND WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

We have had a wonderful day full of colour and sunshine. We started the day with some AMAZING Irish dancing from Alice, Bella and Rosie in Year 5. They received a standing ovation for their outstanding performance. Paddy, in Year 2, also shared his medals and trophies, and taught us some arm movements.

We have covered the school (and some of our clothes) in chalk as we have followed our individual dot to create a kaleidoscope of colour, after looking at *The dot* by Peter H. Reynolds.

We danced in the sunshine at lunch as groups of friends, classes and whole Key Stages, raising over £185 for both of our charities.



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EASTER BONNET / HAT COMPETITION

On **Thursday 26th March**, we invite your child (ren) to bring their homemade Easter bonnets to school for a parade on the playground at 2.30pm. School Council and our Head Pupils will judge the Easter hats and there will be some egg-tastic prizes up for grabs. This date has changed as we will now be visiting St Mary's Church on the afternoon of Wednesday 25th.

You are very welcome to join us at both events.



EASTER CHURCH VISIT

We will be visiting St Mary's Church on Wednesday for our Easter Service. All parents and carers are welcome to join us there – the service starts at 1:30pm - or to walk with us from school. We will aim to leave at 1pm.

If you walk with us, please do not walk in the road or hold traffic; we are teaching the children that it is dangerous to do both and if they see you doing it, it will undermine this work – thank you.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Foundation: Keeva & Jake

Year 1: Jasper & Emmie.

Year 2: Tristan & Florence

Year 3: Isla S & Monty

Year 4: Beth & Leo

Year 5: Ronnie & Riley

Year 6: Sophie, Olly, Cornelia and Ellie



Dates for your diary:

2025/26

Monday 23rd March – Year 3 & 4 Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 24th March – Year 3 / 4 performance 2:15pm

Wednesday 25th March – Easter visit to St Mary's 1:30pm

~~Wednesday 25th March – Easter Bonnet Parade 2:15pm~~

CHANGE of DATE – Thursday 26th March Easter bonnet parade 2:30pm

Thursday 26th March – Year 3 & 4 performance 6pm

Friday 27th March – Term ends at 1:00pm

Monday 13th April – Term starts

Thursday 23rd April – Foundation Stage Class Assembly @9am – parents welcome

Wednesday 29th April – Stay and Learn 9:00- 10:00am

Monday 11th – Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATS Week

Thursday 21st May – Year 1 Class Assembly

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May- Half term break

Monday 8th June – class photos

Wednesday 10th – Thursday 11th June – Year 4 to Hill End

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th June – Year 5 to Youlbury

Thursday 4th June – Year 2 Class Assembly

~~Tuesday 23rd June – Sports Day~~

Friday 26th June – Year 3 Sleepover

Monday 13th July – Year 5 & 6 Dress Rehearsal

CHANGE OF DATE: Monday 6th July Sports Day

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th – Year 5 & 6 Production at 6.30pm

Friday 17th July – Leavers' Assembly

TERM ENDS at 1:00pm on Friday 17th July

NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September - INSET

Wednesday 2nd September - Term starts

Thursday & Friday 22nd & 23rd October - INSET

Half term: 26th – 30th October

Monday 2nd November - Term starts

TERM ENDS at 1:00pm on Friday 18th December

Monday 4th January – INSET

Tuesday 5th January - Term starts

Half term: 15th – 19th February

Monday 20th February- Term starts

TERM ENDS at 1:00pm on Thursday 25th March

Monday 12th April - Term starts

Friday 28th May – INSET

Half term: 31st May – 4th June

Monday 7th June - Term starts

TERM ENDS at 1:00pm on Wednesday 21st July

Welcome to Oxfordshire Music School!

We're excited to share our upcoming **after-school music classes** for children aged **7–11** in **your area**.

We've just launched a **brand new drums club in Didcot** which makes learning the drums more affordable and fun, in a relaxed social environment.

Now Enrolling!

Mondays - 17:40 - 18:25 Kids Band Sessions Abingdon

Tuesdays - 16:50 - 17:20 Kids Guitar Club Wallingford

Fridays - 17:10 - 17:40 - Kids Drum Club Didcot (BRAND NEW CLASS)

Fridays - 17:40 - 18:10 Kids Guitar Club Wantage

Saturdays - 11:30 - 12:15 Kids Band Sessions Didcot

To find out more please email oxfordshiremusicschool@gmail.com or visit our website www.oxfordshiremusicschool.co.uk

Free Tennis Open Day Taster Sessions – Sunday 22 March

Your child has been invited to attend a **FREE 60-minute tennis taster session** at one of our local tennis clubs.

