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

Friday 9th July 2026

Message from Mr Rabiasz

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like just yesterday that the final half term of the year had begun and yet all of a sudden here we are with just one week to go before the summer break.

It's been a very packed and successful half term with lots of goings on taking place across the school community. We have had end of year trips, Sports Days, Father's Day events, the Summer Fete, the fantastic Year 6 production of 'Prexit' and much more.

The children have coped magnificently with the extreme heat that we have experienced at times recently and in particular they have shown a great deal of resilience in doing so. I'd also like to thank all of our parents and carers for your feedback during those times of extreme heat and for your patience and flexibility during that tricky time.

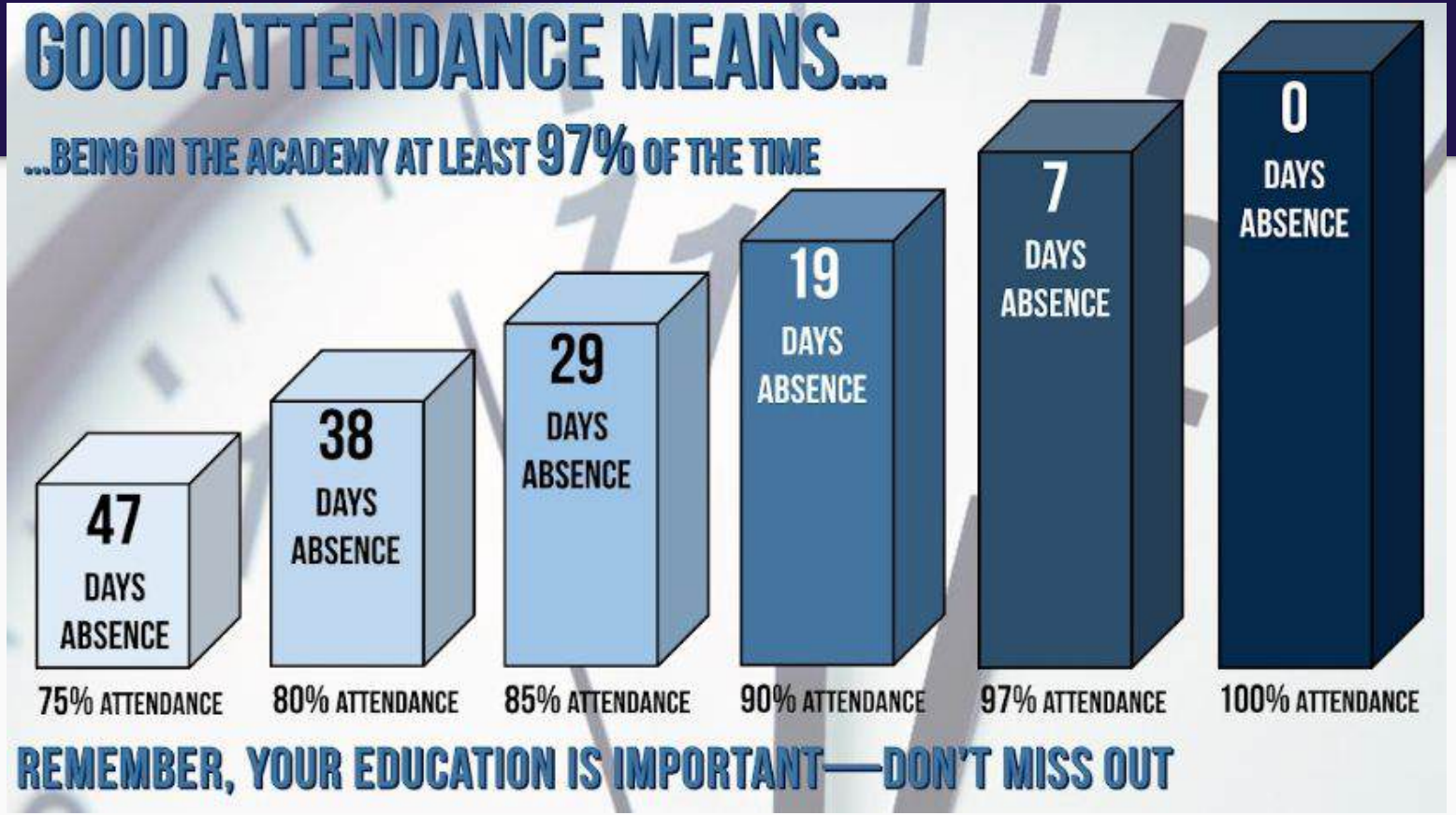
As we move into the final week of the academic year, there are still plenty of events taking place to look forward to: EYU Graduation on Tuesday 14th July, Aspirations Assembly and Harriers Got Talent on Wednesday 15th July, Year 6 Leavers Assembly and the Year 6 Party on Thursday 16th July (along with the belated SATs results) and finally our final day of the school year on Friday 17th July.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kind regards,

