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

Summer Term 1 Value: Love

Friday 22nd May

Our New Enhanced Pathway – A National Step Forward for Inclusion

We are thrilled to share some significant news regarding our school's commitment to supporting every learner. Marsh Baldon has been selected to host a new **Enhanced Pathway**, a specialist flexible inclusion base designed to support pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

A Nationwide Reform

This development is not just a local update; it is part of a major **UK Government 10-year reform** of the SEND system. These nationwide changes aim to ensure that children receive *"the right support, in the right place, at the right time"*. By opening this pathway, we are at the forefront of a national movement to make mainstream schools more inclusive, reducing the need for children to travel long distances to specialist settings.

Leading the Way in Oxfordshire

The selection process was highly competitive. Out of over 50 schools that applied across the county, Marsh Baldon was one of only twenty successful applicants this year. We are proud to join a network of 60 schools in Oxfordshire dedicated to providing this high-level, bespoke support.

What this means for our school

The Enhanced Pathway allows us to provide a "flexible base" within our school. This means:

- **Bespoke Support:** Pupils can access specialist teaching and resources tailored to their specific needs.
- **Best of Both Worlds:** Children remain a vital part of our mainstream school community and join their peers in class, but have the safety net of a specialist base when they need more intensive support.
- **Increased Expertise:** This initiative brings additional funding and training, upskilling our entire staff team and benefiting every pupil in our three classes.

We are incredibly proud to have been recognised by Oxfordshire County Council as a setting capable of delivering this high-quality provision. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this national reform will have on our pupils as we continue to champion an environment where everyone can thrive.

Further information from the DfE can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/every-child-achieving-and-thriving>

Red Kites

The past two weeks have been a very significant time for our Year 6 children. Last week, they completed their end of Key Stage 2 SATs, and we could not be prouder of how they conducted themselves.

Each morning, they arrived calm, collected and ready to enjoy their 'SATs breakfast' together. Throughout a demanding week, they showed resilience, strength and a positive attitude.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for supporting them, to the parents for getting them to school bright and early, and most importantly, to the children themselves. You are all superstars!



This week, the Year 6 and 5 children are away on their action-packed trip to Kilvrough Manor. They are embarking on canoeing and rock-climbing, alongside plenty of other team-building activities. Beyond the adrenaline, the residential is also a fantastic opportunity for them to develop vital life skills and independence.

We can't wait to hear all their stories - here are some photos:



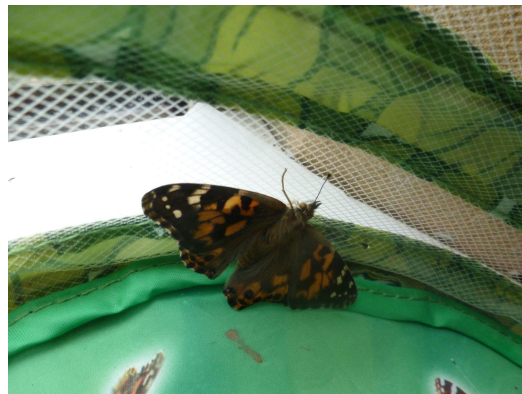


Singing Swallows

We have loved hearing our Swallows class belting out catchy hits like 'Never Ending Story', 'Mamma Mia', 'Believer' and 'Top of the World' around the school and in assembly! On Tuesday, they took to the stage to showcase their fantastic singing talents at 'The Big Sing' alongside other local schools. Well done Swallows!

Woodpeckers

There was lots of excitement on Wednesday this week when the children entered the classroom to find that one of the cocoons had hatched into a beautiful butterfly! Ask your children about the life cycle of a butterfly, and what they have learned on their minibeast hunts. Their knowledge is impressive!



Your Views are Important

Please follow the link to complete our Parents' Questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/mKb52rGQb5RATY428>. Your responses and views are important as they will help us shape the next academic year.

Vacancy - Playworker

We are currently looking for an assistant to work in our after school provision. This is for an immediate start. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in applying, please look at the details on our website: www.marshbaldonschool.co.uk/vacancies or contact the office if you have any questions.

Subsidised milk at school

As you may be aware our school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Midmorning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised cost. If you'd like to opt in, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/parents. If you register by 25/08/26 you could win a supermarket voucher or free milk for a year once your child turns 5!

Young Ambassadors of Peace News

Our YAPs will be presenting at the Peace Festival on 10th June at The Global Retreat Centre.



Peace Festival 2026

Finale! Celebrate the Young Ambassadors for Peace (YAP) and honour their remarkable achievements at this grand finale event. Join us for an experiential exhibition and gain a deeper understanding of peace.

Experience! Experience engaging stage presentations which showcase the YAPs journey, and be part of the conversation that uplifts young voices and drives meaningful change. We warmly welcome everyone to join us in celebrating the achievements of our YAPs at the special award ceremony.

Save the date

JUNE 10 2026	JUNE 12 2026	JUNE 17 2026
OXFORD	LONDON	LEICESTER

Booking Essential

Organised by **BRAHMA KUMARIS**
WORLD SPIRITUAL UNIVERSITY (UK)
Registered Charity no: 269971 (England & Wales)



JUNE 10 2026	JUNE 12 2026	JUNE 17 2026
OXFORD	LONDON	LEICESTER
Wednesday 4:00pm-6:45pm	Friday 4:00pm-7:30pm	Wednesday 5:00pm-7:00pm
Global Retreat Centre Nuneham Estate, Oxford OX44 9PG	Global Co-operation House 65 - 69 Pound Ln, London NW10 2HH	Harmony House, 122 Ross Walk, Leicester LE4 5HH
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REGISTER NOW

SCAN ME **OR click here to register**

Please take a look at the following page for dates and information for next term.

