ASPIRATIONS

Harriers Banbury Academy
an Aspirations Academy

Our Vision: to cultivate high quality education in a supportive environment, enabling our pupils to become kind, happy, confident individuals, ready to take on the world

Harriers Newsletter

Thursday 26th June 2025

Message from Mrs Agate

Dear Parents and Carers,

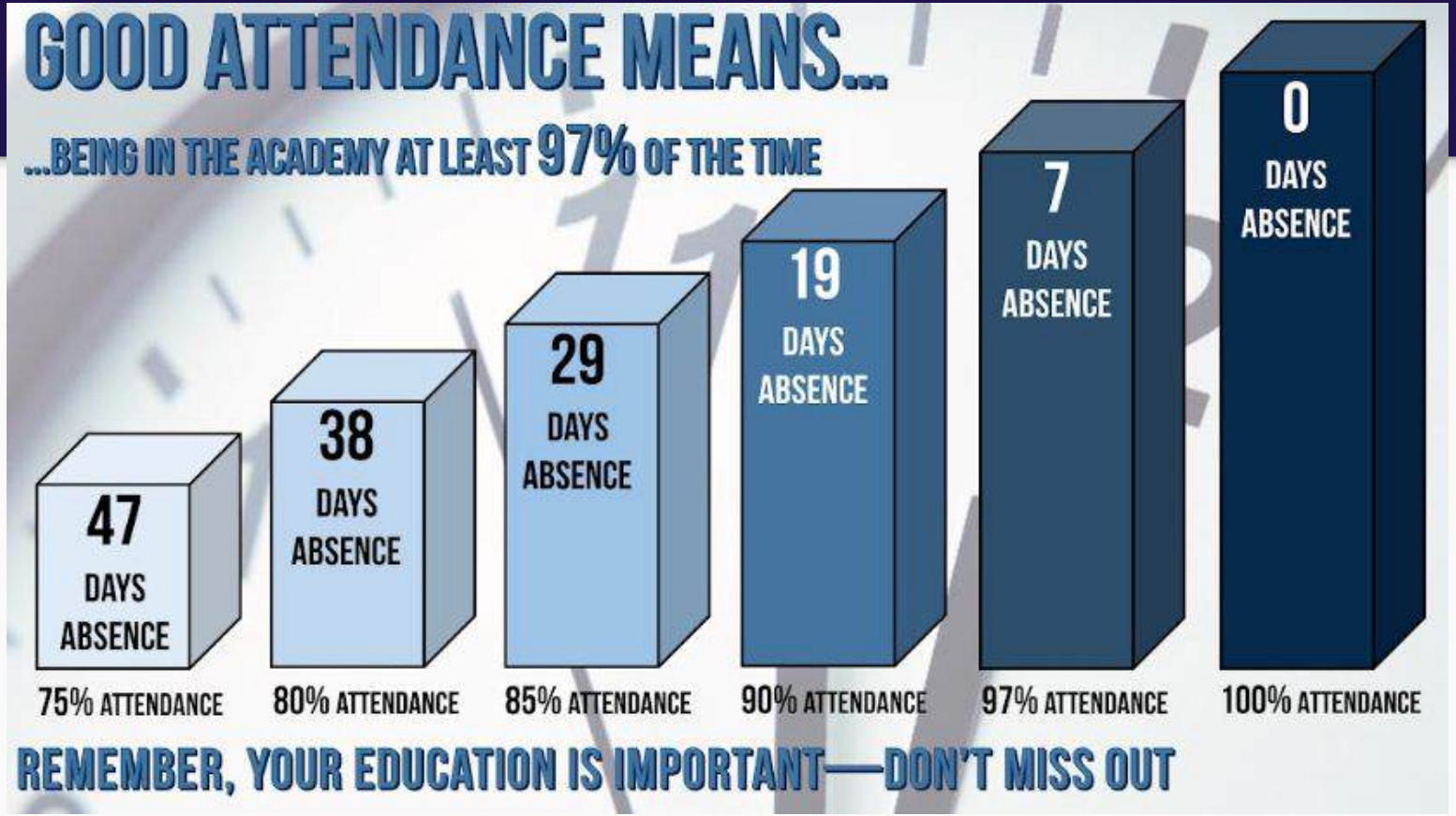
A huge thank you to you all for your wonderful support at our Sports Day event. The children performed brilliantly and we were so impressed with the resilience of them all. Well done to the parents/carers and toddlers who raced too!

