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'I came to bring you life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Autumn Term 2 Value: Respect

Friday 12th December

It's Christmas!

It is always such a magical time to be in school at this time of year. Our Woodpeckers put on a truly magnificent performance of 'Ralph the Reindeer'! The costumes, props and set design were brilliant - and of course each child played their part to perfection!



Our Whole School Carol Concert and Nativity is also a highlight of the year and the sense of belonging and joy that radiates throughout the event makes Marsh Baldon CE Primary School a special place to be.



Assemblies this term

This term, we were joined by Rev. Vicky Burton and Sue Lucas (Governor) to lead some of our assemblies. The children have enjoyed learning the Lord's Prayer in sign language, as well as a new song. Be sure to ask them to sing it for you—it's very catchy!

Our Friday assemblies continue to celebrate student individuality and talent. A special shout-out to the Singing Club for their brilliant performance of *Matilda's* 'Revolting Children' last week - what a great way to end the week!

Last week, our Swallows Class also joined a live assembly from Antarctica with special guest, Robert Swan OBE, to find out about why Antarctica is special and why we all need to protect it.



Well done!

Thank you to Tess and our Gardening Club for continuing to care and nourish our garden and outdoor areas.

Tess has also been in school working with all children as part of our Wildflowers project this term.

Santa Drop

Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts for the RAF Benson Santa Drop. We had a message of thanks from Father Christmas and nurses and doctors from the Children's Ward at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Goodbye to Miss Procter

On the final day of term, we will be saying a fond farewell to Miss Procter, who has been a valuable support in Woodpeckers Class and at Breakfast Club. Although her time with us has been short, she has made a wonderful impact. We wish her well as she prepares for university in September.

Reminders for next week

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas dinner and treat: come into school in your **festive wear!**

Thursday 18th December - Silent Disco after school. **Children can wear non-uniform to school.**

Friday 19th December - if the uniforms are washed and packed away for the Christmas holiday, then children are very welcome to **wear non-uniform again!** School finishes at 1:15pm.

Festive Note from the Eco-Council

Please use this guide to choose the right bin for your festive waste
- from wrapping paper and tape, to packaging and glitter.

<https://www.grundon.com/content/uploads/2024/12/A-guide-to-Christmas-waste-FINAL.pdf>



Please take a look at the dates on the following pages.

Best wishes,
From Mrs Hanwell and staff

Dates for the term ahead:

Date	Event
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner and Treat. Festive clothes
Thursday 18th December	Festive Silent Disco & Elf/Reindeer name reveal - non-uniform
Friday 19th December, 1:15pm	End of Autumn Term 2 - non-uniform

Other important dates for the academic year:

Date	Event
Monday 5th January	INSET (No children in school)
Tuesday 6th January	Start of Spring Term 1
Monday 12th January	Swimming sessions start
TBC	Parents Consultations and SEN Reviews
Friday 13th February	End of Spring Term 1
Monday 23rd February	Start of Spring Term 2
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Woodpeckers' Breakfast (parents invited)
23rd - 27th March	Eco-School - Great Big School Clean
Tuesday 24th March	Easter Service
Friday 27th March, 1:15pm	End of Spring Term 2
Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Tuesday 21st April	Peace Ambassadors: Peace Picnic

Wednesday 22nd April	Swallows Breakfast (Parents invited)
Thursday 30th April	School Photographs
Friday 1st May	Maypole Event
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday
11th - 14th May	SATS - Year 6
18th - 22nd May	Kilvrough residential - Years 5 and 6
Friday 22nd May	End of Summer Term 1
Monday 1st June	Start of Summer Term 2
Friday 5th June	Whole School Exhibition
Mon 8th & Tues 9th June	Bikeability - Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 10th June	Peace Ambassadors: Peace Festival
Friday 19th June	Red Kites Breakfast (Parents invited)
Thursday 9th July, 6pm	End of Year Show - Swallows & Red Kites
Friday 10th July, 2pm	End of Year Show - Swallows & Red Kites
Friday 10th July	End of Year written reports to parents
Monday 13th July, AM	Sports Day
Tuesday 14th July	Prayer Spaces
Thursday 16th July	FoMB School treat
Friday 17th July, 9:15am	Leavers assembly - Year 6 parents invited
Friday 17th July, 1:15pm	End of Summer Term



Community Information

OXFORD YOUTH CHOIRS OPEN MORNING 2026

Free, fun taster session
for children
aged 4–18





Saturday 10th January
Cherwell School, North Site

Reception–Year 1: 9:15–10:05am
Year 2–Year 3: 10:10–11:40am
Year 4–Year 6: 9:15–11:10am
Year 7–Year 13: 10:30am–12:30pm

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE → 

MORE INFO: [TINYURL.COM/OYC2026](https://tinyurl.com/oyc2026)

Christmas Workshops

The North Wall Arts Centre

NW Inventors

Ages 8-11

Creative Christmas Cracker!

Monday 22 December
10am - 4pm

A cracker of a workshop to start the Christmas holidays! Get crafty and creative as we explore a range of theatre skills and dive into seasonal storytelling in this hands on, festively-fun workshop and theatre trip. Includes a ticket to see Creation Theatre's *The Nutcracker*.

Tickets £45

YouthLab

Ages 12-17

Stage:Play

Tuesday 23 December
10am - 4pm

Join us this Christmas for Stage:Play – a fast-paced creative skills workshop: improvise, devise, write, direct, build characters, explore movement and PLAY! All wrapped up in a theatre trip.

Includes a ticket to see Creation Theatre's *The Nutcracker*.

Tickets £45



Full burearies available
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Slade Wonderland

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th December 2025
6:00 - 8:30pm
&
Saturday 13th December
1:00 - 5:00pm



Drago and his Sleigh



Fire Safety Grotto
Send a letter to Santa
Christmas Displays & Raffle
Carol Singers & BBQ
and lots more...

Slade Park Fire Station
Horspath Driftway
Headington
OX3 7JG
In aid of
The Fire Fighters Charity

Christmas Holiday Workshops

FOR AGES 5-12

Traditional Winter Wonders

SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER

caper:
Magdalen Road,
Oxford

Half Day: £24
Full Day: £46




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ESTD 2009

2nd January - 1:1s available

9-10am

10-11am

12-1pm

1-2pm

2-3pm

3rd January - CHRISTMAS CAMP

09:00-15:00pm

10-14yrs

£50pp

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4-12 yrs
DEC-JAN
22ND, 23RD, 2ND

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WHEATLEY PARK SCHOOL
WATLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
THE SWAN SCHOOL, OXFORD

WHY JOIN US?

- Perfect way to keep your kids active this holiday.
- Wide range of activities.
- Build confidence and skills.

Super League Basketball Play-off Finals Sunday 17 May 2026 | The O2, London

We're pleased to share access to **specially discounted tickets (over 50% off)** for the upcoming **Super League Basketball Play-off Finals**.

This flagship event signs off the British Basketball calendar, bringing together the top **Men's** and **Women's** teams to battle for the season finale Play-off title in the 2025/26 season.

Schedule

- **12:30pm** – Doors Open
- **1:30pm** – Women's Trophy Final
- **4:30pm** – Men's Trophy Final
- **5:30pm** – Expected Finish

Ticket Offer & Booking

Our school has secured tickets for just **£10 per person** — a saving of over 50% (normal prices: £28 Adult/ £20 Child).



Book your tickets

here: <https://www.britishbasketballshop.com/products/2026playoffprimary>