

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Oxford

*"Let us protect with love all that God has given us"*  
(Pope Francis 19.03.2013)



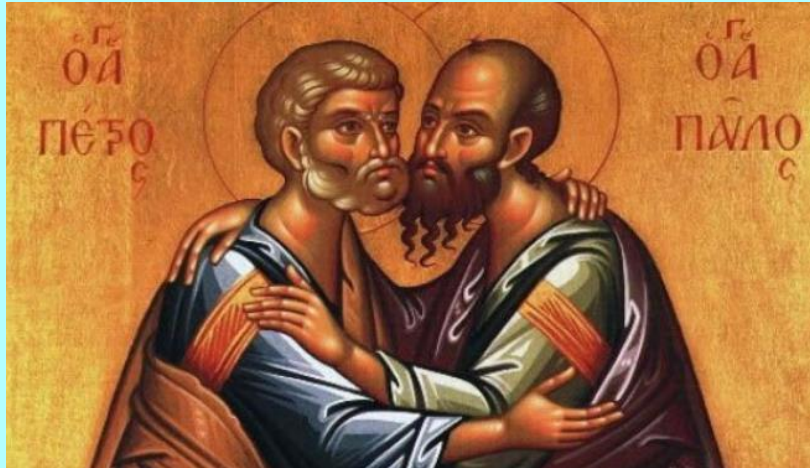
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30<sup>th</sup> June 2023



*God our Father, today we remember your courageous Saints Peter and Paul.  
Through you Holy Spirit you encouraged them to go out and share your love with the world.  
Make us strong in heart like St Peter, let us see and speak the truth like St Paul.  
Amen*

Dear Families,

This week, we celebrated the Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul. We were delighted to celebrate with our Confirmandi and Communicants - congratulations all!

We have so much to share since the last newsletter. Amongst other things, Year 6 had a very successful trip to Stone Farm in Devon. We had an English Rugby International Player and former St Joseph's pupil come and talk to Key Stage 2 and an Athletics Competition for LKS2. Please read more in the newsletter.

There is so much more to happen before this academic year ends! Please, do look at the dairy dates. I wanted to flag the ***Sports Day family picnic*** on the field. This is a traditional, family event. Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be in the morning. There is then a picnic lunch on the field where families (from the whole school) bring a picnic to share with their children, who join them. Then Key Stage 2 have their Sports Day in the afternoon. Everyone is most welcome. We will send out further communication next week and pray for good weather! Children whose families are unable to come are well looked after by staff.

Enjoy your families this weekend and we look forward to rolling into the end of term.

Warm wishes

Jess Tweedie  
**Headteacher**

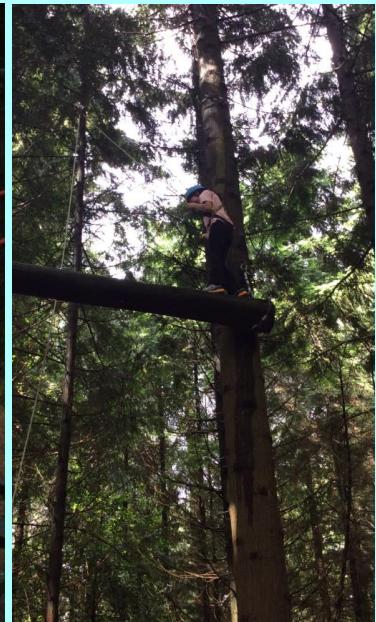
### International Day

Due to planned strike action next week, and not being able to fit it in before the end of term, we have decided to postpone International Day until the third week in September. We look forward to celebrating with you then.

### Stone Farm Residential

Stone Farm was a wonderful experience, we were split into two houses Applestone and Farmhouse and we had farm jobs to do every day. The jobs included: feeding the goats (Ben & Jerry), feeding the alpaca, moving rabbits and guinea pigs to their runs and feeding the Kune-Kune pigs. We got to play with the animals and they were so cute. The guinea pigs and rabbits were the most popular, everyone wanted to keep them! We did brilliant activities every day. On Monday we had a tour of the farm, learnt about our jobs and unpacked. On Tuesday, we went to a place called Treetop Surfers where we did a high ropes course, there were zip lines, walkways, bridges and obstacles. Most of the time we were so high up in the trees! When we got back to the farm we played in the Hay Bale Maze and the games room. The games room consisted of pool tables, ping pong tables and foosball tables. On Wednesday we went on a hike in Dartmoor with a guide who told us about the stories and legends of the moor. He told us one really creepy story about a witch who clapped three times and raised her hand up and down to raise a mist, which led to people falling into a bog. On Thursday we went to the beach at a place called Widemouth, we paddled and played in the Atlantic Ocean and went rock pooling. When we came back to the farm we had a disco. The food was so nice and I would recommend the trip to all the younger pupils at our school.