These fun sessions include games, mini challenges, teamwork activities and plenty of tennis action. They are perfect for **complete beginners**, and all equipment is provided.

Children just need **comfortable trainers and a water bottle**.

★ Everyone who attends will also receive an **exclusive on-the-day offer**.

Spaces are limited, so please book in advance.

Book your session here:

Portcullis Tennis Club – Sunday 22 March, 10:00–11:00

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NTASouthOxon/Coaching/Session/5becf869-477d-4ed4-aaed-2e3beac5d4ab>

Blewbury Tennis Club – Sunday 22 March, 14:00–15:00

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NTASouthOxon/Coaching/Session/69de0fea-9a45-4e0e-a607-2ba7ea8dff09>

Need more information?

Email: hello@nationaltennis.org.uk

Phone: 0330 551 9496

Locations

Portcullis Tennis Club

Wallingford Sports Park, Hithercroft

Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 9RB

Blewbury Tennis Club

The Recreation Ground, Bohams Road

Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 9HB



Hill End is 100 in 2026! We need your help to celebrate a century of fun & learning

DESIGN AN AWESOME LOGO COMPETITION

Fab prizes to be won - for children, families and schools!
Enter by Thurs 30 April 2026

In our special birthday year we are inviting children aged 4-12 years to create a new centenary logo. Winnie the Witch illustrator Korky Paul will choose the winning design!




Full details at:
www.hill-end.org/news/logo-comp



BUMP CLUB

Join us in our welcoming space at Wallingford Family Centre

Meet other expectant parents!



96a Wilding Road
Wallingford
OX10 8AJ

Wigod Way
WALLINGFORD FAMILY CENTRE

For upcoming dates & times & to book visit www.bump-club.eventbrite.co.uk or scan the QR code



Wallingford Family Centre & SODC Active Communities

Born To Move

Tuesday 31st March

Join us over the Easter Holidays at one of our Born To Move sessions.

From Early Years and upwards there is a session for everyone!

For full information or to book onto a session scan the QR code or visit the link:



wallingfordfamilycentre.com/events-courses/easter-sessions



South Oxfordshire District Council

Wigod Way
WALLINGFORD FAMILY CENTRE

YOU MOVE

Wigod Way
WALLINGFORD FAMILY CENTRE

Wallingford Family Centre Community WhatsApp Group



A space to help local families feel connected, supported and up to date with what's happening at the Family Centre.

Scan the QR code to join any of our groups within the community that feel relevant to you.




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Follow us on facebook
Wigod Way WallingfordFamilyCentre



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/WEEL-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 11.45am - 12.30pm
SATURDAY MONTHLY	SEN Group A SPECIAL TIME TO PLAY			SWAP SHOP SEE FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM FOR UPCOMING DATES

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



13 APRIL 2026

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Easter Half Term Holiday Workshop

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9.30-2.30

£25 per child.

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Basis.



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For more information please email
us at

angelsstageschool@yahoo.co.uk

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Easter Tech Club

Ages 5-7

Wigod Way
WALLINGFORD FAMILY CENTRE

2nd April 10am - 10.40am

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Coding Club

Phoenix Egg Challenge

Ages 7-11

2nd April 11am - 12pm

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Wigod Way
WALLINGFORD
FAMILY CENTRE

Spring & Easter Holiday Fun!

Fun activities for all ages 4-11

15% sibling discount

£25 per day

- Planting and gardening
- Easter & spring crafting
- Junk modelling contest
- Easter egg hunt
- Cooking and baking
- Scavenger hunts & more

WILLOWCROFT

Week 1 - 30th March to 2nd April
Week 2 - 7th - 10th April
8:30am - 4:30pm

<https://www.willowcroft.org.uk/parents/wrap-around-care/holiday-clubs>

PLACES AND MEANS-TESTED BURSARIES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

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We remain, quite deliberately, small enough that we can know every one of our pupils in the way that their parents know them. We have created an atmosphere that is challenging yet not intimidating, because education here happens one pupil at a time.

SENIOR SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAYS
YEAR 5 & 6
TUESDAY 9 JUNE
THURSDAY 18 JUNE

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I'm writing to let you know about our Cover Design Competition that is currently open at Chiltern Arts. In 2027 it will be Chiltern Arts' 10th Festival, and we are inviting our community to submit designs for the 2027 Brochure cover.