We have had more fabulous trips and events over the last few weeks including Y1 Woburn safari park, Y4 camp out, Y3 beach trip, and all classes accessing a few STEM trip to the museum. We know these trips and events could not go ahead without your support so thank you all.

We look forward to seeing you all at the fete on Friday

Mrs Agate

Attendance


GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS...
...BEING IN THE ACADEMY AT LEAST 97% OF THE TIME
47 DAYS ABSENCE
75% ATTENDANCE
38 DAYS ABSENCE
80% ATTENDANCE
29 DAYS ABSENCE
85% ATTENDANCE
19 DAYS ABSENCE
90% ATTENDANCE
7 DAYS ABSENCE
97% ATTENDANCE
0 DAYS ABSENCE
100% ATTENDANCE
REMEMBER, YOUR EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT—DON'T MISS OUT

Upcoming Dates Term 6

30th June - Year 6 secondary school transitions

30th June - Year 2 Museum Trip

30th June - year 1 meet the teacher

1st July - Whole school transition mornings - children meet their new teacher

1st July - Meet the teacher on the playground 3.30

2nd July - Year 4 Skateboarding experience

3rd July - EYFS Museum Trip

4th July - PTFA Summer Fete on playground and field.

9th July - EYFS Cotswold Trip

10th July **Reserve sports day

11th July - Reports to parents

14th July - Harriers' Got Talent show

15th July - Science event years 3-5

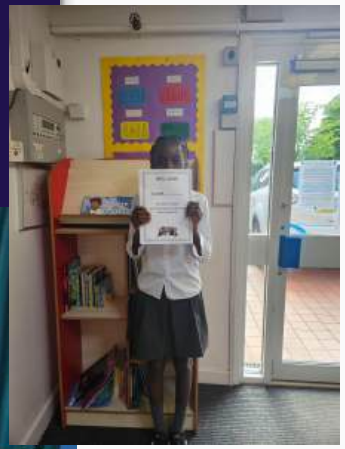
16th July - EYFS Graduation picnic 1.30-3

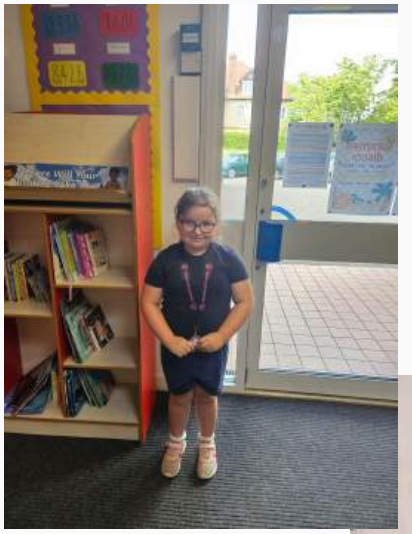
17th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

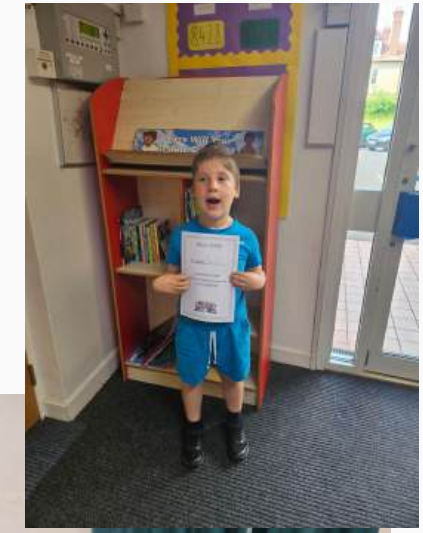
18th July - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR

-ice cream van, toy day, term ends at 1.30pm - no after school club.

Lower Phase Assembly 16.6.25







Upper Phase Assembly 16.6.25

Lower Phase Assembly 24.6.25

Upper Phase Assembly 23.6.25

Bikeability

We were very proud of our bikeability Y5 and 6 pupils who all completed the course and passed. They were also commended for being so sensible and polite - well done to you all.

Planting in the Park

Children from year 5 spent the day at planting in the park, where they get to design and plant up a flowerbed in People's Park. They were absolutely amazing and were rewarded for their hard work by winning a silver award for the best centrepiece.

