

It's good to talk!

We are aware that current restrictions mean that it can feel difficult to find an appropriate time to chat to your child's teacher about any concerns, or pass on information you would like to share.

If you would like to have a quick conversation at any time, please don't hesitate to contact the school via the office, either to share the information, or to arrange a time for a member of staff to get in touch.

Staying active!

The Excel Tennis Academy is continuing to run weekly coaching sessions for juniors aged 4 - 16 and adults of all ages and abilities. All sessions are COVID-19 Compliant and follow strict guidelines.

Sessions are available in Witney, Standlake, Eynsham and Kingston Bagpuize. For more information, please look at their [website](#).

In School, we have been enjoying the warm and sunny weather, children have been doing PE outside, and the Reception and Year 1 children have been making the most of their outside areas.

We are committed to keeping your children as active as possible, as this is good for physical and mental health. Children throughout the school all enjoy morning and afternoon breaks as well as a lunchtime play.



Thoughts from the Priory

When you think about church what do you think? Do you think about an old building, 'Songs of Praise' on the telly, a religious service or something else? In the bible two of the strongest descriptions of the church are as a body or a family. One translator of one of the letters in the New Testament writes "The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance."

Elsewhere the church is described as a family and at St Mary's Cogges we very much see The Blake as part of our extended family. We've missed having the children visit the church building, however we continue to pray for the school and our community. The church building is quite old (it's been here for 900 years), and while it's not been open as much lately, the church family is still healthy and ready to support our wider community, so do shout if you need a listening ear, a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on. We really believe that "If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance." We look forward to seeing you again soon. *Simon*

Oxford Active

We have recently been able to increase the capacity of our before and after school provision. If you are interested in a place at one of the clubs, please contact [Oxford Active](#).

Oxford Active also run clubs over the October half-term, if you would like to find out more about these, you can do so [here](#).

School Nurse Team

Attached is the most recent newsletter from the school nurse team. The newsletter contains lots of useful information for you as parents. If you would like to speak to your school nurse, please call Rebecca on 07771 812 473, or email her on rebecca.priscott@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk