

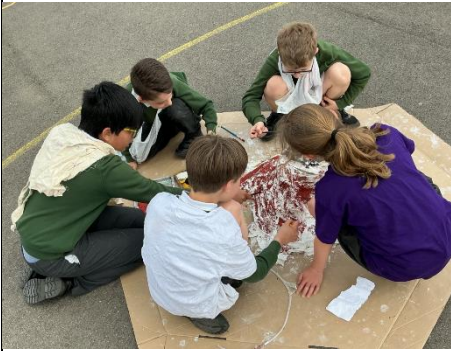
## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and productive couple of weeks in school, with our pupils continuing to demonstrate our core values of unity and success in all that they do. It has been a pleasure to see such commitment, enthusiasm, and collaboration across every year group.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate and celebrate our Year 6 pupils for successfully completing their SATs week. They have shown great determination and resilience in the lead-up to these assessments, working incredibly hard and displaying a positive attitude throughout.

In addition, Year 4 have been impressing us all with some truly fantastic and creative learning experiences.

Over the past few weeks, the children have been working together in unity to design and build their very own volcanoes.



Their teamwork, curiosity, and excitement have been wonderful to witness. Please keep an eye on Dojo to see their projects in action—particularly the much-anticipated live eruptions!

Across the school, I have also been extremely impressed by the high quality of work in our class reading journals. The children have shown great dedication in sharing their love of reading, thoughtfully engaging with texts and proudly presenting their ideas to their peers. This collective effort reflects a growing culture of reading for enjoyment that is evident throughout our school community.



Looking ahead, we are excited to begin our upcoming Health and Well-being Week. Throughout the week, the children will explore our school values through a wide range of engaging activities, including skipping workshops, online safety sessions, healthy eating projects, and our much-anticipated Sports Day. We are looking forward to a week that promotes both physical and emotional well-being, while encouraging teamwork and personal growth.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Amy Peace  
Assistant Head

VALUE OF THE TERM

## INSPIRE

We develop curiosity, risk taking and a love of learning in a creative environment.



*'For nothing is impossible with God' Luke 1:37*



On 30 April, as part of the culmination of the Month of the Military Child, Alaina and Mrs Cockett accompanied our Key Stage 2 Forces children for the annual RAF Falcon's Launch Day.

St John's has attended this event for the past several years and this year's event did not disappoint! We were lucky enough to have beautiful weather, which made the walk to RAF Brize Norton a bit easier.

After enjoying a picnic lunch at the sports field on camp, the children were very excited to see the Falcons jump from the C-17 aircraft.

Following the jump, the children were able to speak with one of the Falcons about what it is actually like to jump from an airplane as a job! In addition, the children were also able to try on some of the kit used by the Falcons.

It was a great day and we look forward to going again next year.

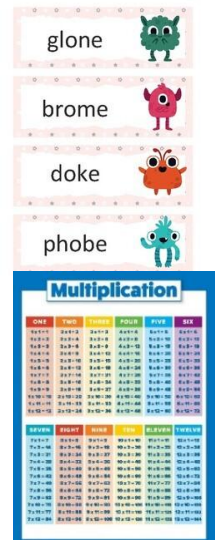
## Forthcoming Events

### Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

During the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June, Year 1 children will complete the national phonics screening check. This involves the children reading to an adult 40 words (some that are real words and some that are 'alien' words using their phonological understanding). The Year 1 team will be sending further information out via Class Dojo about this assessment and how parents can help their children. More information can be found here: [Phonics screening check: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

### Year 4 Multiplication Check

Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June, all Year 4 children have to complete a national times table assessment online of 25 questions to assess the extent to which each child has met the end of Year 4 national curriculum expectations. You can support your child by encouraging them to play TT Rockstars regularly at home and helping them recall their tables up to 12 x 12. More information can be found here: [Multiplication tables check: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)



### **Health Week 2026**

During the last week of term, we will be holding a whole school Health focus week. Over the week the children will be combining work in science, PSHE and PE linked to this theme.

### **Please can children wear their PE Kit to School all this week.**

We will hold our annual sports days this week as follow:

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Nursery Sports Day 9.30am. Nursery PM children are invited to come in and participate.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Reception Sports Day 1.30pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Year 3-6 Sports Day 9.30am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Year 1&2 Sports Day 1.30 pm



We also have a number of other events during the week, including skipping workshops kindly funded by the PTA.

Family Fun Day for Nancy – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026

As some of our school community may already be aware, Nancy H, one of our Year 2 children has been fighting leukaemia over the course of this school year. We are excited to share that a Family Fun Day will be taking place on 14<sup>th</sup> June to raise funds for the ward that has cared for Nancy whilst she's been having her treatment. Please see the below poster for more information and we hope you can join us on the day!

**CHARITY**  
**FAMILY FUN DAY!**

In Aid of Kamren's Ward, John Radcliffe Hospital  
For a Special Little Girl **Nancy** from Carterton  
♥ Fighting Leukaemia ♥

**JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> • 10AM - 4PM**  
**MARIGOLD SQUARE, CARTERTON**

Stalls • Face Painting • Fun Fair Rides  
Bouncy Castle • Animals • Live Music  
Sweets • Ice Cream • Bar & Much More!

*Come Along & Support Little Nancy!*

## General Reminders

### Summer Uniform and Expectations

We are now in our summer uniform as follows: **Bottle green polo tops may be worn, grey shorts, green and white check summer dresses, white socks in summer are permitted with skirts or dresses.**



Please can we also remind parents of our school uniform policy and expectations as we have seen an increasing number of children not in the correct uniform or footwear recently:

**St John's green sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo (purchased from PMG Schoolwear). This is the only item that has the logo that is compulsory.**



### Footwear

**Black school shoes (trainers, ballet pumps, open-toed sandals and boots are not permitted)**

With the exception of the St John's sweatshirts and cardigans (with the school logo) which are compulsory and can only be ordered from PMG Schoolwear, all other items can be purchased from a range of high street stores and supermarkets.



**ClassDojo**

Class Dojo is also used to share with you what your children have been doing in school as well as a means to share notices and reminders.



**Please remember though that we do not use the messaging facility on Dojo.**

**All messages for teachers should be directed to the school office in person, by phone (01993 843124) or email ([office.2613@st-john.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2613@st-john.oxon.sch.uk))**

Please contact the School Office or the Oak and Beech class teachers if you do not have access to Tapestry as this is the main form of communication of all events, timetable changes, reminders and child observations.

Find us on Facebook at: [stjohnsschoolcarterton](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcarterton)



### Superstar Fundraiser

Well done to Lorelai Smith from Sycamore Class for raising almost £500 for Little Princess Trust by cutting and donating over 12 inches of her hair!

## Pastoral Team News

### Safeguarding Children

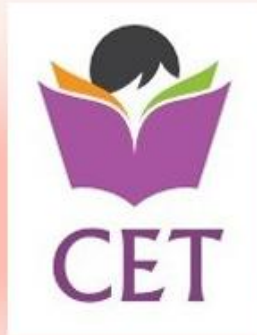
If you have any concerns about a child relating to Safeguarding, please get in touch with one of our Safeguarding Leads immediately by contacting the school directly on 01993 843124.

If you are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly who will be able to advise you. If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

**Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mark Smith (Headteacher)**

**Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Amy Peace (Assistant Headteacher), Kayleigh Smith (Assistant Headteacher) and Alaina Tabern (Child and Family Support Worker)**

Carterton Education Trust will consider grant applications from any of our families, especially if you are struggling to afford uniform.



## Carterton Educational Trust

Are you a member of the Carterton community and want a small grant to:

- Learn a new skill?
- Help to buy school uniform?
  - Take up a sport?
  - Learn an instrument?
  - Gain a qualification?
- Purchase books for University?

Then contact us!