Dates for your diary!

Nursery

Look at them go!!!

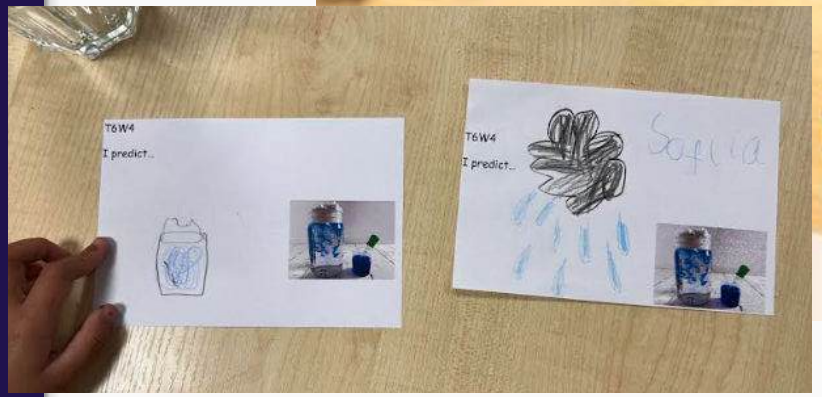
Nursery were amazing at Sport's Day.

They've also been really busy baking sand cookies and keeping cool and creative in our garden.

Early Years

This week Early Years have been learning about the weather.

We created a 'rain cloud in a jar' and discussed what rain is, why it happens, and where it comes from.



Year 1

Year 1 had an amazing time on their trip to Woburn Safari Park! The children spotted lions, tigers, giraffes, rhinos, and zebras from the safety of the coach. Everyone was very excited to see the animals up close in their natural-style habitats.

The trip was not only fun but also a fantastic learning experience. The children learned about animal habitats and how their physical features protect them in the wild. It was a wonderful day out, and we're so proud of how well Year 1 represented our school! school!

Year 2

In our weekly behaviour lessons we have been focusing on how we can be an effective partner.

We have thought about listening and communication skills, as well as giving encouragement to another.

Last week, we worked with a partner to make a paper aeroplane. There was one twist though - we could only use one hand each to make a pair with one left and one right between us.

Year 3

Year 3 had the best time at Bournemouth beach. We loved playing in the sand, splashing in the sea and enjoying our ice lollies.

Year 4

Year 4 boys and girls had a wonderful camp out on our school field. They enjoyed playing football, hide and seek, toasting marshmallows in the forest school and making uv bead bracelets. They ate delicious Domino's pizza and watched Beauty and the Beast before going to bed in their tents. They enjoyed breakfast in the sunshine before being collected. A brilliant experience for everyone!

Year 5

Year 5 Trip to Sutton Courtenay

Year 5 had an exciting and educational visit to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre. One of the highlights of the trip was pond dipping, where the children had great fun discovering a variety of fascinating pond creatures, including water beetles, newts, and dragonfly nymphs.

Later, they became habitat detectives, exploring the surrounding woodland and meadows. Armed with magnifying glasses and curiosity, they uncovered hidden animal clues such as skulls, footprints, feathers, and fur. The children were thrilled to investigate these natural signs and piece together which animals had visited the area.

It was a day full of hands-on learning, teamwork, and nature discovery – a memorable outdoor experience for all!

A big thank you to North Oxfordshire Heating who made a large donation to support the Early Years children with their end of year trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park!

School Streets

Harriers Banbury Academy and Oxfordshire County Council are working together to make the road outside the school site safer and healthier for all of us. To do this we will be trialling a school street outside our school.

A school street works by reducing the level of school motor vehicle traffic around the school site during school start and finish times. This means the area around the school entrance is safer and more pleasant for everyone at the beginning and end of the school day.

Why a school street?

School streets create places where children can thrive, be healthier and happier because they can:

- be more active
- enjoy improved air quality
- boost travel confidence through walking/wheeling, scooting or cycling (‘active travel’)
- socialise more with family and friends

You can find out more about the school streets initiative on the following websites:
About School Streets | Oxfordshire County Council (About school streets | Oxfordshire County Council

A formal consultation will be carried out by Oxfordshire County Council in the future to gather your feedback on the implementation of the school street. We will provide you further detail on how to take part in the consultation when it takes place.