Year 6 pupils







### End of Year Reports

Reports are in the process of being finalised. We hope to get these out to you in the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> July

### Open Book Afternoon

On Tuesday we welcomed families into school to look through their children's books. It was lovely to see how proud the children were of their work, and how much they enjoyed sharing it with parents and carers.

### SS Peter and Paul Mass and Sacramental Celebration

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June was the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul; we combined Mass with a celebration of all our pupils who have made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It was so lovely to see children wearing their beautiful outfits again, they signed our special school book and received a momento of the occasion as a gift from school. Thank you to Canon Mervyn for leading our Mass, to the children for their prayerful and joyful participation and to all the parents who joined us for the celebration.

Mrs E Hanlon



### Uniform Swap Shop

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, we held our final Swap Shop for this academic year. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated and to those who have chosen to use good quality, second-hand uniform rather than buying new this year. As always, if you were not able to make the Swap Shop but do require uniform for your child/ren for the new academic year, please contact the school office.

If you have any donations of uniform we will be very happy to receive them in the new academic year, but we would like to ask that **no more donations are handed over until September.**

We are so glad that the Swap Shops have been so successful and look forward to holding more next year!

Mrs Haines, Mr James and the Eco-Council



### Year 5 Retreat

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Year 5 had an in-house 'retreat' experience. There were a number of different physical and artistic activities, with lots of time for reflection and prayer. The children thought about the memories and learning experiences they have had in Year 5, they spoke about their fond memories of sleeping in a castle and being away from home, some of them for the first time.

Mrs D Rashleigh





### **Visiting Speaker – Maud Muir**

On 16<sup>th</sup> June, we were delighted to welcome a former-pupil to school. Maud Muir now plays international rugby for England and came to talk to UKS2 pupils about her journey to elite level sport. Maud talked about how she had started playing for a boys team, and had to prove her worth in order to keep playing. She spoke about how she has had to be resilient throughout her career, recovering from setbacks such as not being selected for teams or being injured. Through perseverance and hard work she achieved her aims! An inspiring assembly for our pupils whether they aspire to Maud's level of athletic prowess, or have other goals in mind!

Mr J Ingram

### **Athletics Festival**

Last week, children from Year 3 and 4 proudly represented our school on a memorable trip to the Oxford City Athletics Track in Horspath. They were participating in a thrilling morning of track and field sports at the highly anticipated Quadkids Athletics festival. Despite facing challenging weather, including thunderstorms, our enthusiastic athletes showcased their resilience as they competed against 12 other schools. The event encompassed a variety of activities, including intense 400m races, adrenaline-fuelled 50m sprints, awe-inspiring long jumps and impressive javelin throws. The opportunity to run on a professional track was fantastic and the children cheered each other on with incredible positivity and unwavering determination. Thank you so much to the parents who selflessly contributed their support for this exciting event.

Mrs D Montes



### **St Joseph's Pupil Profile**

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been **Intentional and Prophetic** this past fortnight

RO – Mrs Oates		RSM – Mrs Sekulic/Mrs McLachlan	
1MA – Miss May	<b>Siddharth and Griffen</b>	1ML – Miss Mleczko	
2C – Miss Cook	<b>Farsam and Aidan</b>	2S – Mrs Smith	
3D – Mr Dillon	<b>Alexis</b>	3M – Mrs Montes	<b>Daniel and Adon</b>
4D/H – Mrs Dandy/Mrs Hunter	<b>Arria and Ava</b>	4R – Mrs Ravenhill	<b>Jacob and Elizabeth</b>
5I – Mr Ingram	<b>Sittana and Alexandria</b>	5R – Mrs Rashleigh	
6H–Mrs Haines/Mrs Hanlon	<b>Judy</b>	6T – Mr Turner	<b>Leon</b>

### **Learning Charter Champions**

Congratulations to the following pupils, our **Learning Charter Champions** this past fortnight

RO – Mrs Oates		RSM – Mrs Sekulic/Mrs McLachlan	
1MA – Miss May	<b>Joshua and Clarisse</b>	1ML – Miss Mleczko	
2C – Miss Cook	<b>Cyra and Romuel</b>	2S – Mrs Smith	
3D – Mr Dillon	<b>Kris</b>	3M – Mrs Montes	<b>Muhammad</b>
4D/H – Mrs Dandy/Mrs Hunter	<b>Marissa and Max</b>	4R – Mrs Ravenhill	<b>Jerome and Dora</b>
5I – Mr Ingram	<b>Irene and ChiChi</b>	5R – Mrs Rashleigh	
6H–Mrs Haines/Mrs Hanlon	<b>Yaseen and Jesiah</b>	6T – Mr Turner	

