What's on?

Blake Fest 2023

The Blake School Summer Fete is taking place on Friday 7th July from 3:15pm -5:15pm

We would like to encourage anyone who is creative or has a small business and would like to have a stall at our summer fete, to please contact The Friends (friends@blake.oxon.sch.uk) to discuss having a table at the event. A pitch will be £10.

Look out for details from class teachers about how everyone can be involved in the fete this year.



Library books

We know that some children have a large number of library books currently checked out.

Please look at home for any of our library books that are not currently being read and return them to school as soon as possible so that other children can borrow them and enjoy them.

Thank you!

Summer sun!

Children love to be outside in the sunshine and enjoy playing with their friends on our playground and field.

We are very fortunate to have some lovely shady places for children to play, but children who are wanting to run, or play ball games will be in the sun.

Please make sure that your child has a hat in school and a water bottle (both named). We will re-fill water bottles as needed throughout the day.

We recommend that you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school in the morning so that they are protected all day.





Wychwood Forest Fair

The Wychwood Forest Fair is a family friendly country fair celebrating rural crafts, community and the historic Wychwood area.

The next Forest Fair will take place on Sunday 9th July 2023 at Foxburrow Wood.

With live music, amazing food, local beer, rural skills and demonstrations, conservation and nature groups, falconry, ferret racing, donkey rides, axe-throwing, lots of stalls and displays, it is a great day out for all ages.

Find out more at Wychwood Forest Fair | Wychwood Forest Trust

Spend summer with the Hedgehog Club

Sunday 25th June – International Mud Day family session. Fun for all ages from toddlers to 12 years old. Children and adults. £15 per child.

2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 23rd and 24th August are full days for children aged 5 – 12 from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Full days of learning new skills, nature connection and campfire cooking. £37 per day.



The Great Hedgehog Club Camp Out – Wednesday 23rd August.

Take part in night-time games and looking out for nocturnal wildlife, as well as sleeping in the woods. £37 per child and includes BBQ supper, breakfast and lunch the next day.

Check the website <u>www.thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com</u> or contact Mandy via email on <u>thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com</u>

Cogges Summer Fete

Summer is here, it's time to go outdoors and have fun! Cogges Farm is busy preparing games and stalls for the Cogges Summer Fete Weekend, Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 June. Play Spin the Wheel, Splat the Rat, Coconut Shy, Tombola, Egg & Spoon and Sack Races, Face Painting, Bric-á-Brac and more.

Pick up packs of our prepared food for the animals at the Welcome Desk, plus 'Meet the Animals' sessions run at 11am & 2pm over the weekend. As well as friendly goats, Oxford Sandy and Black Pigs, Shetland ponies, ducks and wandering chickens, meet new arrivals – Cotswold and Oxford Down sheep. These traditional breeds were hugely important to the Cotswold wool trade - see fleeces and find out more from the Cotswold Sheep Society on Saturday late morning. Stars of the show on Sunday will include Falconry displays and Boo, the Eagle Owl, perfect for Father's Day!

Our volunteers' Craft Stall runs 11-3pm on both days – buy handmade items and crafts including felt and knitted goods, handmade bags, paper flowers, summer bunting and much more.

Bring Your Teddy to School Day FRIDAY JUNE 23

Donate £1 and bring your favourite plush friend or action figure to school with you



ABC

It is the time of year when children get invited on play dates to the park, or are being allowed to walk home from school alone. We have had several occasions recently where considerable anxiety has been caused to staff who have been expecting children who do not then turn up to ABC.

If your child is booked into ABC and then you make other plans, please email <u>abc@blake.oxon.sch.uk</u> or call the school office to let us know.

We would also like to remind you that when you are dropping off or picking up it is not permissible to park on the yellow zig-zags outside the front of the school. The large car park is open from 7am until 6pm.

All children who are currently booked in to ABC will have their sessions rolled on to the next academic year, unless you contact us to let us know that you would like something different.

Big Band in the Barn

Join us for a very special evening and celebrate summer at Cogges. Get ready for some vintage glamour in the stunning barn with live music from a brassy Big Band, DJ, Summer Bar and BBQ! Dance the night away with the dashing, debonair Big R Big Band, a swinging 16-piece band playing classic tunes of the 30's and 40's. The band have recently headlined the Oxford Swing Festival, and are sure to get the crowd dancing! Vintage dress encouraged.

Saturday 24 June, 7pm-11pm. Tickets £24.50 (discount for Season Ticket holders), includes BBQ supper. <u>Book tickets here</u>.

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