If you have any questions, please contact Oxfordshire County Councils at: SchoolsActiveTravel@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

ARCh
Assisted Reading for Children

Could You Help a Child Discover the Joy of Reading?

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
The MBE for volunteer groups

The charity obtains enhanced DBS checks on all volunteers before placement
Charity Number 1146276

ARCh Assisted Reading for Children is an award-winning Oxfordshire charity that transforms children's lives by helping them grow in reading ability, confidence, and wellbeing- all through the power of one-to-one support.

We're looking for more volunteers across Oxfordshire to spend a little time each week during the school day, supporting children one-to-one in a local primary school.

Whether you're retired, working part-time, or looking for something meaningful to do alongside work, there's a place for you at ARCh. Full training, ongoing support, and resources are all provided- just bring your warmth and enthusiasm!

If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you!
info@archoxfordshire.org.uk
www.archoxfordshire.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS' WEEK
Get Involved
2nd - 8th June
volunteersweek.org
#VolunteersWeek

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There **is** such thing as a FREE LUNCH

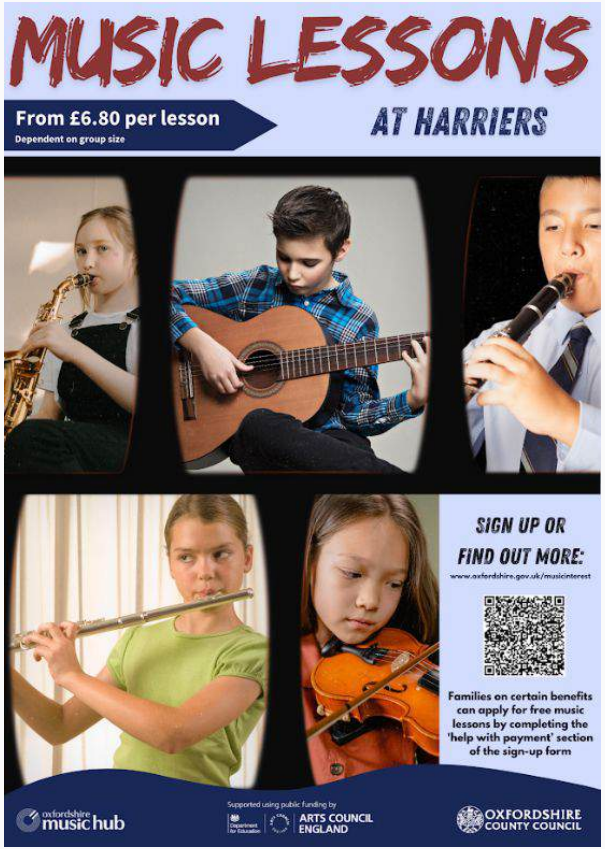
Your child may be eligible for a free school meal which could save you over **£475 a year** and gain additional funding for your school. To see if you qualify, visit

www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

DON'T FORGET

School meals are free for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 regardless of circumstances!