We wish you all a lovely half-term break. Enjoy the sunshine and keep safe!

Best wishes,
Mrs Hanwell and staff

Dates for the term ahead:

Date	Event
Monday 1st June	Start of Summer Term 2
Friday 5th June	Whole School Exhibition
Wednesday 10th June	Peace Ambassadors: Peace Festival
Friday 19th June	Red Kites Breakfast (Parents invited)
Wednesday 24th June	Toplink Sports Festival Year 6
Wednesday 1st-Friday 3rd July	Bikeability Years 5 and 6 <i>*Amended Date</i>
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 Whole School treat
Friday 17th July, 9:15am	Leavers assembly - Year 6 parents invited
Friday 17th July, 1:15pm	End of Summer Term

Community Information

BOOK ONLINE
WWW.TREEHOUSEEDUCATION.CO.UK

**TREEHOUSE PRESENTS
TRAILBLAZER
HOLIDAY CLUB**

Ages 4-11
9:00am to 3:00pm
SIBLING DISCOUNT!

FOREST SCHOOL AND BUSHCRAFT SKILLS

TEAM GAMES AND CAMPIRE COOKING

ARTS AND CRAFTS

W/C 27TH JULY Monday - Wednesday
W/C 10TH AUGUST Monday - Thursday
W/C 24TH AUGUST Monday - Thursday

VIEWS FARM BARN, WINDMILL HILL,
OXFORD, OX44 7NW

"We've been waiting for a club like this!" - Parent at Godstowe school
 "I feel I get my happy child back after bushcraft club!" - Parent at Griffin House School
 "My son loves holiday club. He is already asking when the next one is!" - Parent at Princes Risborough School

Ofsted
Registered





ACTIVE COMMUNITIES
May half term activities
26-29 May

Xplorer

Fun Day

Cricket

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

[/SouthandValeActiveCommunities](https://www.facebook.com/SouthandValeActiveCommunities)

South Oxfordshire District Council | Vale of White Horse District Council | YOU MOVE



LONE WOLF JUNE
05-07 EVERY FESTIVAL 2025

KIDS FESTIVAL 7TH JUNE

Bicester's Next Comedian 2026

10:30 TO 14:30

from £20 adults £1.00

THE MIGHTY KIDS beatbox comedy show + food+games+joke competition+dance+more

PINGLE FIELD BICESTER
LONEWOLF.COMEDY.CO.UK



May Events

The North Wall Arts Centre

Family Music
Ages 2 - 7

The Family Folk Show
Sat 9 May 11.30am & 2pm

Award-winning folk duo Megson blend their infectious mix of heavenly vocals and lush harmonies into a gentle, entertaining concert specially for younger children, featuring children's folk songs old and new from their WHEN I WAS A LAD & LITTLE BIRD albums.

Tickets £12 (£8 child, under 2s free)

NW Inventors
Ages 8-11

Improvisation
Tue 26 - Wed 27 May
9am - 12pm

Join us for a playful and brave exploration of thinking on our feet, going with the flow and being faced with the unexpected all whilst we learn the golden rules of improvisation and performance. Expect plenty of games, lots of laughs and heaps of fun!

Tickets £40 / Full bursaries available

The North Wall, South Parade, Oxford OX2 7JN
Book now: thenorthwall.com



PAINT ABINGDON PINK

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, DELICIOUS FOOD AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL. JOIN US ON SATURDAY 4TH JULY AS THE MARKETPLACE TURNS PINK FROM 10AM UNTIL 5PM. FREE ENTRY AND NO BOOKING REQUIRED.

AG INST
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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 Youldbury, 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, backwoods cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.

When is it:

- Running throughout February, Easter, May, Summer and October school holidays (see website for dates).
- 8.30am - 5.30pm daily (activities run 9am - 5pm)
- 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
 Scout Adventures Youldbury, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HD



Scout Adventures is owned and operated by The Scout Association, Reg Charity number: 305101 (England and Wales). Registered address: The Scout Association, Silverdale, Chingford, London, England E4 7DA



MAY 2026

WHAT'S ON MAY HALF TERM

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA



LUMINARIUM



OXFORDSHIRE YFC COUNTRY SHOW



DESIGN A BAG - OXFORD MUSEUM

HALF TERM IDEAS NEAR OXFORD

This May Half Term is jam-packed with things to do, places to go, parks, walks, events and spectacles!

Visit Oxford Rocks website to make planning your half term holidays easy and inspiring - there's so much to do!

EVENTS



FREE



OUTDOORS



WWW.OXFORDROCKS.CO.UK  

FREE soap PLAY & ACTIVITIES

southoxford ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

REGISTER ONLINE!

10am - 4pm

28 MAY | 7+ Kids only | No Grown ups!

29 MAY | Everybody welcome!



South Oxford Adventure Playground
Just off Whitehouse Road, OX1

www.soapoxford.org.uk



Spring on the farm

**27th - 31st May
10am - 3.30pm**

**May Half Term @ Wittenham Clumps
Seasonal farmyard fun
for all the family!
Earth Trust Farm OX14 4QZ
<https://earthtrust.org.uk/events/spring-on-the-farm/>**

