

Weekly Information Bulletin

Friday 1st May 2026



A reminder that Monday 4th May is a bank holiday, we look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday

Online Safety Reminder

As we go into a bank holiday weekend, we'd like to wish all our families a happy and restful extended weekend. Before the bank holiday, we wanted to share a gentle reminder about online safety.

We know many of our pupils stay connected with friends through phones, gaming and messaging apps, especially group chats. These can be a positive way to keep in touch, but they can also sometimes lead to fallouts, unkind messages or worries that follow children back into school.

Over the weekend, it would really help if families could keep an eye on online activity.

Things that make a difference:

- Checking group chats and messages
- Knowing who children are talking to online
- Talking about being kind and respectful in messages
- Reminding children not to share personal information or photos
- Encouraging them to tell you if something doesn't feel right
- Group chats in particular can escalate quickly, and messages sent at home can still have an impact in school.

Thank you, as always, for working with us to keep children safe and supported.

Charney Manor

Our first group of students have returned from their residential at Charney Manor, having had a fantastic and memorable experience.

Throughout the trip, students demonstrated excellent behaviour, showing kindness, respect and cooperation towards one another and staff. They adapted brilliantly to shared living, building friendships and supporting each other in a new environment. The residential has provided a rich range of activities both on-site and in the local area, giving students the opportunity to explore, try new experiences and enjoy time together outside of the classroom. Evenings were filled with games and shared activities, helping to create a real sense of community.

A key focus of the visit has been developing independence skills. Students took responsibility for daily tasks such as preparing food, setting and clearing tables, washing up, organising their belongings and managing personal routines. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow over the course of the stay.

We are incredibly proud of all the students for their positive attitudes and willingness to take on new challenges.



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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 have sent 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.

Keeping Young People Safe Online

During recent annual reviews parents and carers have asked for some ways to help keep their young people safe online. Below are some helpful apps to support online activity:

ParentShield App Quickstart guide - The ParentShield app is a progressive web app (PWA) that allows parents to manage their child's ParentShield SIM card and mobile network settings directly from their own phone. [Click here](#) for further information.

Google Family - Google Family (or Google Family Group) is a service allowing up to six people to share Google services, payment methods, and content, while also offering robust parental controls via the Family Link app. [Click here](#) for further information.

Event at The Leys Campus - Level 1 Sports Taster Day

The Leys Campus, Cuddlesdon Way, Oxford, OX4 6HN - Wednesday 7 May, 2:00 – 4:00pm

This event is open to students interested in sport, fitness, or coaching. They'll have the chance to take part in hands-on activities, meet staff, explore facilities, and experience what studying sport at The Leys College is like.

Sign up via link: [Sports L1 Course Taster Event](#)

Individual School Photos - Monday 11th May 2026

We have booked for the school photographer to come into school on Monday 11th May to take individual school photos. These will be sent home to parents and carers to purchase.

School Uniform

It has been lovely to have some nice sunny weather this week and we appreciate that students will now want to start to wear skirts and shorts to help to keep cool. Please ensure these are of an appropriate length, inline with our school uniform policy these are to be at least knee length.

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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.

Lunch Menu Week Commencing 4th May 2026

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Main Meal | Bank Holiday | Sausage roll | Roast Chicken <i>Df/Gf</i> | Beef chilli <i>Df/Gf</i> | Pepperoni Pizza |
| Vegetarian | | Vegan sausage roll <i>Df/V</i> | Roast Quorn <i>Df/V</i> | 3 bean chilli <i>Df/V/Gf</i> | Cheese & Tomato Pizza |
| Served With | | Potato wedges Beans <i>Df/V/Gf</i> | Roast Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Peas <i>Df/V/Gf</i> | Rice Sweetcorn <i>Df/V/Gf</i> | Chips Corn on the cob <i>Df/V/Gf</i> |
| Pudding | | Chocolate Brownie <i>Df</i> | Flap jack <i>Df/V/Gf</i> | Jam shortbread <i>Df/V</i> | Ice Cream <i>Gf</i> |

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

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 |

Term Dates

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

Next terms menu

Please [click here](#) to view next terms lunch menu. This menu will run from April until the end of this academic year.