



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 10th October 2025

Assemblies

This term we have continued to explore the theme of 'integrity' and have shared stories and situations about people doing the right thing - even when knowing is looking. We have reflected upon what we see, hear and do every day at school, at home and in the community. This week, our **Young Ambassadors for Peace (YAPs)** introduced themselves in assembly and talked about our aim of making our school a peaceful and united place for all. They led 'peace gym' and shared the YAP motto.

This month, we will also be celebrating Black History Month and supporting the theme, 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride.'

Harvest Festival and Food bank

This is taking place at 9:30am on Tuesday 14th October at St Peter's Church. Children will arrive at school as usual for registration. If you would like to accompany us walking over to the church then you are very welcome. Next week, we will also be collecting donations of non-perishable food to donate to Wallingford food bank. Items can be brought into school 13th - 17th October.

Swallows Visit to The Story Museum - 'Here be Dragons' exhibition



A wonderful time was had when our Swallows entered a magical kingdom of dragons. As Wilf said, *"I especially loved the stories shared in The Treasure Chamber; it felt great and brilliant to be there!"*

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.

Stay & Play - Friends of Marsh Baldon

A reminder of the upcoming Stay & Play session after school on Friday 17th October.
To book your child's place, transfer £5 to the Friends of Marsh Baldon School bank account.

Arbor

Thank you for your patience with our new communication system, Arbor. We understand there have been issues with messages going straight to junk - hopefully this has now been rectified. Arbor promises to be a far smoother process for communication - once we have sorted out the 'snagging'!

Reminder - please use Arbor to book a slot for Parents' Evening and SEND Reviews

Don't forget - this term ends for the children on Thursday 23rd October. (Staff have an Inset day on Friday 24th.)

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
Monday 13th - 17th October	Donations for the Food Bank
Tuesday 14th October, 9:30am	Harvest Festival, St Peters Church
Tuesday 14th October & Wednesday 15th October	Parents Consultations and SEND reviews
Wednesday 15th October	IMPS - Year 6
Friday 17th October, 3;10 - 4:15pm	FoMB Stay & play (for Reception - Year 6 children)
Thursday 23rd October, 3.10pm	End of term
Friday 24th October	INSET (no children in school)
Monday 3rd November	Beginning of Autumn Term 2
Tuesday 4th November, 11am	Prospective Parents' Tour
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
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

Information to follow about dates this term:

Dates TBC	Online Safety & Smart Phones
Date TBC	Coffee morning

Other important dates for the academic year:

Date	Event
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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
TBC	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

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!
SCHOOL-AGE UPWARDS**

WALLINGFORD RUGBY

HAVE FUN ~ MAKE FRIENDS ~ LOVE RUGBY

- GIRLS' AND BOYS' RUGBY
- EVERY SUNDAY FROM 10AM
- INCLUSIVE TEAM – WOLVES

3 FREE TASTER SESSIONS

MORE INFORMATION:

 M&J.Enquiries@wallingfordrugbyclub.com
 <https://wallingfordrhc.rfu.club/>
 **Hithercroft Sports Park, Wallingford, OX10 9RB**

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

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WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?

GIRLS!

WANT TO JOIN OUR TEAM?

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

info@abingdoneagles.com



Music Open Day

Come and try our engaging music courses
on Sunday 12 October - book now!

Children start their music journey with us between
the ages of 2 - 7 and can continue through to 18



Matrix Arts Centre
Sutton Courtenay OX14 4UA
www.matrixartscentre.org.uk



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!

Tickets £60 for 3 half days

"Really fun and interactive, highly recommend"

Book now: thenorthwall.com/type/workshop
Full bursaries available
To Apply: Email [Laura on howells@thenorthwall.com](mailto:Laura.on.howells@thenorthwall.com)

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ARTY ANIMALS COMPETITION

WHAT IF YOUR DREAMS HAD WINGS?

super prizes!

expert judges!

Details on how to enter
artschool.org/whats-new/

Deadline:
6th November 2025

For Oxfordshire's young people aged 5-16

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
www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events
✉ activeadventures@scoutadventures.org.uk
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