Email: [cartertoneducationaltrust@hotmail.com](mailto:cartertoneducationaltrust@hotmail.com)

Web: [www.cartertoneducationaltrust.weebly.com](http://www.cartertoneducationaltrust.weebly.com)



# Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children

Microwaving NEEDOH Toys and Squishies

Parents and Carers Guide

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

A viral trend is encouraging children to microwave squishy silicone toys, known as NEEDOH toys or squishies, among other names (Jelly Cubes, Nice Cubes) in order to make them softer and more pliable. Often, the packaging warns against this, but children are ignoring it because online videos and trends on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube encourage them to do the opposite. The toy feels cool to the touch after microwaving, but bursts when squeezed, spraying boiling material on hands, neck and face. A child in Bristol was seriously hurt on 4th May 2026 and children in America have experienced significant burns and injuries. This has happened to children as young as seven.

*Please note - Your child does not need to have searched for this. The algorithm shows it to children based on other content they have watched.*



## IF YOUR CHILD HAS ONE OF THESE TOYS

It is natural to feel concerned, but the most important thing is to remain calm. Children are far more likely to talk to you, now and in the future, if they know they will be met with a steady response rather than alarm.

This is also a valuable opportunity. What your child sees online, from friends or from trends, does not always show the full picture or the consequences. Safety conversations are not about restricting their fun, they are about making sure they understand how to protect themselves and others.



## STARTING THE CONVERSATION

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- Use the toy as a natural conversation point rather than sitting them down for a formal talk.
- Tell them simply that children their age have been seriously hurt following this trend. Reality carries more weight than a rule.
- Avoid taking the toy away without explaining why as providing a reason builds trust. Removing it without understanding may lead a child to hide things from you.
- If the toy feels too firm, the manufacturer's recommendation to soften it is to knead it with your hands for a few minutes. Encourage them, or help them, to do this instead.
- If they have already seen the videos, remain calm. The algorithm does its job quietly. What matters is the conversation that follows.



## KEY POINTS TO DISCUSS...

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- The toy looks and feels completely normal after microwaving, the outside stays cool to the touch. But inside, it has reached temperatures as hot as boiling water so when squeezed, it bursts and dangerous hot liquid can explode.
- The injuries include severe burns, potential scarring and in some cases, a risk to eyesight. Some children have been hospitalised because of the trend.
- Remind them it could hurt anyone nearby - a friend, a sibling, whoever is in the room when it bursts.
- Online videos are designed to look like helpful tips, sometimes to get more followers. They do not always show what happens afterwards.
- If a friend suggests trying it, knowing and explaining the real danger makes it much easier for them to say no.
- If they have already tried it, or something has worried them, they are not in trouble. What matters is that they are safe.



If your child is worried or needs help, make sure they know they can always come to you first or an adult they trust. They can also:

- Talk to a trusted adult at school – their teacher, a youth worker or the school Safeguarding Lead or Child Protection Co-ordinator.
- Contact Childline, free, confidential and available any time
- If they have been hurt, seek medical attention straight away - call 999 immediately. Burns from this can continue to cause damage after the initial contact.

Please do not search for this on TikTok or Instagram yourself. Every search feeds the algorithm and makes this content more visible to others. For news coverage, use the links below and share this and our alert with friends and family to raise awareness.

For verified news coverage: [BBC News](#) | [The Independent](#)

If your child has seen these videos or even tried this trend, do not react with panic or anger. That is the response most likely to close the conversation down. Staying calm keeps the door open, and an open door to conversations with adults they can trust is what makes children safer.

## SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

Childline – free, confidential support for children and young people: 0800 1111 | [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

NSPCC Helpline – support and advice for adults with concerns about a child: 0808 800 5000 | [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)



## Library News

Thank you to all the parents/carers who are responding to the overdue library book letters. It is much appreciated. If your child brings home an overdue library book letter, please respond to it. If there are any problems, please email [library@st-john.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:library@st-john.oxon.sch.uk)

### Brand New Library Books

This week a large order has been placed for brand new books. The children are encouraged, and have requested, a number of the new books. The books chosen are dyslexia friendly and for reluctant readers, books awarded the British Book Awards 2025, football books, graphic novels, picture books, wildlife books and reference books.