Mr. Rabiasz

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

- 1st June - 12th June Multiplication Check Year 4
- 1st June -Year 5 STEM @ Futures
- 2nd June- Year 5 Pond Dipping
- 2nd June - EYU Vision Screening Test
- 2nd June - Year 5 girls Stem @ futures
- 2nd June - Year 2 parents Lunch invite
- 8th June - Phonics Screening Week
- 9th June - year 4 national gallery online
- 12th June - Year 4 camp out
- 12th June - Year 2 Holdenby House
- 12th June - BGN Transitions
- 15th June - BGN Transitions
- 15th - National Sports Week
- 15th - Young enterprise Week
- 17th June - Year 5 planting in the park
- 17th June - EYU parent lunch
- 18th June - EYFS new starters “meet the teacher” evening
- 18th June - Father’s Day Wrapping
- 19th June - EYFS Father’s Day BBQ
- 23rd June - Bikeability week
- 25th June - Sports Day (timings will be confirmed)
- 26th June - INSET - school closed to children.
- 29th June, Y6 transitions for NOA, Wykham Park, Futures, Warriner
- 30th June, Y6 transitions for NOA, Wykham Park, Futures, Warriner
- 30th June - EYFS Transition sessions
- 1st July - Year 1 meet the teacher
- 2nd July - Year 3 beach trip
- 2nd July - Year 1 parents lunch
- 3rd July - *Reserve Sports day
- 3rd July - PTFA Summer Fete
- 6th July - EYU Cotswolds trip
- 6th July - Irock Concert
- 6th July - Year 3 parents lunch
- 10th July -Children’s Reports to parents
- 14th July - EYU Graduation Picnic
- 15th July - Aspiration Award Assembly
- 15th July - Harrier’s Got Talent
- 16th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 17th July - Ice Cream and Party Day
- 17th July - END OF SCHOOL YEAR 1.30pm finish

Lower Phase Assembly
22/07/2026















Upper Phase Assembly
22/06/2026











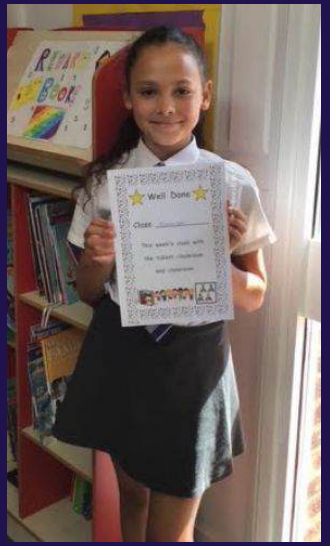




Upper Phase Assembly
06/07/2026













Nursery

We have had a busy two weeks. During Transitions, the older Nursery children enjoyed meeting their new classmates and exploring their new classrooms. Those staying in Nursery got to meet new classmates.

We have been painting and printing symmetrical wings for our Butterfly Ball next week, and are decorating masks today. Thank you to the mothers and grandmother who were able to help us :-)









Early Years

Early Years had the most fantastic time exploring the zoo to answer our driving question: 'Where in the world is the best place for animals to live?'

We saw lots of different habitats, enjoyed the train ride, and an ice lolly to keep us cool!

