

# What's on?

## Parents' evenings

Appointments for parents' evenings are now live, please do log in to e-schools to book an appointment.

If you have any problems with e-schools, please do contact the office.

## Comic Relief

This Friday is Comic Relief – Red Nose Day.

We will not be supporting this event in school, though if your children can come into school with a good joke we would love to hear it, but if you would like to donate, we have set up this facility via ParentPay –

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=17373>



**THE BLAKE SCHOOL DISCO**

**28TH MARCH 2025**

**£3 ENTRY  
CASH ON THE DOOR**

RECEPTION, YR 1, 2 & 3 - 4.30PM - 5.30PM  
YR 4, 5 & 6 - 6PM - 7PM

## Spring cleaning

This week we have been through all of our 'overflowing' lost property boxes. We have returned anything that was named to its owner.

There are a number of good as new coats without a name. If your child has lost their winter coat, please come to the office to see if we can re-unite coats with their owners.



thewelcomechurch  
invites you to an  
**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

**Saturday 5th April 2025**  
2pm-4pm  
Free to all

Refreshments Games Bouncy castle & Inflatables  
and much much more

**Sign up here**



The Welcome Church,  
High St,  
Witney  
OX28 6HL



**EASTER CAMPS 2025**  
Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on tech fun, iPad creativity, and take-home inventions!

**TECH & STEM CAMP**  
NEW TAKE HOME INVENTIONS!

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
ROBOT LAB	ENGINEERING	ELECTRIC CIRCUITS	3D CREATIONS
SOIL CREATS	CRAFTY CODING	MOVIE MAKING	MINI-CREATIONS
ROBOTS	ROBOTS	ROBOTS	ROBOTS

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**  
At Next Thing Education our goal is to ignite curiosity, build creativity, and empower young minds to thrive in the future.  
Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by CREST-credited faculty and supportive mentors, lots of awesome STEM-inspired projects and challenges.

**LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!**  
MULTI-DAY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE, FROM JUST £35 PER DAY!  
AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY  
[www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

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PEACE  
AWARDS

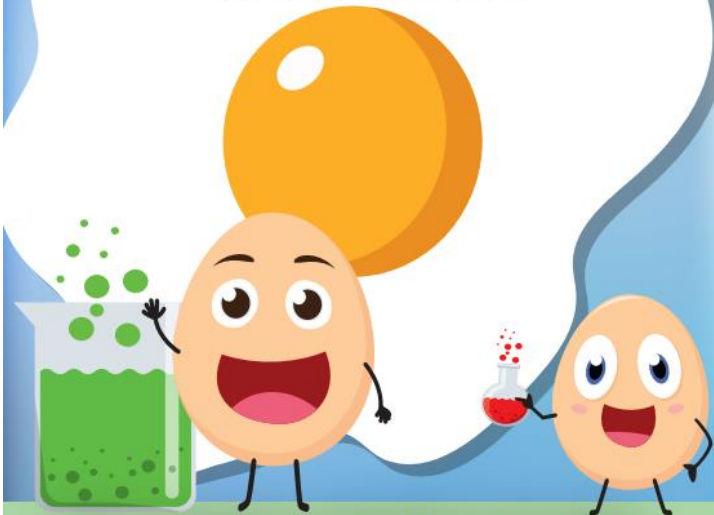
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Suitable for ages  
5 to 11 yrs  
£35 per child



# EGGSPERIMENTAL SCIENCE



Fun science activities for kids during the school holidays

## Easter Holiday Camps 2025

Monday 7th April	West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0BY
Tuesday 8th April	Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Curbridge Rd, Witney, OX28 5JZ
Wednesday 9th April	Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Woodstock, OX5 1RN
Thursday 10th April	Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL
Friday 11th April	Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Rd, Abingdon, OX14 5HB
Monday 14th April	Long Lane Primary School, Long Lane, Reading, RG31 6YG
Tuesday 15th April	Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN
Wednesday 16th April	St Joseph's Primary School, Headley Way, Headington, OX3 7SX
Thursday 17th April	Gagle Brook Primary School, Cranberry Avenue, Bicester, OX27 8BD

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

## EGGSPERIMENTAL SCIENCE



Call a member of our team or visit our website for more details  
To book, please go to the 'Science Holiday Camps' tab on our website, and click the 'Register Now' button. All bookings are processed through Active Network.  
Suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years. Spaces are subject to availability.

Call: 01865 522 775

[www.brightsparksevents.co.uk](http://www.brightsparksevents.co.uk)

## Rise & Shine Yoga

Relax, restore and support a vital cause



Sunday 6th April,  
10am-12pm

Blue Boar, Function Room  
Witney OX28 6BH



Booking essential via  
Eventbrite. Search 'Rise & Shine Yoga Witney'

Come and join us for 2 hours of Anahata Yoga including breathwork (Pranayama), yoga poses, sequences and flows (asana), followed by some slower mindful movements and finishing with a guided relaxation (Yoga Nidra).

This practice aims to help us relax, stretch, reset and start the day anew. All abilities and levels are welcome. Please bring a mat, drink, and wear comfortable clothing. If you would like to borrow a mat please let us know.

