

# What's on?

Don't forget to order a school meal for your child if you want them to have one next week. Please [complete the form](#) by 6pm on Thursday.

## Keeping safe

Over the summer months, many of your children have enjoyed playing outside in the sunshine, but now that the nights are drawing in, we would like to share with you some important safety advice.

- Always make sure you know who your child is with and where they are going.
- Have an agreed time for your child to be home and make sure they know what to do if they cannot make it home by that time.
- If they are on a bike, make sure they have a helmet and that their bike has lights.
- Make sure your child knows what to do in an emergency, if they are hurt, or do not feel safe.
- Talk to your child about safe behaviours, especially around water or near roads.
- Encourage your child to talk to you about what they have been doing whilst they have been out and to share any concerns with you.
- Consider sharing supervision with other parents so that there is always an adult with your children, particularly where you also have younger children.

## Cogges Farm Museum is collecting people's memories

We want a more detailed and thorough history of Cogges, told by those who know and knew it best. Cogges has an amazing 1000-year plus history and there are lots of people who have a connection to it. Did you, or someone you know, work at Cogges, or for the Mawles (the last family to own and work the land at Cogges)? Have you visited the farm as a child, or as an adult?

Many people have a story to tell that enhances our history, and no one has captured this oral history of Cogges before. Attempts have been made in the past to collect certain recollections on how Cogges was run during the Victorian period but there is much more to the history of Cogges that remains to be captured.

We are reaching out to those connected to The Blake School to see if anyone has any memories of Cogges they would like to share. If you do and are willing to be recorded, please get in touch with Laura by emailing [learning@cogges.org.uk](mailto:learning@cogges.org.uk)

## Parent Governor Vacancy

At the end of last year one of our parent governors stepped down from his role, which leaves us with a vacancy.

We are looking for someone who is committed to promoting the vision of the school, and who would love to join a team of volunteers in monitoring finance and strategic priorities.

To date we have only had one application for the role. That person will be appointed unopposed, unless any further applications are received this evening.

To apply for the role, please email the school office.

If you want to find out more about the governors and what they do, you can look on our school website.

You can email the governors at any time on [governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk)

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### Diary dates

Next Friday (7<sup>th</sup> October) is an INSET day and school will therefore be closed to all children.

Individual photographs of your children will be taken on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Photographs of siblings will be taken on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Quinta week – 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October.

End of term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3.15pm.

## After school football club

Premier Soccer still have some spaces in their after school football club on a Monday. If your child would like to join, please email Dave Hunt at [dave@premiersoccercentres.co.uk](mailto:dave@premiersoccercentres.co.uk) You can find out more about premier soccer on their website – [premiersoccercentres.co.uk](http://premiersoccercentres.co.uk).

# October Half Term Tennis Course

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October

Witney Lawn Tennis Club

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9:00 - 12:00 or 12:30 - 15:30

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For more information please contact:

**EXCEL** Tennis Academy  
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## Wild Woodland Adventures

Join us in the magical Wytham Woods for Forest School fun!

**After School club**  
4-6pm Wednesdays during term time - £7 per session  
Suitable for ages 5-11

**Holiday club**  
Taking bookings for October half term NOW.

9am-4pm, £35 per day  
Extended hours: Drop off 8:30, Pick up 5:30 - £10 per day

Book for the week: SAVE £10  
Book for the week with extended hours: SAVE £20

For bookings, enquiries and more info  
email: [hello@wildwoodlandadventures.com](mailto:hello@wildwoodlandadventures.com)  
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Birthday party bookings available on request.

Fire, Knives, Dens, Nature, Games

## Christmas card competitions

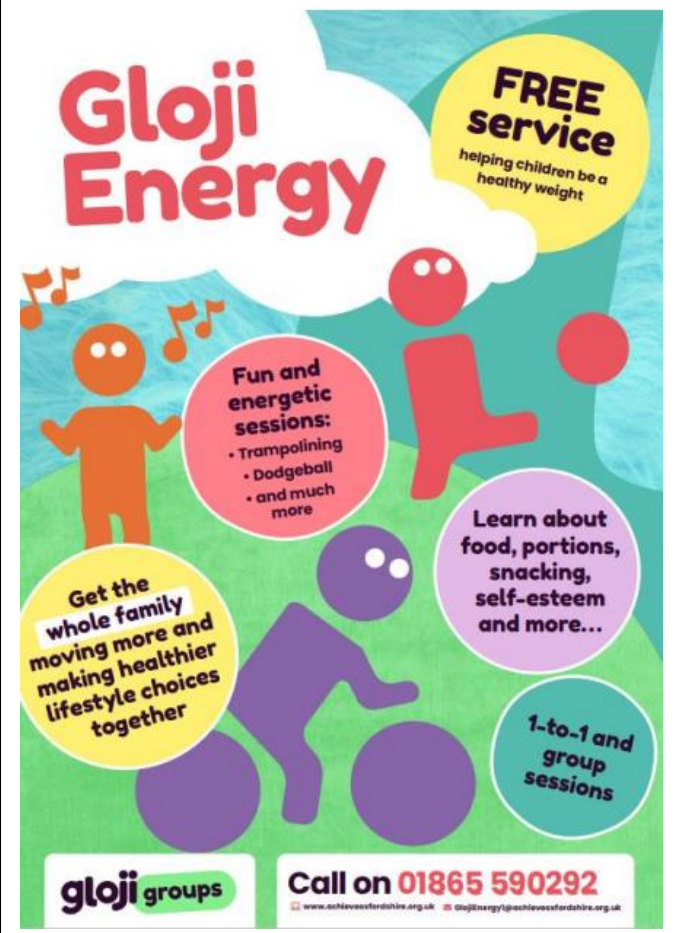
If, having completed their Christmas card design in school, your child is already in the festive mood, we have two competitions that they may be interested in.

The first is to design Robert Courts' constituency Christmas card, which is sent to hundreds of people, including the Prime Minister. The theme of the competition for this year is 'My favourite Christmas tradition'.

Entries, which must be on unfolded A4 paper, must be brought into school by 3pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

The second is to design the illustration for the official Witney Town Council Christmas card. The closing date is 5pm on 28<sup>th</sup> October. Entries must be submitted on a piece of square plain white paper and sent to [info@witney-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@witney-tc.gov.uk) or by post to Witney Town Council, Town Hall, Witney OX28 6AG.

Whichever competition they decide to enter, don't forget to put your child's name, age and school details on the back/in the email.



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## Payment reminders

We use ParentPay to help parents make online payments to school.

If you pay for your child's school lunches, to prevent finding yourself accruing a large bill, we recommend that you clear the amount owing at least every two weeks.

If your child is doing swimming, or Bikeability, please make sure that you have made the payment.

Year 4 children also have an amount owing for their upcoming Greek day.

A number of children going to Quinta, also still have a balance to pay

If you are experiencing difficulty in meeting any outstanding payments, please do contact the school office in confidence.

## Come and meet The Friends

Don't forget to join The Friends at Cogges Farm Museum café at 1pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Meet other parents, find out more about how to support the school and have cake!