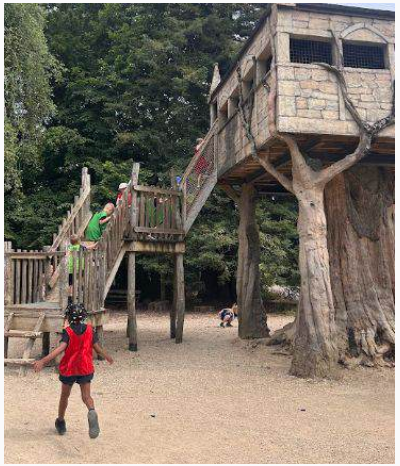














Year 1

We have been learning about simple coding in Computing this term using Scratch. The children have worked hard to programme two blocks of code - one to make flowers appear with a 'pop' and another to make them grow.

We also loved taking part in Sports Day last week!













Year 2

The Year 2 pupils had an incredible and immersive day at Holdenby House! The children loved being Victorian servants for the day; cooking, cleaning and singing for Queen Victoria!















Year 3

We have been doing lots of practice for sports day and enjoyed our field events!













Year 4

Year 4 have had an excellent week as they took part in well anticipated events.

There were a variety of activities in sports day and the pupils enjoyed showcasing their skills.

For Young Enterprise week, the year 4s made lanterns from jars and went on to sell them all in our school fete.







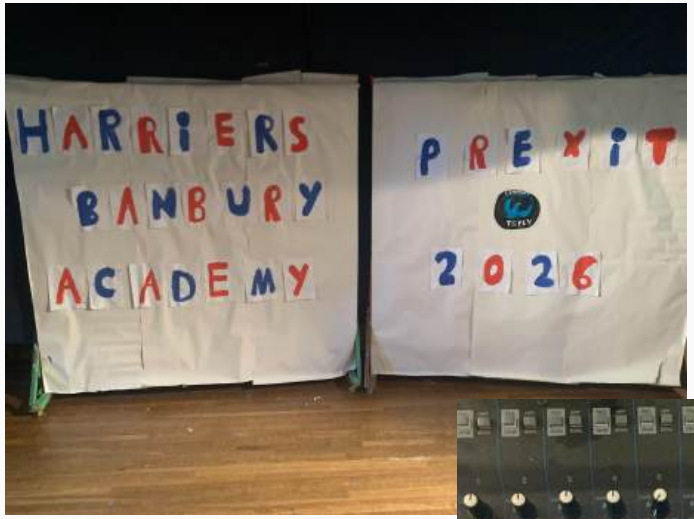




Year 5

A massive congratulations Pelicans and Flamingos for their incredible hard work during Enterprise Week! There were some great ideas on how to grow our initial £10, showing some brilliant business minds in the making.

We also want to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated food; it was absolutely wonderful to see and taste such a vibrant variety of dishes from all around the world. Thanks to your amazing support and our year 5's dedication, we raised a phenomenal £65! We are incredibly proud of their teamwork and enterprise skills.





Year 6

Year 6 have had an enormous week where they have wowed the school and parents with their fantastic production 'Prexit'. The acting, singing and comedic value was exceptional. All the children should be so proud of their efforts and commitment to creating the best show possible!





Is your child nearly 3 years old?
Are you looking for a nursery place for them?

We have spaces in our Ducklings class for next academic year.

Children can free flow from the classroom into our wonderful outside area. Children take part in many activities such as cooking, painting and enjoy investigating the forest school area.

There are no nursery admission fees - it's free to join - and your child will be given a 15-hour funded place the term after their 3rd birthday.

Please complete our online admission form via this link: https://forms.gle/hjuefnUAXU3p4MB28

GREAT FOOD

BIG SAVINGS!

Your child could enjoy a tasty, balanced meal every day — and you could save up to **£500** a year

SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE

IN RECEPTION

YEAR 1

& YEAR 2!

SIGN UP HERE

AM I ENTITLED?