Margaret Hewitt  
Librarian



Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

### Free Photography Competition for Arts Week

The theme is "where we live"

There are 3 age categories

Primary school, secondary school & adult



Send us your photo of a scene in Carterton by 30<sup>th</sup> May

In jpeg format to [ConnectingCarterton@gmail.com](mailto:ConnectingCarterton@gmail.com)

Subject heading 'Photo Competition 2026'

Provide your: name, mobile number, email, age category

Photo location and your photo title



Winning entries displayed and prizes awarded on 7<sup>th</sup> June  
At the Carterton Arts Week Exhibition 2-4pm in the WI Hall

## Attendance and Punctuality

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Thank you to parents for getting your children into school on time so that they do not miss any learning or feel unsettled because they have arrived after routines have been established for the day.

In line with our school policies, please remember to communicate your child's absence everyday by 9am at the latest. If your child is absence and has a school lunch booked, please remember to cancel their lunch via SchoolGrid. This saves on wasted food and an unnecessary charge.

**Reporting your child as absent:** As a school we have a duty of care to safeguard all our children. Ensuring children attend school regularly is part of the safeguarding duty for both school and parents and absences MUST be recorded in registers with reasons for the child not attending each day.

Please can we politely remind parents that you must contact the school and notify us of your child's absence before the school day starts. Lateness is recorded from 8.45am when registers are taken.

Any child absent without a valid reason provided by parents or carers by 9.15am has to be marked as an unauthorised absence. The Local Authority monitor the school registers and if you are not reporting your child's absence this could result in families being referred to the Attendance Team as your child is then classed as 'Missing Education'.

This is why it is so important we are notified on each and every morning of absence please.

Each week we promote and celebrate good attendance across the school. Research shows that poor attendance limits pupils' life chances, impacts on children's academic success but more worryingly adversely affects children socially and emotionally.

We do not authorise family holidays in term time, long weekends, or special visits/trips/half days for example. At the end of the school year we have blocked INSET days to support families in booking holidays before other schools across the country break up. As you may have seen on the news at the start of term, the government have tightened regulations on persistent absence and the use of penalty notices for term time holidays.



### Attendance this term:

Whole school target: Each child to have attendance above 96%

Class	w/b: 13/04	w/b: 20/04	w/b: 27/04	w/b: 05/05
Oak	95.7%	96.3%	91.3%	99.6%
Beech	95.7%	97.0%	94.0%	97.5%
Elm	95.2%	93.8%	98.6%	98.3%
Horse Chestnut	92.7%	94.0%	94.3%	96.7%
Ash	91.1%	94.3%	90.7%	90.0%
Hazel	100%	97.0%	98.6%	95.7%
Cedar	96.7%	95.3%	95.0%	100%
Rowan	97.0%	95.7%	95.7%	93.8%
Holly	95.9%	97.4%	91.5%	91.7%
Silver Birch	99.0%	95.2%	95.9%	99.6%
Sycamore	96.7%	96.0%	95.3%	99.6%
Maple	94.1%	93.4%	93.8%	95.7%
Walnut	93.2%	94.2%	93.5%	97.6%
Willow	96.1%	96.5%	97.7%	98.4%
<b>% Attendance Whole School</b>	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>95.4%</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	<b>96.7%</b>

## PTA News

### 🌸 Save the Date - The First Ever St. John's Fest! 🌸

Join us on **Sunday 5th July 2026 (11am–3pm)** as St. John's School comes alive for what promises to be a fantastic afternoon of fun. Expect live music, sport, games, food, bar and so much more....

### ⚽ Football Tournament

Help us kick things off with our 5-a-side football tournament! Teams must be made up of children from the school, with two age groups:

- Years 1 & 2 tournament
- Years 3-6 tournament (*maximum of two Year 6 players per team*)

Start planning your teams now and be part of the very first St. John's Fest tournament!  
More details to follow from Mr Lamb.

### 🎵 Live music at the festival

We are excited to have live music throughout the festival, with a fantastic line up of performances on stage! If you or your child are in a band please contact Mrs Stripe. We are currently putting together the set list and would love to hear from any budding performers.

### 👥 We Need You! Volunteers Wanted

As this is our first festival, we'd love your help to make it truly special:

- Football referees & coaches
- Stall holders
- Helpers for games and activities
- General event support

Whether you can give a little time or a lot, you'll be helping us launch something really special for our school community.

