



17th April 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the summer term.

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed some well-deserved time with family and friends. As we begin the new term, our school value is *Service*. We will be encouraging children to think about how they can help others, show kindness, and make a positive difference in our school and wider community. By serving others, we help one another to grow in confidence, compassion, and resilience—key ingredients in truly flourishing both in and beyond the classroom.

Have a look at the learning that has been taking place this week:

[O'Keeffe](#) [Goldsworthy](#) [Picasso](#) [Banksy](#)

Events

Sporting success

On Thursday 19th March, we went to Harwell to play the second part of the Small Schools League, and it was a really exciting day!

First, we played a friendly match against Harwell. It was a tough game and we lost 3–1, but it helped us warm up for the rest of the tournament.

Next, we played a league match against Whitchurch and drew 1–1. Liam scored an amazing backheel goal, which was definitely one of the highlights of the day!

After that, we played St Johns and won 3–1. The goals were scored by Matvii, Jai and Archie, and we worked really well together as a team.

In our final match, we played Standford and won 3–0. Rudy and Archie scored, with Archie getting two brilliant goals!

Overall, it was a great tournament, and we were really proud of how we played as a team. We also drew with Harwell overall, so we will keep the cup for half a year before sending it to them for the other half.

There were some fantastic individual performances too. Rudy was an excellent goalkeeper, making some amazing saves, including shots heading for the top corner. Theo made some great throw-ins, Wen and Robert were strong in defence and helped set up goals, and Reegan was powerful in midfield, especially in the game against Standford.

We all had a brilliant time and showed great teamwork throughout the day!

By Matvii and Liam, Year 6.



Easter service



Our Easter service this year was a wonderful success and very well attended by families and members of the school community. The pupils did an excellent job throughout, taking part in readings, songs, and a beautifully delivered poem that was enjoyed by everyone present. A big well done to the house-captains who led the service confidently. A particular highlight was the fantastic display of Easter bonnets created by pupils in O’Keeffe and Goldsworthy classes, which brought plenty of colour and creativity to the celebration. We are especially grateful to the PTA for their support in helping to make the bonnets, adding an extra special touch to a memorable occasion.

Mental Health Support Team (MHST) workshops

Last term we hosted two parent/carer workshops led by the MHST: one based around anxiety and the other around behaviour.

This term we are hosting an **Emotional Regulation workshop on Thursday 23rd April at 1:30-3:00**. Please do email the office FAO Mr Coleman to confirm your attendance or if you have any questions. Please do support these events as they are unable to go ahead with limited attendance and are a great resource for parents and carers.

Celebrations

Congratulations to the following children who received a Star of the Week certificate in our celebration assembly:

Callie for always being friendly and including others in her play

Albie for always being helpful and kind

Amelia. W for always being a kind friend

Aniyah for writing a beautiful narrative about Empress Matilda

Ezmae for amazing effort in reading, phonics and maths this week

Eliza for consistently showing our school values and making great contributions in class

Sam for returning to school with great enthusiasm and willingness to learn

Archie for showing excellent focus and determination in maths this week, making strong progress in his learning

Malika for consistently demonstrating our school values and is a fantastic role model for others.

PE stars of the term:

Oscar for joining in and having a go at new things

Arthur for showing amazing skills in rugby

Jameson for excellent participation in tag rugby

Robert for amazing effort in football

Reading Teapot

Congratulations to the following children who were drawn out of the rainbow reading teapot at the end of March and attended a tea party with Miss Reeder: India, Sebbie, Rosalie, Amelie, Amelia. W

Yours sincerely,

Miss Reeder.
Headteacher.

Value of the Term: Service



YOU DON'T NEED TO STRUGGLE WITH LIVING COSTS

It can be expensive running a home, particularly for families with young children. This has been made even more difficult recently by global events which mean we are now facing rising heating and petrol costs on top of affording day to day living.

We are a local charity which can offer support to families living in Blewbury, Upton and the Astons who may be struggling to make ends meet. From the cost of the weekly food shop, clothing and equipment for school, to energy bills, or a one-off payment for essential items, we have funds available to help you. **We recognise too, that some parents may need some extra money to finance a school trip.**

If you need help, there is a short application form to complete, which can be collected from the North Porch of St Michael's Church, or you can make a request by emailing us at unitedcharities@outlook.com

We can help you fill in the form so please don't be reluctant to ask for help, and all applications are totally confidential.

United Charities of the Ancient Parish of Blewbury Registered Charity No: 203538

Important Dates	
Tuesday 14 th and Thursday 16 th April	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 rd April	Year 4 swimming starts
Wednesday 29 th April	Banksy Trip to Earth Trust
Monday 11 th May – Friday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 21 st May. 2.30pm	Goldsworthy class parent sharing event
Friday 22 nd May, 2.30pm	O'Keeffe class parent sharing event
Friday 22 nd May	Picasso Class Big Summer Sing (details to follow)
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	Half Term

Wednesday 3 rd – Friday 5 th June	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 4 th June	SEND pupil profile review parents evening
Thursday 18 th June	O’Keeffe class trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thursday 2 nd July, 1.15pm – 3 pm	Sports Day (parents/carers invited to watch)
Thursday 16 th July, 11.15am	Year 6 leavers service in church
Thursday 16 th July, 1.30pm	Summer Term Ends
Friday 17 th July	InSET Day – school closed to pupils

[2025/2026 Term Dates](#)

Community News

OXFORD HOOPS BASKETBALL

SLAM JAM 6 WEEK COURSE
BASKETBALL ENGLAND

Play basketball at:
 OXFORD HOOPS
 CHENEY SCHOOL
 CHENEY LANE
 HEADINGTON
 OXFORD
 OX3 7QH

SATURDAYS
 9 to 11 AM
 6 WEEKS COURSE
STARTS 25-APRIL

SLAM JAM IS BASKETBALL ENGLAND'S OFFICIAL JUNIOR PROGRAMME DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 AND 11.

The programme is jam packed with fun basketball games, festivals and rewards and gives children a great way to learn the basic skills of the game!

Find out more at:
basketballengland.co.uk

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