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2, they are automatically entitled to free school meals. From Year 3 onwards, you may still qualify if you receive certain benefits – saving your family over £500 a year and supporting your school. Check eligibility and apply today via the QR code, at **www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals**, or through your school.





A FREE SCHOOL MEAL EACH DAY ISN'T JUST A HEALTHY CHOICE — IT'S A SMART ONE.

HEALTHY & BALANCED – Fresh, colourful meals packed with the nutrients growing children need, meeting all School Food Standards.

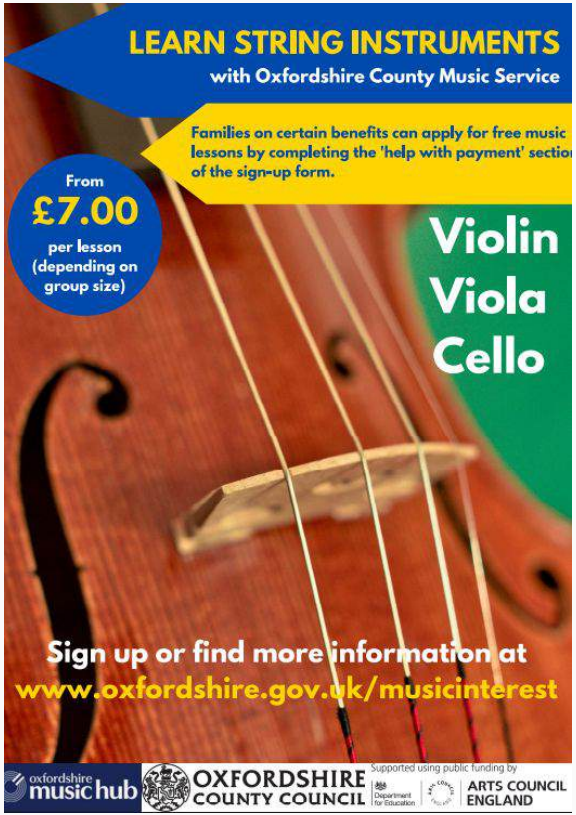
FRESH & SEASONAL – Children enjoy a vibrant variety of flavours while sharing a sit-down meal with friends, building confidence, conversation skills, and even mastering cutlery in a relaxed, restaurant-style setting.

SUSTAINABLE & SMART – We make the most of ingredients, reducing food waste without sacrificing taste.

INCLUSIVE & SAFE – Our Allergen-aware menu and designated allergen buddy team member ensure children with dietary needs can enjoy lunch safely and confidently.

Music Lessons and Clubs at Harriers







SEN and Inclusion

Hidden Disabilities

Some people have **disabilities that aren't visible**, like ADHD, autism, dyslexia, asthma or anxiety. These are called **hidden (or invisible) disabilities**. Even though you can't see them, they can still make everyday things harder.

- Some people need extra help even if they *look fine*.
- Be kind and patient — everyone learns and feels differently.
- If a friend seems upset or needs space, ask, "Are you okay?"



Parents:

Please take some time to…
Talk to your children about how not all disabilities can be seen.
Encourage your children to show understanding and kindness.
Share with school if your child has a hidden difficulty — small changes can make a big difference.

This week's hidden disability focus: Ostomy

An ostomy is a lifesaving surgery that changes how your body gets rid of waste, like stool or urine. This happens when part of your digestive or urinary system isn't working properly. Waste leaves your body through a new opening in your abdomen, called a stoma. An ostomy can be temporary or permanent, depending on your condition.