Please get in touch with the PTA by emailing - [pta@st-john.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-john.oxon.sch.uk) if you can volunteer or for more information.

### 🎫 Tickets Coming Soon!

Tickets will be available to pre-order soon, so keep an eye out and be ready to join us for this exciting first event.

We can't wait to see you there!

# DIARY DATES

## Term Dates for 2025-2026

### Term 5

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

### Term 6

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

INSET Days: Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September, Friday 3rd October, Monday 5th January, Monday 20th July

May Day Bank Holiday (school closed): Monday 4th May 2026

## Term Dates for 2026-2027

### Term 1

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2026

### Term 2

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

### Term 3

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027

### Term 4

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

### Term 5

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027

### Term 6

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027

INSET Days: Tuesday 1st September, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

May Day Bank Holiday (school closed): Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027

**We may add to the following dates as school and community events are confirmed.**

WB 18<sup>th</sup> May: Health Week

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Year 6 Swimming starts

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 9.30am: Nursery Sports Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1.30pm: Reception Sports Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9.30am: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1.30pm: Year 1 & 2 Sports Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1.15pm: Year 5 & 6 Home, Fire & Road Safety Talk

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Half Term break**

1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 Multiplication Check

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Reception Pirate Workshop

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

WB 8<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Phonics screening checks

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Family Fun Day for Nancy

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 Overnight Residential

WB 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Whole school STEM focus week

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Visit to Hill End

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am – 3.00pm: St John's Fest

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Year 2 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Shuffle up day – children spend the day in new classes

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 4.30 – 6.30pm Open evening

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am: Year 6 Leavers assembly

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 4.30 – 6.30pm: Year 6 Leavers Party

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm: End of Term



# ATTENTION PARENTS!

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(AS SEEN ON  
TV)

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JUNIORS 7 - 11 YEARS / 18:00 - 18:50

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Our award winning MINIS dance programme is specifically designed to support children aged 3 to 6 in developing confidence, coordination, listening skills, and self control. Through fun, structured movement and music, children learn discipline, respect, and positive behaviour while building a strong foundation for learning and self expression.

Our JUNIORS dance programme works hand in hand with a child's school life, providing many benefits both physically and mentally. Through focused and consistent training, students are taught the value of dedication, teamwork, and perseverance, learning that with effort and commitment, worthwhile goals are achievable.

Our TEENZ dance programme is designed to support older children and teenagers in building confidence, discipline, and self belief. Students develop creativity, fitness, and resilience while learning how to express themselves positively, work as part of a team, and challenge themselves in a supportive environment.

[WWW.MFDANCE.CO.UK](http://WWW.MFDANCE.CO.UK)



FREE TRIAL | FREE UNIFORM | MONEY BACK GUARANTEED



# FOOTY KIDS

INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN

HOLIDAY  
PROGRAMME

## EASTER & MAY HALF TERM FOR AGES 4-12

Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road, Ducklington, OX29 7US

**Dates:** Mon 30th Mar - Thu 2nd Apr, Tue 7th Apr - Fri 10th Apr  
Tue 26th May - Fri 29th May

**Time:** 9.30am to 2.30pm (drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

**Cost: £20/day** 15% discount for bookings made 1 week prior start date

Daily Tournaments • Fun Games • Themed Days  
Plenty of Fun • Lots of Smiles

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones. Instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces. Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!



To register your child, please go to [www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids](http://www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids)

 [www.footykids.org](http://www.footykids.org)  [tomspeers@footykids.org](mailto:tomspeers@footykids.org)  Footykids

 or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 082

## Family day, BBQ and party - have fun, help cure Motor Neurone Disease (MND) - 11th and 12th July 2026

Get ready for **Dukefest!!** – the 4th epic summer party.

With bands, DJs, family fun and the best BBQ food you will ever eat!!

The event, in Woodstock is organised by The MND Army. A family living in Witney.