### **Practical Help and Signposting**

Sadly, things at the moment are difficult for many of our families. Bills all seem to be rising, and everything is getting more expensive. We want to make sure that all our families have support in place if it is needed. Even if your child is not eligible for Free School Meals, we may be able to help with uniform from our vast stock of good-quality second-hand items, we are able to refer to local Food Banks and signpost families to other sources of help, advice and support.

If you are struggling, please contact our home/school link worker, Mrs Kate Stratford. Her contact details are below. Mrs Stratford will be happy to talk to you in confidence to see what support we can offer.

If you need help towards paying for school trips, please contact the office to arrange a confidential conversation with Ms Tweedie.

Mrs Kate Stratford

Home/School Link Worker and Deputy DSL

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Email: [kstr3838@st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:kstr3838@st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

## Dairy Dates

Date	Year Group/Class	Event
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reception	Farmer Gow's trip
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 3	MCS Poetry Performance
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1	Cotswold Farm Park trip
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 6T	IMPS trip
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 6H	IMPS trip
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Strike Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July at 5pm	New Parents	Meeting for parents of children starting YR in September 2023.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm	Choir, Handbells and Orchestra	Summer Concert
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July		Strike Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Play performances
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July (TBC)	All year groups	Sports Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (TBC)	All year groups	Sports Day (weather reserve date)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	All year groups	End-of-Year Reports to families
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	All year groups	Visiting new classes for next year!
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Leavers Mass
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Leavers Assembly
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>All year groups</b>	<b>School finishes for all pupils at 1pm</b>

## Flyers and Information

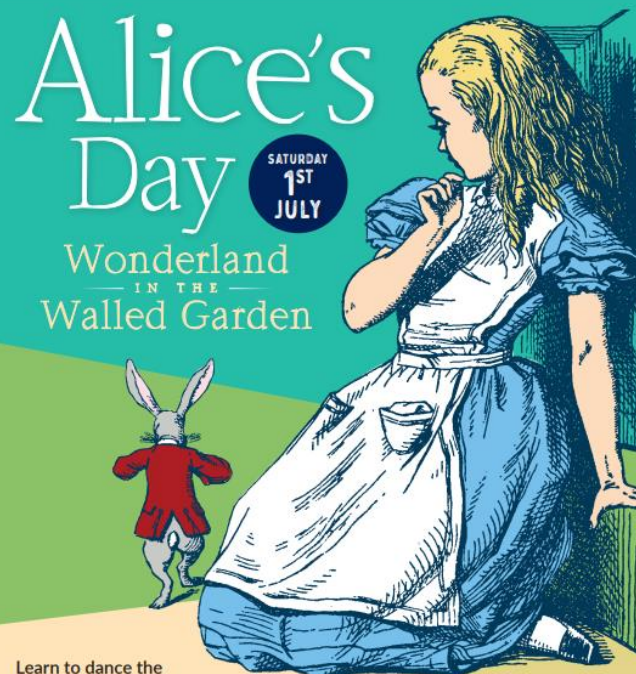





# Alice's Day

**SATURDAY 1ST JULY**



## Wonderland IN THE Walled Garden



Learn to dance the Lobster Quadrille, take part in the Queen's Croquet Match, or find out Who Stole the Tarts with WhatNot Theatre in three unique interactive performances

Scan here to book your tickets 

Performances on the Event Lawn at 11am, 1pm and 3pm by ticket only  
Botanic Garden open as usual  
For more information visit [obga.ox.ac.uk](http://obga.ox.ac.uk)

**MOX**  
Museum of Oxford

# Alice's Animals At MOX!



**Alice's Day: Saturday 1st July**  
Gryphons, Bread-and-Butterflies and Mock Turtles, Oh My!

Help turn our museum into Wonderland by making your very own weird and wonderful animals creations!

**£6 per child**  
Ages 5+

10.30-11.30am  
12.30-1.30pm  
2-3pm

Book your spaces at [museumofoxford.org/whats-on](http://museumofoxford.org/whats-on) or pop into our museum shop!

  Grief support for children and young people in Oxfordshire

# LEGO Walk

**Sunday 2 July 2023**  
**Oxford City Football Club**  
**Adult: £15 | Child: £10**

Think you've got what it takes to walk across 20,000 LEGO bricks?