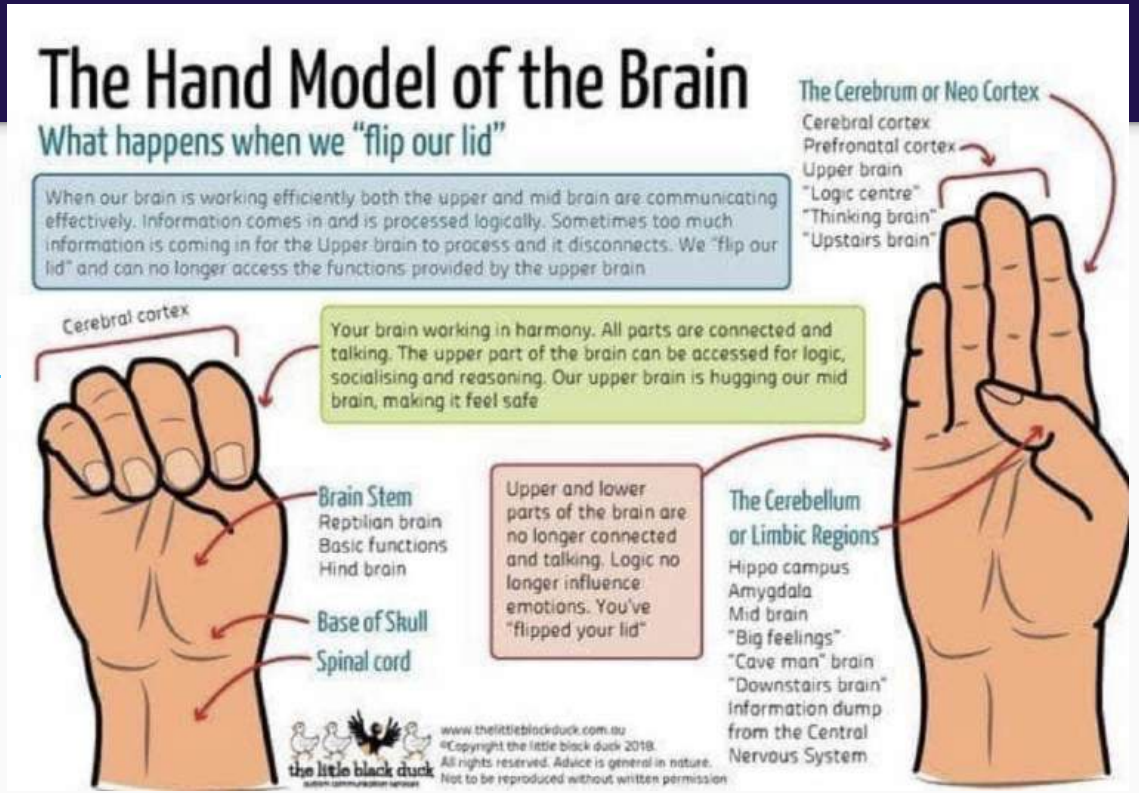
Music Lessons at Harriers



We offer a variety of music lessons at Harriers! Some children can have music lessons **free of charge** with the Oxfordshire Music Service! If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please go to the following website and complete the form!www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest

SEN and Inclusion

Here's a video that teaches children about the brain and how they can regulate emotions: [Upstairs brain, downstairs brain]



Safeguarding our children

If you have any concerns about your child's safety, your safety or that of another child/family in our school, then please see one of the Designated Safeguarding Team. Mrs Agate is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Who we are……..

Miss Thewlis Mrs Jones

Mrs Agate

Mrs Coley

Miss Wayte

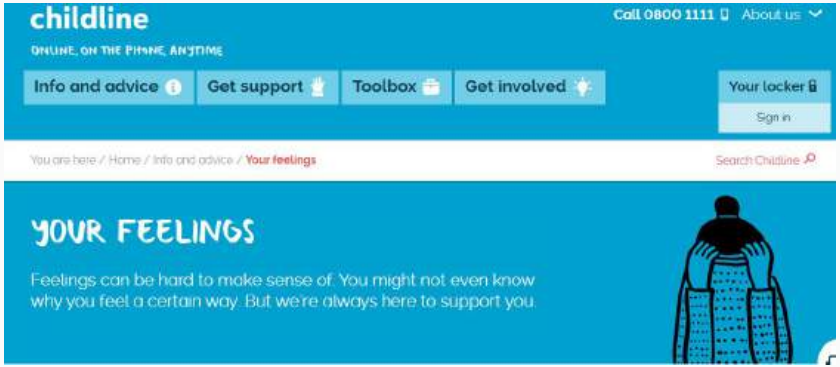
Mr Sherington

Mrs Stephens

Safeguarding our children

Childline have advice to support children on anxiety;

https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/



Storytelling Garden and Forest School

Despite the heat, everything has continued growing!

Nursery made time to water our plants in pots today.

In forest school, we have been weaving with long grasses.

Wake Up Wednesday Advice

One free guide explores the Nintendo Switch 2, covering how its new features – from GameChat to a plug-in camera – could affect children's privacy, spending, and screen time.

The other examines YouTube Kids, a child-friendly version of the video-sharing giant, and explores the risks that may still persist despite the platform's safety-focused design.

See Arbor for PDFs which will be easier to read.