- FIVE BBQs: head chefs from The Duke, Back Lane Tavern and OXTWO creating some of the best food you will ever taste\* 😊
- Bands: including headliners Inflatables and the Rock Hoppers (Saturday) and Marlia Rae (Sunday). Plus DJs
- Games, Tony Payne Puppets and Teddy Tombola (Sunday), and art from [artistsagainstmnd.org.uk](http://artistsagainstmnd.org.uk)
- Saturday will be the usual mix of a chilled atmosphere and a chance to boogie. Sunday is more family oriented, still with a festival vibe

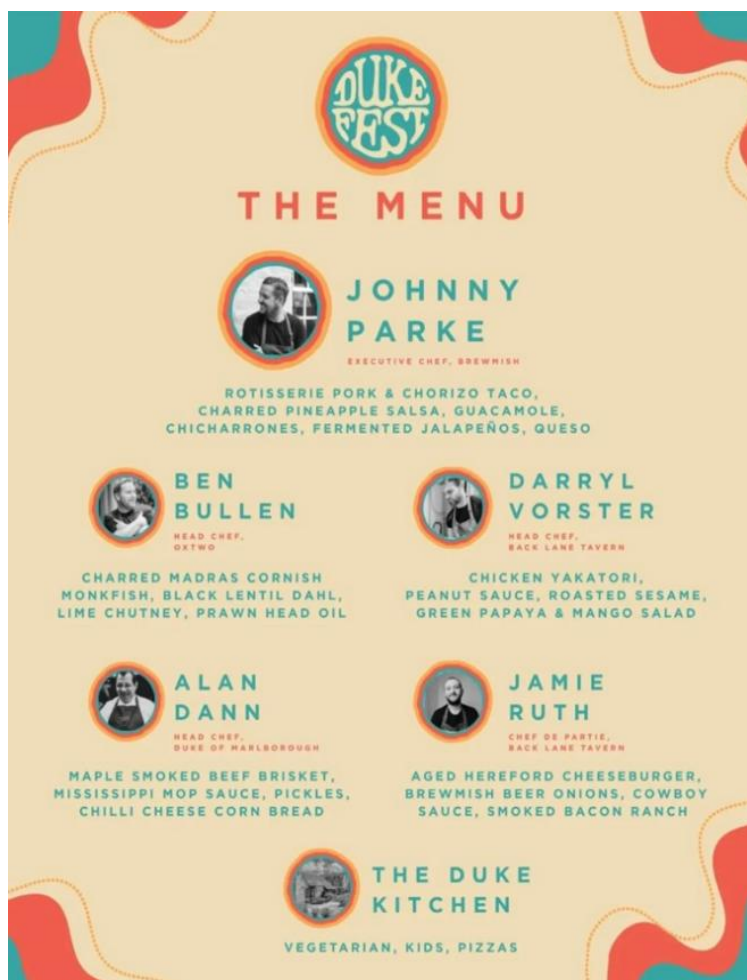
\*As well as the incredible BBQ food, there will be usual staples, such as pizza and burgers.



To book, please call The Duke on 01993 811460.

Should you wish, you can also donate here

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dukefest2026-have-fun-cure-mnd>





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SUMMER

# SCHOOL HAKUNA MATATA

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Join us to dance, sing and act our way to a performance in three days



27th-29<sup>th</sup> July 2026 | Carterton Community Centre  
10am-3pm | Ages 5 to 11

£105 per student

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**Hedgehog Club May Half Term at Hailey Community Wood, nr Witney**  
**9.30am -3.30pm (Early drop off and Late pick available)**  
**27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**



Would your child like to spend a day outside building dens, bug hunting, using tools and knives and lighting fires? Then why not book a place on the Hedgehog Club May half term activity days. They cost £43 per child for a whole day which includes hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits and campfire snacks all day. £53 for early drop off from 8.30am and late pick up, up to 5pm.

Booking is through the website and follow the booking links.

[www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk](http://www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk)

Joining instructions will be sent to everyone the week before. See you there.

