

What's on?

No nuts!

We would like to remind everyone that our school has a strict no nuts policy.

We have a number of children for whom nuts pose a life-threatening risk.

Please do not send your child into school, or on school trips, with any products that contain nuts, including cereal bars, fruit and nut mixes, sweet treats, chocolate spreads and peanut butter.

Thank you for helping us to keep all our children safe and well.

Upcoming dates

Monday 9th to Friday 13th October, Year 6 children will be away at Quinta.

Wednesday 11th October – Year 2 science event.

Wednesday 11th October – Parents' evening for Miss Ker, Mrs Lynch/Mrs Parry.

Thursday 12th October – Parents' evenings for Miss Hollowell, Miss Hinkins, Mrs Castree, Mrs Piper, Mrs Hayes, Miss Fletcher, Mr Hope, Mrs Krull.

Monday 16th October – Year 4 harvest experience.

Monday 16th October – Parents' evenings for Mrs Henderson and Miss Fletcher.

Tuesday 17th October – Parents' evenings for Miss Hollowell, Miss Hinkins, Mrs Castree, Mrs Piper, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lynch/Mrs Parry, Miss Fletcher, Mr Hope, Mrs Krull, Mrs Henderson and Mr Walker.

Wednesday 18th October – non-uniform day, wear something cosy/that makes you smile.

Thursday 19th October – individual and family group photographs.

Friday 20th October – school closed, INSET day.

Looking ahead to next term – the school disco will take place on Friday 24th November, please put the date in your diary and look out for more details.

Term dates for 2024/25 are now available – please see our website and sent with this document. When booking holidays, please do check holiday dates as absence during term time for holidays will be unauthorised.

ParentPay

After just four-weeks of term we have a number of parents who have debts outstanding. If you are unable to pay for an item owing to challenging financial circumstances, please contact the school office so that charitable support can be sought. If you are able to pay your contribution to trips and events this is an enormous help to our very tight school budget – please check your ParentPay account. Thank-you.

Christmas cards and merchandise

This past week, you should have received your child's personalised order form with a design your child did in school with the help of staff and parent helpers. You can choose to order lots of different products with your child's design. For every item sold, a proportion of the money goes to fundraising for our school.

All ordering is done online. There are instructions on the order forms. The deadline for ordering is **11.59pm on Friday 13th October 2023**. The online shop will only be open once this year, so if you do not order before this time, it will be too late.

Please hold on to your order form (with your child's number) until you have received your items as we do not have a record of everyone's assigned code now that ordering is done directly online. Please note that how you enter your child's name and the class name you select is what prints on the products.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Friends

Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People



**PARENT CARER SUPPORT
GROUPS
Oxfordshire**

** Please check in with groups direct to ensure that they're running before you head along **



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Contact details:-

Pauline MacKinnon - 07554 330244. Email - cdsredesign@oxfordshire.gov.uk

** If you'd like to receive these newsletters, please email us! **

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Please see the longer document sent with this document for more information about drop in sessions, short breaks and parent led support groups across Oxfordshire.

Primary Newsletter from the School Health Nursing Team

The School Health Nurse Team have re-vamped how they communicate with parents. Please [click here](#) to read their autumn newsletter, which is full of informative articles and well worth a read.

The School Nursing Team spoke very highly of your children following the flu immunisations earlier this week –

'We were very impressed with all the children who were all so polite and brave. Well done to all the children, (especially the little ones) for being able to share their full names and birthdays with the team.'

If your child missed the immunisation, you can contact the school nurse team for information about a catch up clinic appointment.

Jo Mills

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Competition to design a Christmas card

Witney Town Council is asking children to design an illustration for their official Christmas card. The winning design will be used as the Mayor's official card. The Town Council will also use it and the winner will be provided with their own copies to send out too.

The closing date is 5pm on 5pm on Tuesday 31st October, to allow time to select the winner and get the cards printed.

The template/entry form is attached to this email, or you can just use an A4 piece of paper. Please return your entries to: info@witney-tc.gov.uk or by post to Witney Town Council, Town Hall, Witney OX28 6AG.

Don't forget to pop your name, age, and school details with the picture when you return it. There will be prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd.



HALF TERM TENNIS COURSE EXCEL Tennis Academy

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Witney Lawn Tennis Club

Half Day:
09:00 - 12:00 £135
or 12:30 - 15:30 £135

Full Day (ages 6 - 16):
09:00 - 15:30 £243

Short Course (ages 4 - 7):
9:00 - 11:00 or 12:30 - 14:30 £90

Individual Day Bookings Available:
Half Day or Full Day
£36 £65

Ages 4 - 16

Childcare Vouchers Accepted!

info@exceltennis.co.uk
www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk

The poster features a green background with a large orange pumpkin illustration. It includes two circular photographs: one showing a group of children and adults on a tennis court, and another showing a young girl in a white shirt and pink shorts swinging a tennis racket. The Excel Tennis Academy logo is in the top right corner.

New website coming soon!

We are delighted to share that we are currently in the process of re-designing our website. In the coming weeks we are having photographs taken all around the school to showcase what goes on in school day-by-day.

We will adhere to all photo permissions that we hold on file so that images are not used where parents have asked that they are not. No names will be attached to any photos used. If you wish to make any changes to the use of photo permissions that we hold on file, please contact the school office.

We look forward to launching the new website later in the autumn.

Hedgehog Club half-term activities

Come and spend a day outdoors playing, building and exploring. We will be building dens, bug hunting, natural craft activities, using tools and knives and lighting fires. There will also be some potion making, broomstick racing and pumpkin carving. Hot drinks, squash and campfire snacks available all day. Open to all 5–11-year-olds.

It costs £37 per child. There is an option of earlier drop off from 8.30am and late pick up, up to 5pm. (Extra £10 cost)

Booking is through the website
www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk

Contact: thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com

As the weather turns more autumnal, please make sure your child has a waterproof coat in school every day. If they don't have a coat, they may have to miss playtimes outside with their friends.

Please make sure all coats are named!

**Loving, learning
and flourishing in
Community**