

Marsh Baldon CE Primary School

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

Autumn Term 1 Value: Integrity

Friday 24th October 2025

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for joining us at our Harvest Festival last week and to Ralph Anderson for playing the organ. Also, thank you for all the donations that have been delivered to Wallingford Food Bank.

We have received a letter of thanks from the Food Bank.



22 October 2025

Carolyn Hanwell
Marsh Baldon C of E Primary School
The Green, Marsh Baldon
Oxford, OX44 9LJ

Dear Mrs Hanwell,

I write on behalf of the Wallingford food bank to thank your students, parents and staff for the donations received yesterday.

We are so grateful that the community at Marsh Baldon primary continues to support us in this way, especially as we are seeing, yet again, significant increases in requests for food from local families.

You have all been very kind.

Yours sincerely

Alice Penney
Manager



It has been a very busy and rewarding term for everyone! We've enjoyed school trips, welcomed visitors, developed leadership roles and taken part in lots of exciting activities both indoors and outdoors — learning so much along the way. Here are some photos of our Woodpeckers taking part in just a few of the wonderful learning opportunities from the past few weeks...

Autumn activities in class



A visit to Harcourt Arboretum



RE - A Sukkot celebration at Forest School



Parent tours

We will be holding parent tours next term to welcome prospective parents - Tuesday 4th, Monday 17th and Saturday 29th November (see the leaflet attached at the end of this newsletter). If you know any families who may be interested then please do spread the word! We love welcoming visitors and see it as a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our fantastic school.

New lunch menu next term

There will be a new menu from Monday 3rd November. If you would like to see the new offerings and look through the choices with your child, they are on the website:

www.marshbaldonschool.co.uk/meals-milk-snacks

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

Wishing you all a happy half-term break! See you all on Monday 3rd November

Best wishes,
From Mrs Hanwell and staff

Dates for the term ahead:

Date	Event
Monday 3rd November	Beginning of Autumn Term 2
Tuesday 4th November, 11am	Prospective Parents' Tour
Thursday 6th November	Youth Ambassadors for Peace Conference
Saturday 8th November	Baldons Bonfire Night (FoMB will have a stall)
Friday 14th November	Children in Need
Monday 17th November, 1:15pm	Prospective Parents' Tour
Thursday 20th November	Football Tournament, Oxford City (Years 5 & 6)
Wednesday 26th November, 9:15am	Parents Coffee Morning
Friday 28th November	Non-uniform - bring a bottle or gift! (FoMB)
Saturday 29th November, 10am	Prospective Parents' Tour
Tuesday 9th December, 2pm	Woodpeckers Nativity
Wednesday 10th December, 9:15 am	Woodpeckers Nativity
Friday 12th December, 2pm	Carol Concert - whole school
Friday 12th December	Bake Sale and Christmas Raffle Draw
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner and Treat
Thursday 18th December	FoMB Festive Silent Disco
Friday 19th December, 1:15pm	End of Autumn Term 2

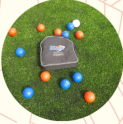
Other important dates for the academic year:

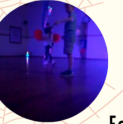
Date	Event
Monday 5th January	INSET (No children in school)
Tuesday 6th January	Start of Spring Term 1
TBC	Parents Consultations and SEN Reviews
Friday 13th February	End of Spring Term 1
Monday 23rd February	Start of Spring Term 2
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Woodpeckers' Breakfast (parents invited)
23rd - 27th March	Eco-School - Great Big School Clean

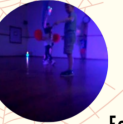
Tuesday 24th March	Easter Service
Friday 27th March, 1:15pm	End of Spring Term 2
Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Wednesday 22nd April	Swallows Breakfast (Parents invited)
Thursday 30th April	School Photographs
Friday 1st May	Maypole Event
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday
11th - 14th May	SATS - 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
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
Friday 17th July, 1:15pm	End of Summer Term

Community Information

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES
October half term
activities
27 – 31 October

 **Xplorer** 

 **Fun Day** 

 **Football** 

For more information and to book, visit
southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities or scan the QR code



Marsh Baldon CE Primary School



"A really lovely family feel school; my child has flourished in his foundation year and is excited to go to school every day"

Tuesday 4th November 11am
Monday 17th November 1.15pm
Saturday 29th November 10am
Book your place now

A local village school in an idyllic rural setting



just 5 minutes from the ring road at Heyford Hill

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GIRLS!

WANT TO JOIN OUR TEAM?

SCHOOL YEARS 4 - 6 : U11 ♦ 7 - 8 : U13
9 - 11 : U16 ♦ 12 - 13 : U18



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super prizes!

expert judges!



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Deadline:
6th November 2025



For Oxfordshire's young people aged 5-16

October Half Term

The North Wall Arts Centre

Ages 8-11 NW Inventors

Musical Theatre - Sing, Dance, Act!
27 - 29 Oct
9am - 12pm

Join us this October half term to explore fun-filled storytelling and characters as you combine acting with singing and movement for an upbeat, musical workshop that's a 'triple-threat'!

"I learned to express myself"

Tickets £60 for 3 half days

Double the Drama, Double the Fun!

SAVE £15 when you book both workshops!

Stage Combat
27 - 29 Oct
1pm - 4pm

Dramatic combat is all about angles – find out how to create effective combat moves at a completely safe distance for scenes that pack a punch!

"Really fun and interactive, highly recommend"

Tickets £60 for 3 half days

Book now: thenorthwall.com/type/workshop
Full bursaries available
To Apply: Email Laura on howellsgreenl@thenorthwall.com

NHS Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

OXFORDSHIRE WE ARE WITH YOU FORUM

JOIN OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY!

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.

TO REGISTER FOLLOW THE LINK OR QR :

www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/involve/oxon/hwt/

ACTIVE ADVENTURES
HOLIDAY CLUB

Give your child an unforgettable school holiday filled with fresh air, freedom and adventure!

Set within 42 acres of stunning woodland in rural Oxfordshire at Youlbury, Boars Hill, children aged 8-16 will take part in a daily programme of non-stop outdoor action. With expert instructors leading the way, creating a safe and supportive environment where children run, climb, explore, and build confidence while unplugging from screens and having a blast with friends in the great outdoors!

What's on offer:

- High-energy adventures such as archery, ziplining, and climbing.
- Fun team building games and problem-solving challenges.
- Survival skills such as shelter building, backwards cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.

When is it:

- May half-term, summer holidays and October half-term (see website for dates).
- 9am-5pm daily.
- Early drop off (from 8am) and late pick-up service (until 6pm) available.
- Participants can attend individual days, or the entire week.

Pricing:
£35 per day, per child. Save 10% on a 5-day block and each additional child.

Book now and join the adventure
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✉ activeadventures@scoutadventures.org.uk
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Find each of Santa's lost reindeer, culminating in a visit to Santa's workshop to meet Santa.

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