

What's on?

Photos tomorrow

Don't forget that tomorrow, all the children will be having their photographs taken – please send your child to school in uniform, even if it is their PE day.

If your child usually has PE on a Thursday, please do send them in with trainers so that they can still take part in their PE lesson.

Children will have photos individually and with their siblings who are in school.

We're celebrating harvest!

If you are able to bring in some dried produce to help us celebrate harvest, please send them in with your child either tomorrow (Thursday), or Friday.

Items will be given to Besom, who provide food parcels to local families and individuals in need.

Please make sure that any produce has a long shelf life.

Friends' events

We are so grateful to The Friends for all that they do to raise money for our school. The money they raise goes towards buying all sorts of extras that we would otherwise not have.

On Thursday 23rd October, children do not need to wear their school uniform to school – for a donation they can wear whatever they chose, as long as it is suitable for a day in school.

On Friday 14th November, The Friends are holding a disco in the school hall. The disco for children in Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3 will take place between 4.30pm and 5.30pm, the one for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will take place between 6pm and 7pm.

The Christmas fair will be on Friday 5th December.

School Uniform

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day.

If you are facing challenges purchasing uniform, or need additional uniform because your child spends time in more than one family home, please do contact the school office in confidence.



The Great Autumn Mystery Trail

The leaves are falling, the days grow cold.
The air is crisp, with colours bold.
The crops are ready, animals too.
There's an autumn word waiting for you!

Join our fun autumn trail around Cogges!
Solve the clues, find the letters, and crack the secret word.

£2 per trail sheet.
All participant names go into a prize draw.
Fun treats, and a bottle of fizz (or equivalent!)
for one lucky grown-up helper!

Please bring your money to school in a named envelope labelled "Autumn Trail" by Tuesday, 21 October, and you'll receive your trail sheet at the end of term to start your adventure.

Thank you!



ST MARY'S COGGES
LIGHT PARTY
Games, Crafts, Sweets & Party Food

Friday
31st October
St. Mary's Cogges,
Church Lane, Witney
5-7pm
Doors open at 4.30pm

Please sign up at
coggesparish.com/events

ST MARY'S
COGGES
WITNEY

Shoeboxes

Thank you to everyone who has already been and picked up a shoebox ready to fill it with gifts for children and families overseas who would otherwise not receive any gifts at Christmas.

We do still have some boxes, so if you haven't yet picked one up but would like to fill one, please do come and collect one from by the front office.

Half-term is a great time to go shopping for items to go in your box. The deadline for returning your filled box to school is Friday 7th November.

OCTOBER HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOLS 2025



OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS AGED 4-11



FUN



SKILLS



TEAMWORK

MONDAY 27TH - THURSDAY 30TH

WINDRUSH PRIMARY, WITNEY



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INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN

We have the below programmes available for 2025!

OCTOBER HALF TERM FOR AGES 4-12

Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road, Ducklington, OX29 7US

Dates: Tues 28th - Fri 31st October

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm (drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

Cost: £20/day 15% discount for bookings made 1 week prior start date

To register your child, please go to www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids

EVENING PROGRAMME FOR AGES 6-13

'Developing the individual'

Burford School Astro turf Pitch, Cheltenham Rd, OX18 4PL
(Astroturf trainers only, no boots or studs)

Dates: Every Tuesday throughout the year

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Cost: First Session Free

To secure a place for your child, email tomspeers@footykids.org

Coaches are qualified to a UEFA B & FA level 2 standard, and are DBS checked!

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones, instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces.

Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT

www.footykids.org tomspeers@footykids.org [Footykids](https://www.facebook.com/Footykids)

or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 082

Christmas dates

Further details will follow, but make a note –

Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance – evening performance Tuesday 9th December and afternoon performance Wednesday 10th December.

Reception Nativity – Thurs 11th December evening.

ELITE CAMPS WITNEY

HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES OCT 25

	OVER 8'S	UNDER 8'S	ARTS & CRAFTS
MON 27	GITD DODGEBALL Danish Longball, Football, Kwik Cricket, Handball, Gymnastics		PAPER SPOOKY CHARACTERS
TUE 28	CRAZY GOLF Hockey, Dodgeball, Yoga, Basketball, Volleyball		WITCH HANDPRINT
WED 29	NERF WARS Handball, Tag Rugby, Netball, Dance, Hockey	GIANT VOLLEYBALL Handball, Tag Rugby, Netball, Dance, Hockey	3D SCENE CRAFT
THUR 30	SOFT ARCHERY Dodgeball, Football, Basketball, Kwik Cricket, Dance		HALLOWEEN HAND PUPPETS
FRI 31	FANCY DRESS HALLOWEEN SPECIAL Halloween Festivities & Fancy Dress		PUMPKIN TRICK OR TREAT BAG

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A Little Angel Theatre & Polka Theatre Production

The Paper Dolls



For ages
3-8



The North Wall
Arts Centre

Sat 25 Oct - Sun 26 Oct

Tickets: £12 (child £8, under 2s free)

01865 319450 / thenorthwall.com

Photos

In the new year, we are going to be changing website providers, which means we will be updating information and images.

After half-term we will have a photographer in school capturing new photos that reflect the life of our community.

All existing photo permissions will be respected, but if you do not want your children to be on our new website, please do let us know.



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**.

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 can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

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.

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



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7 - 13 who love to sing. Established in 2013, the Singing School provides the opportunity to experience great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop confidence in singing and performing.

Pupils will learn some beautiful carols and seasonal music from around the world, led by our regular team of expert coaches.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

22 & 23 December 2025

St Barnabas Church, Jericho, Oxford
St Catharine's College, Cambridge

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**Loving, learning and
flourishing in community**