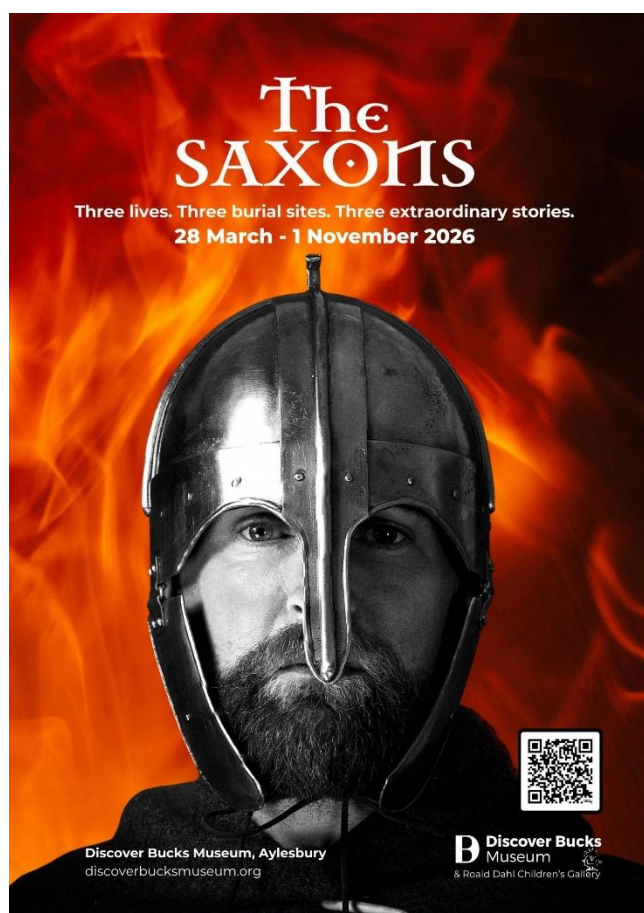
The deadline for submissions is **Thursday 30th April**.

The competition is open to all ages. There can only be one winner for this competition, but shortlisted pieces will be displayed online, and printed inside the brochure itself.

Full details about the competition can be found here: <https://chilternarts.com/cover-competition/>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to drop me a message.

We can't wait to see your designs!



Elite Camps Wallingford

Wallingford School, St George's Road, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 8HH

Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April



DAY	OVER 8's	UNDER 8's	ARTS & CRAFTS	ENRICHING
MON 30	Nerf Wars	Mini Olympics	Photo Surprise Easter Egg Card	
TUE 31	Laser Tag	Parachute Play	Bunny Whiskers	Supermarket Sweep
WED 1	Soft Archery		Easter Folding Cards	Fruit Tasting
THUR 2	Crazy Golf		Paper Easter Egg Wreath	Grow Your Own
TUES 7	Nerf Wars	Garden Games	Finger Painting Easter Card	Do You Know Your Foods game?
WED 8	Hungry Hippos	Parachute Play	Bunny Garland Craft	Root Vegetable Garden Craft
THUR 9	Slime Making		Tulip Origami	Tissue Paper Fruit/Vegetable Art
FRI 10	Giant Volleyball		Folded Paper Easter Animals	

Active Communities Easter holidays

30 MARCH - 11 APRIL

Low cost and free activities during February half term:

- New Age Kurling
- Football
- Boccia
- Family Dance Parties
- Xplorer
- Born to Move

and more.

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 /ActiveCommunitiesSouthandVale



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BOOKING REQUIRED SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT SOUTHANDVALE.GOV.UK/HOLIDAYACTIVITIES



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HOCKEY CAMP



**TUESDAY 31 MARCH
&
WEDNESDAY 01 APRIL**

10am to 3.30pm

**£40 per day
Both days £75**

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Easter Holidays

**The North Wall
Arts Centre**

NW Explorers

Ages 0-7

Family Dance Party Cutteslowe

**Saturday 11 April
10.30am & 1pm**

Join us for a 'hip-hopping, toe-tapping' daytime disco for all of the family. Featuring bubbles and balloons, movement activities and dance games, sensory play and face painting! With DJs playing party classics, for you and your little ones.

Tickets Pay What You Feel

NW Inventors

Ages 8-11

Make a Musical

**30 March - 1 April
9am - 12pm**

Explore different ways of making music and devising theatrical stories, then work together to combine your new skills and create an original mini-musical!

Our holiday workshops for children focus on building confidence, developing drama skills and having fun!

Tickets £60



Full burearies available

Email Abie on waltona@thenorthwall.com to apply

Book now: thenorthwall.com

Abingdon Fun Day

Thursday 3 April

9am-2pm

**White Horse Tennis and
Leisure Centre**



Tennis 09:00

Pickleball 09:00

Netball 10:00

Football 11:00

Pickleball 12:00



For more information and to book,
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