

What's on?

School meals next week

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

If it is helpful for you to order meals over the weekend (before the link is emailed to you on Monday), you can use the link that you can find on the [school lunch page](#) of our school website.

ParentPay

As the end of the school year draws close, please check your ParentPay account to ensure that you have no outstanding payments.

We are aware that it can be hard to keep track of events and payments can accrue inadvertently.

If you are experiencing any problems making the payments owing, please do contact the school office in confidence.

Goodbye to staff

At the end of term, Mr Noble, Mrs Moss and Mrs Shillam are all leaving The Blake School – we will be very sorry to say goodbye to them.

If you would like to contribute financially to a farewell gift, please place this in a clearly marked envelope. If you would like to share a memory, or send them your good wishes, please also bring these into school as soon as possible, in a clearly marked envelope, so that we can collate them prior to the end of term. Thank-you.

Dates for your diary

The end of term is very busy. Please do make sure that you have all of the relevant dates below in your diary.

Monday 11th – Year 3 are walking around Witney and will need a picnic.

Monday 11th – Years 4, 5 and 6 are having their sports event, you are welcome to come and watch from 9.30am.

Tuesday 12th – Early Years are on a school trip

Wednesday 13th – Early Years and Years 1, 2 and 3 are having their sports event, you are welcome to come and watch from 9.30am. Children in Early Years will also be having races in the afternoon!

Wednesday 13th at 6pm – Year 6 performance to their parents.

Thursday 14th – during the morning children will visit their classes for next year.

Thursday 14th at 2pm – Year 6 performance to their parents.

Wednesday 19th at 6pm – Early Years have their end of term presentation.

Thursday 20th July – Early Years party lunch

Thursday 20th July at 6pm – Year 6 leavers party

Thursday 21st July at 1.30pm – end of term.

The new academic year will begin for all children on Tuesday 6th September 2022.

If you are planning ahead, you can find term dates for the next two academic years on our [school website](#).

Absences for holidays during term time will be unauthorised, so please do check dates carefully.

Witney carnival

This Saturday is the [Witney carnival](#).

As well as the procession and stalls on The Leys, for children there will be Mark's Magic mayhem including circus workshops. There will also be Smiley Train, on which children can ride for free.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend by joining friends to celebrate the carnival and help raise money for the four organising charities – Witney Lions Club, Witney Rotary Club, Witney Round Table and the ATC 2010 Witney Squadron.

Fat Squirrel Outdoors

If you are looking for something completely different, over the summer, the Fat Squirrel Outdoor Woodland Café will be open between 10:30 and 14:00 on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Find out more information about the activities you can get involved with and the menu on their [website](#).

There is no exact postcode for the café, the closest is the football club opposite – OX29 6SL.

8 – 14-year-olds can get involved in their 'Fire and Feast' days every Wednesday and Thursday including a bushcraft and science activity followed by a cooking class – places for these days must be booked in advance.



Vale & Downland Museum

Summer Programme

Monday 25th July - Thursday 1st September



Every Monday* & Wednesday (*except Bank Holidays)



LEGO® Club

Fun sessions for LEGO® loving children!
10am - 11am & 11.30am - 12.30pm
£2 per child, per session. Spaces are limited so booking in advance is essential. Parents/Guardians must stay on site but do not have to stay in the room with the children.

Book tickets online

www.ticketsource.co.uk/vale-downland-museum
or scan the QR code



Every Tuesday



Craft Sessions

Children will take part in themed crafts and take home what they make.
10am - 12 noon
£2.50 per child
Drop-in session, no need to book. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Story Time

Enjoy a fun and relaxed story in our auditorium.
1.30pm
FREE drop-in session. No need to book.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 28th Jul, 11th Aug & 25th Aug



Letcombe Brook Beasies

Go river dipping with the Letcombe Brook Project team and find out what lives in the Letcombe Brook.
10am - 11am & 11am - 12 noon
FREE but spaces are limited, must be booked in advance.
Children will not be getting into the water but they may still get wet so please wear suitable clothing. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Hands on History

Discover our collection! Get up close with objects, touch them and find out about their history.
10am - 12 noon
FREE drop-in session, no need to book.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 4th Aug, 18th Aug & 1st Sept



BRASS RUBBING

Come along and have a go at brass rubbing.
10am - 12 noon
FREE drop-in workshop. No need to book.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.



FOSSIL SCIENCE DAY

The team from STFC (Science & Technology Facilities Council) are back at the museum with another fantastic family day, this time it's all about fossils.
10am - 12 noon & 1pm - 3pm
FREE but tickets must be booked in advance online.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Around Blake Care

Every day, some of our staff members provide wrap around care before and after school to children whose parents are working and need care for their children. If your child currently attends ABC their places will be rolled on unchanged into the new academic year, you do not need to take any action. If your child needs to change their sessions, or if you know that you will need provision for your child in September, please let us know as soon as possible. abc@blake.oxon.sch.uk Thank you.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Get curious and inventive this summer with a
FREE children's reading challenge at your local
Oxfordshire library!

9th July to 10th September 2022

Read library books to discover the Gadgeteers' amazing inventions
as they plan an epic summer party.

Finish the challenge and get your own medal and certificate
AND be entered into the countywide prize draw!



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Look out for fantastic new books and activities at your library

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge

Go to summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for more fun!



The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered in partnership with libraries and is the UK's biggest free reading for pleasure programme for children. Taking place annually, the challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to keep reading during the summer holidays.

The Summer Reading Challenge motivates children to visit the library and keep reading during the holidays, which helps them to maintain their reading skills and confidence.

Children can sign up for free at Witney library, where they can borrow books, attend events and collect free incentives and rewards. Find out more at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge

Summer Holiday Tennis Courses



Ages 4 - 16

Weekdays from 25th July to 2nd September

Fun and Educational!

Small Group Sizes - Limited Space Available

Flexible Bookings - Full Week or Individual Days

Childcare Vouchers Accepted

Morning, Afternoon and Full Day Sessions Available

Available Weeks and Venues

Week 1: 25th - 29th July	Witney and Kingston Bagpuize
Week 2: 1st - 5th August	Witney and Kingston Bagpuize
Week 3: 8th - 12th August	Witney and Standlake
Week 4: 15th - 19th August	Witney
Week 5: 22nd - 29th August	Witney and Kingston Bagpuize
Week 6: 30th - 2nd September	Witney

For more information and to book, please visit:

<https://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/summer-holiday-booking>



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Covid-19

Sadly, Covid has not gone away, but we are learning to live with it.

Cases have increased in recent weeks.

In line with government guidance, we ask that children with a temperature do not come into school.

If you have tested your child for Covid and the result is positive, they should isolate for 3 days, not including the day of the test.

We do have lots of other colds and sore throats in school, that are not Covid but can make adults and children alike feel quite unwell. If your child needs a dose of Calpol before coming into school, they are not well enough to come in, please keep them at home.

Thank-you.

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