For more information, the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower website has easy-read bullet points that you can share with your children.

https://hdsunflower.com/uk/insights/post/ostomy

Training courses available

allthingsautismltd@gmail.com 01895 649211 https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com

All things visual strategies Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? **Monday 18th May 2026** **10 - 11.30am** Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	**Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)** Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support **Tuesday 12th May 2026** **7-9pm** Or **Wednesday 8th July 2026** **9.30 - 11.30am** Online - via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All things communication and play: Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together **Thursday 11th June 2026** **9.30am - 12** Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	**Autism and Girls** Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them **Tuesday 9th June 2026** **10 - 11.30am** Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
All things behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children **Monday 6th July 2026** **9.30am - 12** Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 	**All things sensory processing** - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs **Friday 5th June2026** **9.30am - 12** Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 

All Things Toileting Exploring the challenges around toilet training for autistic children and practical strategies to support them **Monday 15th June 2026** **7 - 8.30pm** Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	**Gestalt Language Processing** How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners **Tuesday 16th June 2026** **10 - 11.30am** Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
Supporting Children's Transitions Supporting transitions for children with autism or social communication difficulties. This course covers transitions into school and nursery and between classes **Thursday 14th May 2026** **10 - 11.30am** Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	**ADHD** Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them **Thursday 7th May 2026** **10-11.30am** Or **Thursday 2nd July** **7 - 8.30pm** Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them **Thursday 18th June 2026** **10 - 11.30am** Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	**Promoting positive mental health in young children** Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma **Monday 22nd June 2026** **9.30 am - 12** Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person
Selective Mutism Understanding the causes of selective mutism (situational mutism) and practical strategies to support children in early years and primary **Thursday 4th June 2026** **9.30 - 11.30am** Online via Zoom	New **Understanding AuDHD** Supporting children who have a dual diagnosis of Autism and ADHD with practical strategies to help. Wednesday 24th June 2026 7 - 8pm Online via Zoom £28 per person plus VAT



SEN and Inclusion

We are sending out a plea for some resources to support children. If you, your family or friends have any of the following items at home and you are happy to donate them to our school we would be hugely grateful! The list is not exhaustive, any sensory items are welcome.









- a working radio
- fairy lights / christmas lights
- bean bags to sit on
- ball pit and balls
- mirrors (small/medium)
- tunnel
- projector light
- lava lamp
- black out material/blinds/curtains





Safeguarding our children

Who we are……..

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)



Mrs Agate



Mr Rabiasz



Miss Wayte



Mr Sherington



Mrs Stephens



Miss Buswell

Safeguarding our children





Online Safety - Wake-up Wednesday Advice

Screen-free tips - these say they are for teens, but are applicable for younger children too

Other Wake Up Wednesday parent guides can be found here:

https://nationalcollege.com/library?sortBy=relevance&phase=2&roles%5B0%5D=2&types%5B0%5D=App%5CModels%5CResource&q=wake+up+wednesday+for+paretns&amount=24&selectedView=grid



School Aged
Immunisation Service

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Does your child still need a Flu Vaccination?

We are still vaccinating!

Follow the QR code / link
to consent for your child and make a community clinic appointment

If you've already filled in the consent form, please book your appointment using the reference number that was emailed to you from **school.immunisations@nhs.net** *when you consented*

For more information visit
www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms

24 APPS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

This list is not exhaustive, and will be updated each year to reflect new risks and dangers

THESE APPS CAN EASILY BE USED AS GROOMING TOOLS BY ONLINE PREDATORS LOOKING TO MEET UP & SEXUALLY ABUSE CHILDREN. (UPDATED 2021)

FACEBOOK FACEBOOK allows you to connect with others and share comments, photos and videos. You can add friends, write on people's pages and posts, join groups and play games.

SNAPCHAT SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. Whilst the app promises that photo's, videos and stories disappear, others can take screenshots of private photo's.

INSTAGRAM INSTAGRAM Kids are creating fake accounts to hide content from their parents, according to police. Messages are also deleted once a user leaves a conversation.

WHATSAPP WHATSAPP allows you to send messages, images and videos in 121 and group chats with your contacts. You can choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.

KIDSCHAT KIDSCHAT.NET is a free online messaging app for children. You can talk to people you don't know on public forums and via private message. You can access the site as a guest.

SKYPE SKYPE is a platform and app that lets you make audio and video calls to other people around the world. You can also send instant messages.

WHISPER WHISPER is an anonymous social media app that promotes sharing personal secrets with strangers, (new people). It reveals a users location so people can meet up

CALCULATOR % CALCULATOR % is only one of SEVERAL social media apps disguised as a calculator, the app is actually a secret photo vault to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.

