

What's on?

Dress for joy!

Tomorrow we will celebrate Comic Relief. Children are invited to come to school dressed in any clothes that bring them joy. Children can bring in a cash donation, or you can donate using the QR code on the posters all around school, or by following the hyperlink -

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-the-blake-ce-primary-school>



School lunches

Our new school meal system is working very well, we have reduced our waste and our administration is reduced. Thank you for all your support in adapting to the new system.

We are however still finding that not all children are happy with the meal choices that their parents have chosen for them. Please do take time to check that your child has enjoyed their meal each day. Even if you have ordered ahead, you can go back into ParentPay and change your meal selection. Now that your children have seen all the choices for the new menu, they may also want to try something new...

Parents' evenings

We can see that the majority of parents in Years 1 - 6 have already signed up for a parents evening appointment. All appointments will be face-to-face.

If you have not yet signed up for an appointment, please do so before the booking system closes tomorrow morning.

If you are experiencing any issues with eSchools, please contact the school office for help.

Mother's Day at Cogges Farm

Treat someone special this weekend with a Cogges Kitchen Café Cream Tea. You can choose from freshly baked fruit or cheese scone with cream and jam or red onion chutney, sandwiches and bottomless tea or a glass of fizz and brownie bites.

The farm's opening hours are now extended, so there is even longer to enjoy looking round the grounds and buildings.



Year 6 hoodies

If your child is in Year 6, you will have received an email asking you to complete an online form giving permission for their name to be on the leavers' hoodie, as well as a chance for you to order their preferred size and colour. Please don't forget to [complete the form!](#)

Witney Music Centre Open Morning



Witney Music Centre, run by the Oxfordshire County Music Service, is holding their annual Open Morning on March 25th, 2023, 9.00am-10.30am, at Wood Green School, Witney. We run two string groups, an orchestra, a wind group and a guitar ensemble. This is an ideal opportunity for any prospective orchestral instrumentalists, ideally who can read music and have been playing for at least a year, up to about grade 5/6 standard, to come along and join in our music centre for a morning, and any budding guitarists who have been playing for at least a year to come and see what goes on, take part, try some ensemble playing and enjoy making music with other students.

Any parents are also invited to come along and play too, so dig out that old violin, trombone or clarinet from the loft and come and play with your children, or even help out as staff!

If you or your children would like to come and take part please email the centre director Andy Bettle on andrew.bettle@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Interested in cricket? Want to have fun? Come and join us at Witney Mills this year...

All Stars (children aged 5-8) Thursdays 4.30pm

Dynamos (girls aged 8-11) Thursdays 5.30pm

Under 9s (children in Year 4) Wednesdays 5.30pm

Email us for more details: juniors@witneymillscc.co.uk

or visit our website: <https://www.witneymillscc.co.uk/juniors>

We're looking forward to meeting you!



Witney Mills Cricket Club

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Witney

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Design a sign

Can your child help Witney Town Council to have smoke free play areas by designing a sign for their local park?

Children's designs should be bright and colourful and include any appropriate wording to get the message out.

Entries can be submitted by email, post, or delivered to the Town Council Office. A template and entry form can be downloaded from their [website](#), or you can simply draw in a square on an A4 piece of paper.

Entries should be submitted to info@witney-tc.gov.uk or Witney Town Council, Witney Market Square by Friday 14th April 2023.

Don't forget to include your name, age, school and contact details.

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. It costs £37 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 for an extra £10.

Only 20 places are available so make sure you book soon to avoid disappointment. www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk Joining instructions will be sent to everyone the week before. Email Mandy at thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com if you have any questions,

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