

What's on?

Starting School

Applications for Reception places for children starting school in September 2026 is now open.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2026.

If you have friends or relatives who have children starting school in September, please do encourage them to contact the school office to join one of our tours.

[Applications for places should be made online.](#)

Christmas Dates

We are pleased to confirm the dates of our carol concerts, which will take place at St Mary's, Cogges.

The concert for Years 3 and 5 will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 16th December. The concert for Years 4 and 6 will take place at 2pm on Thursday 18th December.

On Wednesday 17th December we will be having Christmas dinner in school. Please look out for more details about how to book this. On that day children can wear Christmas jumpers/sparkly tops – children are expected to wear school trousers/skirts.

On Thursday 18th December we will once again be welcoming Saltmine Theatre Company to the school to perform our pantomime.

Term will end for all children at 1:30pm on Friday 19th December.

Christmas Fete

The Friends will be holding their Christmas Fete after school (3:30-5:30pm) on Friday 5th December. Raffle tickets were sent home today!



Please Join us to Celebrate the Season

The Blake C of E School Christmas Fete

3:30pm to 5:00pm | Friday 5th December | School Hall

Our much-loved Christmas Fete is back! Join us after school for a joyful afternoon filled with festive fun, delicious treats, and activities for all the family. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season with our school community.

What's On

Craft & Gift Stalls
School Choir Performance of Christmas Carols
Festive Refreshments: Mulled Punch and Mince Pies
Biscuit Decorating, Reindeer Food, and more!

Raffle Prize Draw

This year's raffle is packed with incredible prizes, kindly donated by our generous community.

Poised Performing Arts Voucher - Free Term of Ballet/Performing Arts Lessons • £50 Cash Prize from Anderson + Anderson Accountancy Services • Shake Shop Witney Voucher • Menssana Martial Arts Voucher - Four-week Free Trial Programme + Free T-shirt • £100 Cash Prize from MEICA Technical Services • Personal Training Package with Dalila (worth £200) • Selah Massage Therapist Treatment (worth £70) • Rush Sports Club Voucher - Family Membership + Table Time (worth £100+) • Two-Night Family Camping Experience at Weston Caravan & Campsite • & many more prizes!



How to get your Christmas Raffle Tickets

Your children will be bringing home Christmas Raffle tickets very soon. Please sell as many as you can and return the ticket stubs and money to school by 3rd December. Each ticket is £1

If you don't sell some of the tickets, please return those by 3rd December too.

If you'd like more, extra tickets will be available from the school office after 3rd December, ready for the raffle draw at the Christmas Fete on 5th December.

Thank you for supporting our school!



Skateboarding

There are still places available for the second skateboarding club (4:15pm start). If your child would like to join this, they will need to be brought back to school for the club. You can book online - <https://www.brokenboardsltd.com/schoolclubs>



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers.**

Normally we run the monthly drop-ins on the 1st Tuesday of the month but in **DECEMBER we run 5 drop-in sessions from Monday 1st December - Friday 5th December.**

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about:

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

Flu vaccinations

If your child missed the vaccination in school, they can still receive it. Vaccinating your child helps protect not just them, but everyone.



**CHILDREN'S
FLU VACCINATIONS
ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

Visit our website to:

- Register a new consent form
- Book a community clinic appointment
- Find your school code
- Find out more information



<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/parents/>

For further information about the Flu vaccine follow the link below

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

Childrens Beginner KARATE CLASSES

AGES 6 - 12 YEARS

Classes available in:
**EYNHAM
CHIPPING NORTON
WITNEY**

FREE 4 Week Class Pass

OSTMA LIONS

Life and safety skill programme for 4-6 year old boys and girls.

This specialist programme teaches and develops children's self esteem, increased awareness of body and space, fundamental motor skills, respect, discipline, self control, initiative, stronger awareness and a love of learning.

Classes available in:
**WITNEY
EYNHAM
CHIPPING NORTON**

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE EDGE

For more information or to book your child in to the session, please call Claire on 07540 316188 or email: cmartialarts@live.co.uk

for more information or to book your child into one of our free introductory lessons, WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

Cogges Farm

Even though the main site is closed, the café is open daily between 9am and 3:30pm and the shop is open at weekends.

Cogges Christmas Market will be taking place on 29th and 30th November between 10am and 4pm, do walk to the event if you are able to do so – it is always very popular.

CHRISTMAS 2025

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TECH & STEM CAMP

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WE ALSO ACCEPT TAX-FREE CHILDREN

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Blake Primary School, OX28 3FR

AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

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CHRISTMAS CAMPS 2025

What's on?

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your specific camps activities

Rocking Robots **Festive Filming** **Magical MINECRAFT** **3D Baubles** **Tech Fun**

Take Home NEW STEM Inventions & Science Creations!

29TH - 31ST DECEMBER £39.99 PER DAY

WHAT TO EXPECT:
This Christmas, leap into a world of wonder — build robots 🤖, bring Lego creations to life with animation 🎬, craft decorations with 3D pens 🖋️, film festive masterpieces 🎥, embark on epic Minecraft quests, and experiment with their own Christmas bath bombs and magical snow! ❄️

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SNOWS

Valid on single-day bookings only. Not applicable to 5-day offer.

★★★★★
"Would recommend this even if your child isn't into technology"
Sonal Amin - Stanley Park School

★★★★★
"The activities sounded amazing and he loved them all!"
Suze Mendes - Westlea Primary

★★★★★
"Our two children loved making the electronic contraptions!"
Rachel Stone - King's College School

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Attention all drivers

Last week we had two deeply concerning incidents right outside our school entrance. In one incident some children were very nearly hit by a car turning in the school gateway. In the second incident a member of staff was hit by a car parking on the yellow zig zags.

We are very fortunate to have a large car park, right next to the school site. For the safety of your children and the whole community, **please** do use the car park for parking and for turning.

On Monday 24th November, there will be roadworks that we are expecting to close the road between the traffic lights and Cogges Hill Road between 9:30am and 2pm. The company are planning their works so that it does not disrupt school drop off or pick up.

Please remember that the speed limit all around the school is 20mph.

DIDCOT RAILWAY CENTRE

Steam Into Christmas

Enjoy unlimited train rides and help Santa find his missing reindeer!

Find each of Santa's lost reindeer, culminating in a visit to Santa's workshop to meet Santa.

▶▶ **BOOK NOW - 01235 817200** ◀◀
www.didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk

SCAN ME

Witney Hornets u6 & u7

Have you been inspired by the Lionesses?
Now it's your turn to shine!

If you're in Year 1 or 2 and love to run, kick, and play with friends – come join our exciting Girls Football Team, Witney HORNETS! Whether you're new to the game or already scoring goals in the playground, this is your chance to be part of something special.

- 🧑🏻‍🦱 Learn new skills in a fun and friendly environment
- 🎯 Play games and build confidence
- 🏃 No experience needed – just bring your energy and enthusiasm!
- 🤝 Make new friends and be part of a team



Sundays at Witney ATP 9-10

www.witneyvikings.co.uk



Free swimming

On Saturday 22nd November, Windrush Leisure Centre are running some free taster swimming lessons.

Main Pool

Water safety lesson for swimmers that can swim 15m or more and are happy in deep water.

11:45 – 12:15

12:15 – 12:45

Small Pool

Taster lesson for children who can swim 5m or more.

11:45 – 12:15

12:15 – 12:45

Bookings can be made online, or on the Better UK App. Look under 'Book Other Activities' and then click on 'Open Day.'



WITNEY WINTER HAF CAMPS!

Location:

Wood Green School, Woodstock Rd, Witney OX28 1DX

Dates & Times:

22nd, 29th, 30th and 31st December
9am-1pm

Get ready to grab your spot for a Winter full of fun, adventure, and unforgettable memories!

FREE for eligible free school meal children FSM.



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GO-KARTS ✓

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