HOT ON NOT HOT ON NOT Strangers rate a user's 'attractiveness' with the aim of real-world meet ups in your local area.

ASK.FM ASK.FM An app where users can anonymously ask questions and receive answers. The app has been featured in a number of cyber bullying cases.

YUBO YUBO Similar to Tinder, the app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other.

KIK MESSAGING Kik KIK MESSAGING Kik is a messaging app that allows content normally filtered on a home computer.

BURN BOOK BURN BOOK Anonymous rumours can be posted about people through audio messages, texts and photos.

WISHBONE WISHBONE This app allows users to compare kids and rate them on a scale.

GRINDR GRINDR Is a dating app geared towards gay, bisexual and transgender people. The app allows people to chat, share and meet up in person based on a GPSS location.

SKOUT SKOUT is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.

MEET ME MEET ME Is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. The app encourages people to meet in person.

TIK TOK TIK TOK Is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.

TELLOYMN TELLOYMN anonymous messenger app. It calls itself "the most honest place on the internet." Age controls are inconsistent and sexual explicit material can be found.

Zoomerang Zoomerang is a popular app that looks like a harmless messaging app however it allows private anonymous messaging and is location enabled.

BUMBLE BUMBLE is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts

FACEBOOK MESSENGER FACEBOOK MESSENGER Is one of the most popular message apps in the world. It has already heavily been used by predators and the end-to-end encryption will make it even more unsafe.

BADOO BADOO is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.

OMEGLE OMEGLE is a video chat website where users are matched randomly with strangers.

#CHILDABUSEHELP
CHILD ABUSE RESOURCES
WWW.CHILDABUSEHELP.ORG.UK

NSPCC HELPLINE
0800 800 5000

NNECA
WWW.NNECA.ORG.UK

ChatHealth

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

ParentLine 5-11 years

New School Health Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children 5-11 years attending state schools or home educated in Oxfordshire

Text 07312 263227

to message a school health nurse



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 can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules.

We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). We might inform other relevant professionals if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rate.

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

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We Walking with You on your Parent/Carer journey
A warm, parent-led group for anyone caring for a child or young adult (up to age 25) facing mental health challenges.

Connect • Share • Learn Join us online or in person for relaxed, insightful sessions led by:

- Parent Peer Support Workers
- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals

Explore topics around mental health and neurodiversity in a safe, welcoming space.

⭐ Plus: Special Guest Events Hear from professionals and services across the field! and getting out in nature.



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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.





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



Career opportunities





Activities outside school







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https://www.farm-ed.co.uk/events/262/minibeast-safari

Activities outside school



Sutton Courtenay

Environmental Education Centre

A journey of learning and discovery

Berkshire Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Big Family Day Out
Saturday 8 August; 10am-4pm
An amazing day out for all the family on the summer nature reserve, with activities particularly suited to primary and preschool aged children.
£8 per child aged 18 months - 16 years
£2 per adult (aged 16 plus)
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Family Event: Summer Nature Trail
Tuesday 28 July and Thursday 30 July; 10am-2pm
A fun family nature trail around the reserve, with a craft to take home and live storytelling. Suitable for 4-11 years.
£8 per child; BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Toddler Event: Teddy Bears' Picnic
19, 20, 21, 22 August; 9:30am-11:30am
Bring your toddler and their teddy for a summer adventure in the woods and meadows. Suitable for 18 months to 4 years.
£10 per child; BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Day Camp
Wednesday 26 August; 9:30am-3pm
A day camp for unaccompanied 8-12 year olds, packed with wildlife themed outdoor fun – visit the website to find out more.
£37 per child; BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Plus monthly Saturday wildlife clubs – **Nature Tots** (18 months to 4 years with an adult); **Nature Explorers** (4-7 years with an adult); **Young Rangers** (8-11 years unaccompanied); **Teen Rangers** (11-17 years unaccompanied). Visit the website for upcoming dates and booking.

Visit our website to book or for more info:
bbowt.org.uk/events
01235 862024 or sceec@bbowt.org.uk

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