Please see here for the latest Primary School Health Newsletter
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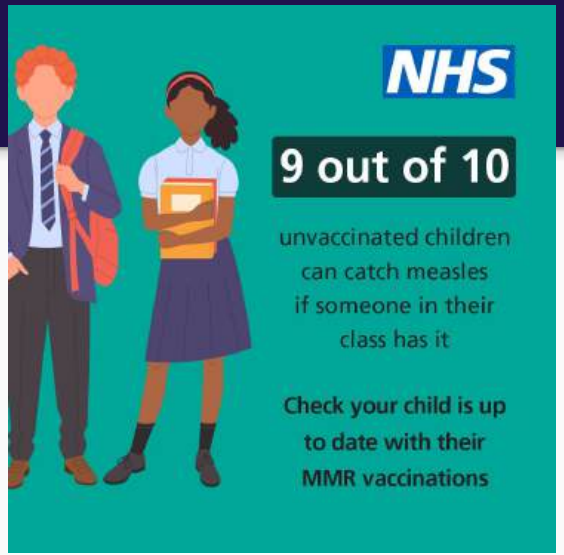

Term 6: Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter

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Fostering in Oxfordshire

oxfordshire.gov.uk/fostering

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You care with our support

Being a foster carer is rewarding but, we'll be honest, it's not easy. Our children and young people have often been through a lot and can need plenty of support. But every day we see the impact that support has. Seeing them grow in confidence – well, nothing beats that.

Fun trips to the shops, cuddles after a bad dream, helping with homework, being there during those tricky teen years – foster caring is about providing stability, positivity and reassurance when a child needs it most.

Want to know more?

Scan me

Visit **oxfordshire.gov.uk/fostering**
or give us a call on **0800 783 5724**

Career opportunities

STUDY SMART
Free Online Courses

Aspire Education | ncfe. | cache | Education & Skills Funding Agency

Fully Funded School Support Course

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

6 Week Course
Mon - Fri
Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

www.studysmartuk.online

Available In the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
	CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
	CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
	Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that MUST be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

We've now helped 500+ STEM professionals return to work across the UK

Are you looking to return to STEM?

STEM RETURNERS

Have you taken a career break of any length from STEM and wish to return?

Are you working below your capability?

Do you have a STEM qualification that you aren't using?

STEM Returners opportunities with

UK Atomic Energy Authority

Location:
Culham, Oxford, Hybrid

If so this could be the opportunity for you!

Please contact us for more information:

www.stemreturners.com jazmine.gouldbourne@stemreturners.com

Volunteer Opportunity!

Next training course: September 2025

- Could you brighten families' lives with your support and reassuring smile?
- Are you looking to gain new skills while making a difference to your community?
- Do you have parenting experience and would like to spend 2-3 hours a week engaging in something meaningful?
- Full training provided and expenses paid.

'Volunteering has been incredible for my own mental health. When you are praising and encouraging another person it's difficult not to recognise your own self worth.' Volunteer

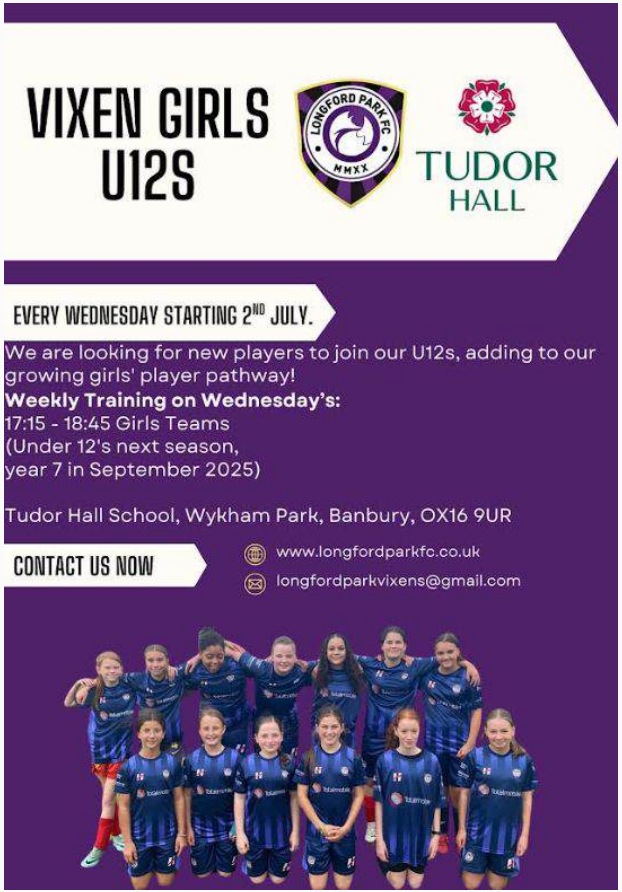
Find out more here

HOME START Banbury, Bicester & Chipping Norton

Applicants will be subject to a DBS check and references will be required.

