

Weekly Information Bulletin

Friday 24th April 2026



Family Fun Day - Saturday 27th June 2026

We are excited to be able to provide you with the date of our family fun day 2026. This will take place on Saturday 27th June from 11.00am - 2.00pm at Iffley Academy, we will be holding our annual Family Fun Day for Iffley students and their immediate families.

Previously we have been funded by an external sponsor which stopped in 2024, we have managed to source some funding from Branchout. Due to having limited funding and not having the additional staff from our previous sponsor to support we are only able to invite immediate family to the Fun Day and require numbers to be confirmed in advance.

We will shortly be sending out a letter with a slip for parents/carers to return to let us know if you will be attending this event. Once we have final numbers, students will be issued with tickets for this event.

Update for Parents: New National Guidance on Restrictive Intervention and Reasonable Force in Schools

From April 2026, updated national guidance explains how schools must record and communicate with families if staff need to use restrictive intervention or reasonable force to keep someone safe.

You will already be familiar with our procedure of contacting parents or carers by phone in these situations. Under the new guidance, schools are now also required to provide a written record of every such incident in addition to the phone call.

These situations are rare and are always used as a last resort, when staff need to prevent a pupil from harming themselves, another pupil, or a member of staff.

The guidance strengthens communication with families. This means that if this type of incident occurs, the school must inform parents or carers:

- by phone as soon as possible, and
- in writing, explaining what happened and how the situation was resolved.

Our focus in school is always on prevention, de-escalation and restorative approaches so that pupils feel safe, supported and able to repair relationships when difficulties arise. Sharing information with families helps us work together to understand what happened and support the child moving forward.

If you have any questions about this guidance or about our approach to behaviour and safety, please contact the school. Please click here for further information: [Restrictive Intervention and Reasonable Force in Schools](#)

Term Dates

Please [click here](#) to view our term dates for 2026-2027.

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Medication for school residentials

There are several school residentials coming up over the next few months. There have been a few issues recently with medication that has been sent in for residentials.

Here are a few friendly reminders:

- If this is a prescription medication then it must be labelled, and we can only administer the medication as described on the label.
- Medication must be in date and in its original container.
- Ideally medication will be sealed. If this is not possible then the lot number on the blister must match the lot number on the box.
- We recognise that this is not always possible, but it would be really helpful to have the medication sent in in advance as it can be quite a rush to do all the necessary checks and paperwork on the morning of the residential.

College Open Days

Please find below a list of College open days:

City of Oxford College Open Event - 06.05.26

Activate Learning are holding an open day at City of Oxford College on 6th May from 16:30 - 19:00. Students will have the opportunity to discover their wide range of courses and programmes, meet friendly teachers, tutors, student support staff and current students, speak to the apprenticeship team, find out about HE pathways, chat with Careers Advisors about their options and apply for a course.

[City Centre Campus May Open Event](#)

Abingdon & Witney College Open Day - 17.06.26

Abingdon & Witney College are holding an open day at their Abingdon & Witney campuses on 17th Jun 2026 from 15:30 - 19:00. Students can tour the facilities and find out about the courses on offer. Tutors, course leaders and careers advisers will be available to help them make the right choice, whether that be a study programme, a T Level or an apprenticeship.

[Abingdon & Witney Open Event](#)

Bicester Construction Skills Centre Open Day - 24.06.26

Abingdon & Witney College are holding an open day at their Bicester Construction Skills Centre on 24th Jun 2026 from 16:00 - 19:00. Students can tour the facilities and find out about the courses on offer. Tutors, course leaders and support staff will be available to answer any questions on construction apprenticeships.

[Bicester Construction Skills Centre Open Day](#)

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Oxfordshire Disability Cricket

It is the mission of Oxfordshire Disability Cricket to engage with every child and young adult in the county with any form of Learning and or Physical Difficulty whether in Special or Main-Stream Education.

We will help, encourage and empower them to enjoy life, achieve self-respect, the respect of their peers, be part of a team and reach their full potential through the spirit and joy that cricket brings to us all. This will be achieved by ensuring that we all have fun in developing and reaching those goals.

For more information about the programme please [click here](#), and for the specific address and timing details about each hub session, please contact Head of Oxfordshire Disability Cricket: Richard Giles (rgiles@oxoncb.com).

Brand The Bus - Oxford City Farm

Oxford City Farm is in the running for the 'Brand the Bus' competition, and they need your support to make it happen! Oxford City Farm is a vibrant community hub that connects people with food, farming, and nature to improve well being and environmental awareness, students from Iffley Academy enjoy their weekly visit to Oxford City Farm. If you would like to vote for them please [click here](#). Oxford City Farm are entry number 06.

Lunch Menu Week Commencing 27th April 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Sweet and sour vegetable stir fry Df	Spaghetti bolognese Df/Gf	Roast Chicken Df/Gf	Pork sausages Df	Southern Fried Chicken
Vegetarian		Plant based spaghetti bolognese - Df/V/Gf	Roast Quorn Df/V	Quorn sausages Df/V	Southern fried halloumi
Served With	Noodles Df/V Carrots Df/V/Gf	Spaghetti Df/V Sweetcorn Df/V/Gf	Roast Potatoes Gravy Peas & Carrots Df/V/Gf	Mashed potato Peas Gravy Df/V/Gf	Chips Coleslaw Df/V/Gf
Pudding	Sprinkle cake	Strawberry cheesecake	Double Chocolate chip cookie	Chocolate cornflake cake	Doughnut

There is a daily alternative of: Jacket Potato topped with either beans, cheese or tuna. Baguette/Sandwich filled with either cheese, ham or tuna.

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Monday 11th May 2026	School Photos
Friday 22nd May 2026	End of Term
Monday 1st June 2026	Start of Term
Thursday 16th July 2026	End of Term Three

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