Email Mandy @ [thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com](mailto:thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## MAY Half Term

# Holiday Tennis Camps

## Ages 4 - 16 years old

### WITNEY TENNIS CLUB

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**





**Week Long Booking Details:**  
**Mornings:**  
 9am - 1pm - Ages 4 - 16 Years Old - £153.60

**Short Course:**  
 9am - 11am - Ages 4 - 7 years Old - £76.80

**Individual Day Booking Details:**  
**Mornings:**  
 9am - 1pm - Ages 4 - 16 Years Old - £48

**Short Course:**  
 9am - 11am - Ages 4 - 7 years Old - £24

**Fun and Educational**

**No experience needed**

**Small Group Sizes - Limited Spaces Available**

**Flexible Bookings - Full Week or Individual Days**

**Led by friendly, certified coaches**

**Childcare Vouchers Accepted**

**All Equipment Provided**



[info@exceltennis.co.uk](mailto:info@exceltennis.co.uk)

[www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk](http://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk)





This May half-term join us at Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury for a week of Mythical family fun!

23 - 31 May 2026

### Mythical May Family Crafts

Monday 25 May – Decorated Book Boxes (4-11yrs)

Tuesday 26 May – Dragon Marionettes! (4-11yrs)

Wednesday 27 May – Merlin's Potion Jars (4-11yrs)

Thursday 28 May – Nature Sprite Puppets (4-11yrs)

Friday 29 May – Spy Craft! With Mark Creasy (5-11yrs)

**Join us for fun activities every Bucks school holiday!**

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### Explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Step into the magical world of Roald Dahl's stories. Crawl through Fantastic Mr Fox's tunnel, investigate minibeasts inside the Giant Peach, and explore sound with the BFG in this much-loved, hands-on gallery. Packed with playful exhibits inspired by Roald Dahl's stories, it's a joyful way for children to discover science and the world around them.

Open daily over May Half Term



### The SAXONS are here!

- Meet the Saxons through engaging films, sounds, and immersive experiences.
- Hands-on interactives and digital storytelling bring history vividly to life.
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## Living History Village and Dragon Parade

When: 21st June 2026, 11:00am

Where: Burford High Street

Tickets: Free (No Tickets Required)

Join us for a day of festive fun for all the family.

For the first time since the 1970s, a dragon will be returning to our High Street. The dragon parade was a popular annual event commemorating a famous battle in Burford between King Aethelbald of Mercia and King Cuthred of the West Saxons in AD 752.



From 11.00am Hwitmeorum the Oxfordshire group of Regia Anglorum, a national re-enactment group, will be demonstrating skilled crafts of the period in their Living History Village in the grounds of the Primary School. At 11.30am combat warriors will prepare themselves for battle and, along with heralds, will make their way to the recreation ground bearing banners.

At 1.15pm, after the children's fancy dress costumes are judged and prizes given, there will be a combat re-enactment by the warriors on the recreation field.

At 2.00pm the Dragon Parade will be lead down Burford Hill to the Living History Village at the Primary School where tea, cakes and drinks will be available, courtesy of the Parent Teacher Association.

Morris dancers and Burford School Jazz Band will perform along the route and the Living History Village and fête will end at 3.00pm.

**STAGE COACH**

# SUMMER WORKSHOPS

**STAGECOACH SUMMERTOWN & WITNEY**

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More information (including prices) & how to book on the websites (addresses on reverse)

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Non Stagecoach students welcome!  
Over the week students will learn, rehearse and perform for friends and family on the Friday.  
Our workshops are incredibly popular and often sell out, book now to avoid disappointment!

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**Ages 8-18**  
Summertown (The Swan School) 3-7<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Witney (Wood Green School) 10-14<sup>th</sup> Aug  
10-4pm Mon-Thurs, 10-6:30pm Friday.  
Show at 5:30pm

**JUNIOR SCHOOL MUSICAL**

**Ages 4-7**  
Summertown (The Swan School) 3-7<sup>th</sup> Aug  
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9:30-1pm Daily, Show at 12:15pm Friday  
Additional childcare available Mon - Thurs until 4pm for £20 per day.  
Email for more info and to book

**SHOWMAN**

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Summertown (The Swan School) 10-14<sup>th</sup> Aug  
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Show at 5pm Friday

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