info@home-startbanbury.org.uk
01295 266358

Activities outside school



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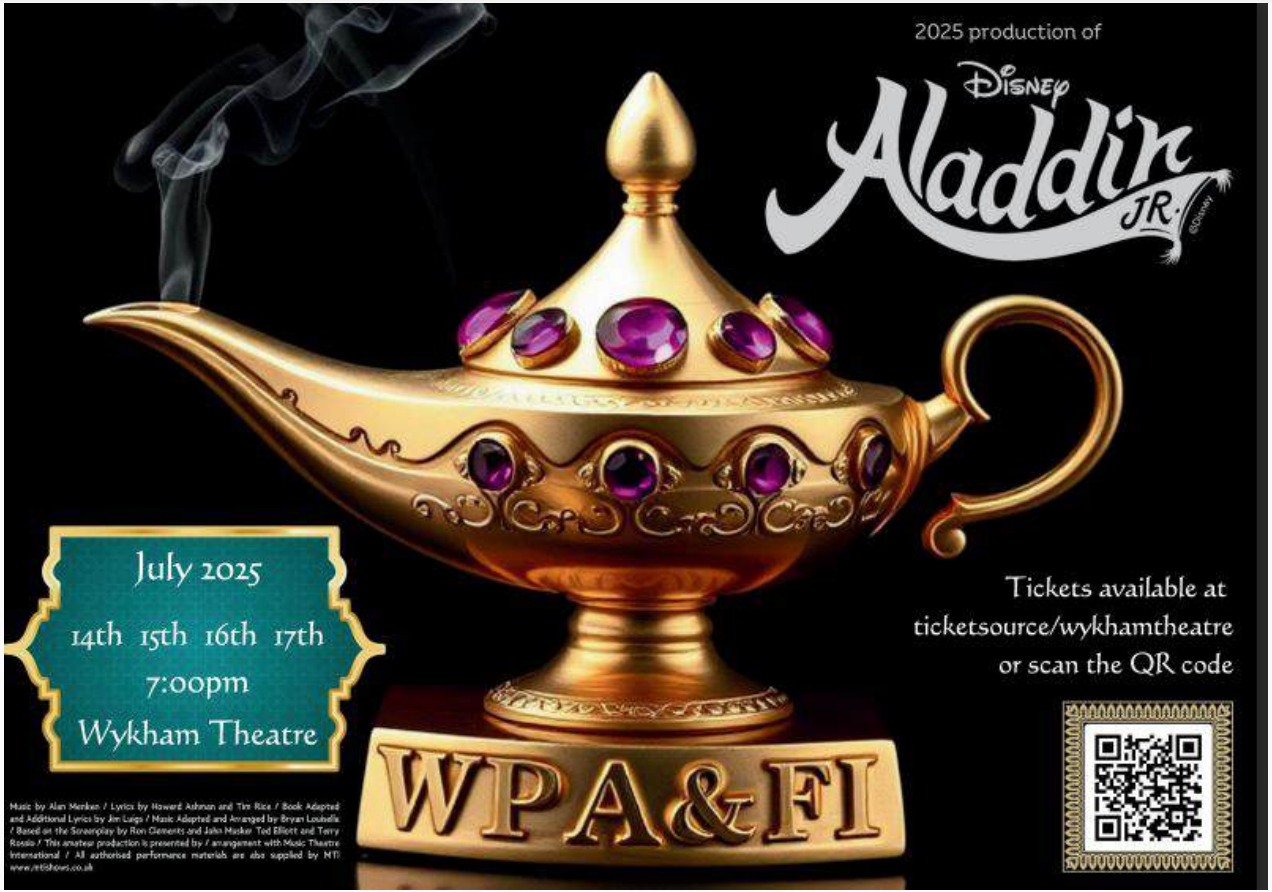

Activities outside school

Read below link**YouMove** is an initiative launched in 2022 in Oxfordshire to help families overcome barriers to physical activity.

https://www.activeoxfordshire.org/news-and-events/2025/06/oxfordshires-youmove-generates-significant-rise-in-activity-and-wellbeing-levels

Activities outside school

Banbury Symphony Orchestra

experience the music

Tickets:
Adults: £12
Under 18s free

https://www.banburysymphony.com/event-details/summer-concert