Suggested minimum donations of £20, all proceeds go to Breast Cancer Abingdon.



## Witney Vikings

Witney Viking football club meets on Sunday mornings at the ATP in Witney, they are looking for new members. To find out more, check out their website.

<https://www.witneyvikings.co.uk/>

## Jazz Dance Fusion



Book a place at our Wicked the musical dance workshop on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April. The workshop, which will cost £26 and take place at High Street Methodist Church, will incorporate dance, cheerleading and gymnastics. Children can also dress up as a character for a costume competition.

Session 1: 10am -1pm (Primary)

Session 2: 1pm – 4pm  
(Secondary)

[JazzDanceFusion@gmail.com](mailto:JazzDanceFusion@gmail.com) to book a place and request



## Hedgehog Club Easter Activity Days

Would your child like to spend a day outside building dens, bug hunting, hunting for Easter eggs, using tools and knives and lighting fires? Then why not book a place on the Hedgehog Club Easter activity days. They cost £41 per child for a whole day which includes hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits and campfire snacks all day. Early drop off and late pick up is available - £51.

If you want to book your child a place check the website and follow the booking links. [www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk](http://www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk)

Joining instructions will be sent to everyone the week before. See you there. Email Mandy [thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com](mailto:thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Easter Holidays Tennis Course

**For Ages 4 - 16**  
**Week 1: 7th - 11th April**  
Witney Lawn Tennis Club  
**Week 2: 14th - 18th April**  
Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Tennis Club

☛ Flexible Bookings: Individual days or full week  
☛ All Equipment Provided ☛ Childcare Vouchers Accepted  
☛ Have fun, make friends and learn new skills

**Half Day (ages 4 - 16):**  
09:00 - 12:00 or 12:30 - 15:30  
Full Week £135  
Day Rate £36

**Full Day (ages 6 - 16):**  
09:00 - 15:30  
Full Week £243  
Day Rate £65

**Short Course (ages 4 - 7):**  
09:00 - 11:00 or 12:30 - 14:30  
Full Week £90  
Day Rate £24

**EXCEL Tennis Academy**  
info@exceltennis.co.uk  
www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk



### CYGNETS ART SCHOOL

Easter Holidays 2025 | 'Colourful Spring'  
AGES 5-13

• Wood Green School, Witney •  
• Ladygrove Community Centre, Didcot •  
• North East Abingdon Community Association, Abingdon •

Traditional drawing, painting, and sculpture, combined with unique projects, experienced teachers, & professional quality materials. Each workshop covers a new, exciting subject or technique.

[www.cygnetartschool.com/Abingdonwitney](http://www.cygnetartschool.com/Abingdonwitney)

# SWIM SCHOOL SHORT COURSES

Monday 7th - Thursday 10th April

9:30-10:00- Development Top Up  
 10:00-10:30-Intro to Development  
 10:00-10:30- Foundation Top up  
 10:30-11:00-Intro to Foundation  
 11:00-11:30-Foundation Top Up

Visit [better.org.uk/swimming-lessons](http://better.org.uk/swimming-lessons) for more information



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Spring 2025  
**Newsletter**

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
 Talks are 90 minutes long. £24 each - Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



Schools can now buy a  
**FACE School Annual Membership**  
 which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff  
 get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday  
 24th April  
 19:00 - 20:00



**Responding to Angry Behaviour**  
 What can we do in the moment?

FREE

Tuesday  
 18th March  
 10:00 - 11:30



**Anxiety Explained**  
 Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.  
 This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

£24

Thursday  
 3rd April  
 10:00 - 11:30



**Supporting a Child with ADHD**  
 Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

£24

Tuesday  
 3rd April  
 19:00 - 20:30



**Improving Family Communication**

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

£24

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
 book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm



## INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN EASTER & MAY HALF TERM PROGRAMMES! AGES 4-12

Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road, Ducklington, OX29 7US

AND

Hanwell Fields Community School, Rotary Way,  
 Banbury OX16 1ER

**Dates:** Mon 7th April - Thurs 10th April 2025  
 Mon 14th April - Thurs 18th April 2025  
 Tue 27th May - Fri 30th May 2025

**Time:** 9am to 3pm  
 (drop off as early as 8.45am, pick up to 3.15pm)

**Cost:** £20/day or £60/whole week

**Bookings 1 week before the programme starts receive 15% discount. use code: EARLYBIRD**

To register your child, please go to  
[www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids](http://www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids)

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones, instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces. Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT

[www.footykids.org](http://www.footykids.org) [tomspeers@footykids.org](mailto:tomspeers@footykids.org) [Footykids](https://www.facebook.com/Footykids)  
 or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 082

We're looking for girls currently in Year 2 to join **Frideswide Voices**, the girls' choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

- Sing every week in the Cathedral alongside the professional adults of the Cathedral Choir
- Recordings, broadcasts and tours
- Free singing and music theory lessons
- Instrumental lesson bursaries for all

No previous experience is necessary - we're looking for girls with a love of music who enjoy singing.

To find out more, or to book a place at a  
 taster event scan here:



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 flourishing in community