

# What's on?

## Staying hydrated

Please can you make sure that your children bring a water bottle into school with them each day?

Learning is thirsty work and good hydration is essential for keeping healthy.

We do provide water when children have forgotten their water bottle, but it is no substitute for children having their own bottle to drink from.

## Oh yes it is!

Tomorrow (Friday) is pantomime day for children in Years 1, 2 and 3.

If you want your child to watch 'Aladdin', please do complete the [online form](#).

## Year 6

Children in Year 6 are looking forward to going to Quinta during May. We would like to remind parents to continue paying for the trip in instalments via ParentPay.

## Dates for your diaries

Half-term. **Term ends tomorrow** at the usual end of day time (3.15pm). School will re-open after the half-term break on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Book week will be taking place immediately after half-term. Please look at the poster to see details of two special events including dressing up for World Book Day and bringing in a book to swap.

Parents' evenings will once again take place virtually next term. We have found that these virtual meetings allow more parents to attend and therefore better support their children's learning. The majority of parents' evenings will take place after school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and the following Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. There will be some variation within year groups, of which you will be advised nearer the time.

## School meals next week

Please don't forget to order school meals for next week before 6pm today. Order meals using [the link](#).

We are delighted that children are enjoying our new spring menu, with a wide variety of meals on offer. Please do make sure you ask your child what they would like to eat to avoid their disappointment!

*Help Witney to Renew its Fair Trade  
Town Status  
- Fair Trade Fortnight -  
22 Feb - 6 March 2022*

**JOIN OUR TEAM**



If you have a few hours a year to spend raising the profile of Fair Trade in Witney, with a wonderful group of people who care about it, please get in touch. We are looking for new members.

Get in touch: [richardsem@gmail.com](mailto:richardsem@gmail.com) or  
<https://www.facebook.com/FairtradeWitney>

**WITNEY**  
**FAIRTRADE**

We are delighted to be able to promote Fair Trade fortnight next week.

Why not make one change to your shopping next week to support farmers across the world?

# Time to get your skates on



Go to [www.westoxon.gov.uk/loyalfree](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/loyalfree) to book your free tickets



Come and show off your skating skills or simply have some fun with your friends. The ice rink sessions will run on the following dates:

Carterton: Sat 19 – Wed 23 Feb  
Location: Market Square, Alvescot Road, Carterton, OX18 3JL

Witney: Sat 19 – Fri 25 Feb  
Location: Marriotts Walk, Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6GW

Book in advance to reserve your skating session

## Cook up a fairy tale

In celebration of World Book Day, The British Library is inviting children to cook up their own fairy tales with Michael Rosen, Mara the storyteller and illustrator Allen Fatimaharan.

Find out more about the events they are running by looking at their [website](#).

If your child submits their fairy story on Twitter by tagging @BL\_Learning or by emailing [childrens.books@bl.uk](mailto:childrens.books@bl.uk) they will be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win a £50 book token for our school.

## Make your own playdough

Playdough benefits social and fine motor development. It can help with imaginary play and is a calming sensory activity, easy to make and lots of fun!

- 1 cup of flour
- ½ cup of salt
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil
- 1 cup of water
- Food colouring

Mix everything together and have fun!

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### ParentLine 5-11 years

New School Health Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children 5-11 years attending a state school in Oxfordshire

Text **07312 263227**  
to message a school health nurse

Text School Health Nurses for advice on issues such as:

- diet & healthy lifestyles
- toileting
- sleep
- bullying
- support with behaviours
- general and emotional health

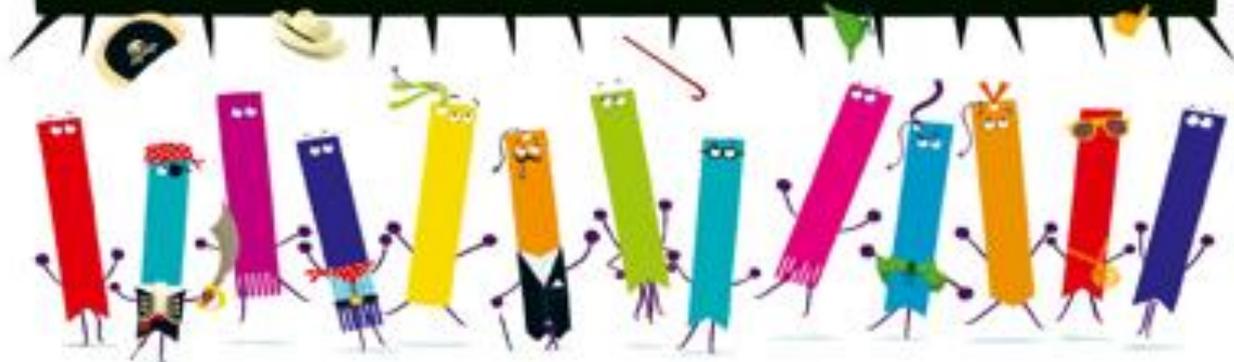
Or scan QR code here to start a chat

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm, Monday-Friday (excluding Bank Holidays). If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS (picture messages). Your messages are stored and we will use them to improve our services. We will never share your information with any third party. We support messaging from UK mobile networks only (not landlines). We will not be able to respond to text messages from mobile phones and some 'number masking' mobile apps. We might inform other relevant professionals if we see concerns that affect your child's health or safety. To protect the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Message 07312 263227

Our school nurse is Anita Pitcher. If ever you would like to speak to her you can do so by calling 01865 901295, or you can email her on: [witney.schoolnurses@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:witney.schoolnurses@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)

*Loving, learning and flourishing in community*

# IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



## Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

We welcome you to come to school dressed as your favourite book character. You could be Goldilocks, The Boy in the Dress, Harry Potter or any character from your favourite book!



## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Please bring in one book that your child no longer wants/enjoys into your class that is in good condition. Your child will be given a token to exchange for another book on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.