**Sign up today →**  
Visit: [sobellhouse.org/events](http://sobellhouse.org/events)  
Call: 01865 857007

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**START** Supporting Toddlers with a family connection to autism or ADHD to develop strong Attention, Regulation and Thinking skills

Recruitment open for a trial of a new programme to support toddlers with a family connection to autism or ADHD

Researchers will play with your child to collect information about their strengths and difficulties.

Scan for information 

or visit [startproject.info](http://startproject.info)

You may be invited to take part in the 12 week START programme, which aims to help parents provide toddlers with additional support.

- travel costs covered
- online voucher after completion of questionnaires
- BabyLab gift after each assessment
- toys and activity ideas to take home after each START session

To be eligible for the study you must:

- have a child born after June 2021 who is suspected to be autistic OR whose mum, dad, brother or sister is autistic or has ADHD (diagnosed or suspected).
- be willing to attend weekly 1 hour parent-child sessions located in Oxford, over a 3 month period.
- be able to understand spoken English.



**people**  Principle Investigator: Dr Alexandra Hendry  
Email: [alex.hendry@ox.ac.uk](mailto:alex.hendry@ox.ac.uk)  
078108 76421

[www.startproject.info](http://www.startproject.info) **NIHR** National Institute for Health and Care Research  
Ethics approval reference: R6115/RE001





**Week 1: 24<sup>th</sup> July - 28<sup>th</sup> July**  
Monday-Friday | 8:30am-5:30am

**Week 2: 31<sup>st</sup> July - 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
Monday-Thursday | 8:30am - 5:30am

## MULTI ACTIVITY SUMMER CAMP WITH OXFORD QUINS RFC

Oxford Quins RFC is at the heart of our community, providing a diverse range of fun activities for children. We are running a two week camp during this summer school holidays. We would love to see you there!

Your children will enjoy a fantastic range of activities including multi-sports (indoors and outdoors) arts and crafts, forest walks, creative learning, cookery and much more!

**Book your HAF spaces here:**

**HAF WEBSITE**  
CLICK LINK

**Self funded bookings here:**

**Self Funded Registration Form**  
CLICK LINK

Oxford Quins RFC Community Programme is pleased to offer FREE places for children on benefits related to free school meals. We are also offering affordable spaces to families who do not qualify for the free spaces.

Any enquiries please email: [community@oxfordharlequins.org](mailto:community@oxfordharlequins.org)

**OXFORD QUINS RFC**  
Location: Horspath Sports Ground, Oxford Road, Horspath, Oxford, OX4 2BR

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## Calling all parents!

- Do you have a child in **Year 1 or Year 5**?
- Does your child receive **free school meals**?
  - We want to hear from families who **speak English only or another language at home.**
- Would you like to take part in a research project about your child's reading?
- Scan the code below and **receive £20** if you and your child complete the study



SCAN ME



## Family Fun Day

### Sunday 2nd July 2023

#### 11am to 3pm

**Come and celebrate Independence Day at Sulgrave Manor**

**Free House Talks and Free Flow Tours**

**Free Craft Activities**

**Free Archery**

**Free Scavenger Hunt**

**Stalls**

**BBQ and Bar**

**Candy Floss**

**Free Facepainting**

**Free Fun and Games**

**Classic Car Display**

**Grand Prize Raffle with prizes from local businesses**

**More being added all the time!**

**Be one of the first 100 online bookings to be entered into our prize draw to be in with a chance to win our mystery star prize!**

**BOOK NOW**

Adults £10  
Children (2-15) £8  
Family (2+2) £30  
Under 2's free

[www.sulgravemanor.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.sulgravemanor.org.uk/whats-on)

## Events at Sulgrave Manor this summer!

**The Tethered Wits Present:**  
**The Great Gatsby Outdoor Theatre**

Bring your own picnic  
Cocktail and Gin Bar Available  
Presented by The Tethered Wits

Sunday 16th July 2023  
3.30pm  
Doors Open 4.45pm

Standard Ticket £16  
Under 16 Ticket £10  
Family Ticket (2+2) £50

**BOOK NOW**  
[www.sulgravemanor.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.sulgravemanor.org.uk/whats-on)  
01295 760205

**The Pantaloon's Present:**  
**Alice in Wonderland Outdoor Theatre**

Sunday 13th August 2023  
3.30pm  
Doors Open 4.45pm

Standard Ticket £16  
Under 16 Ticket £10  
Family Ticket (2+2) £50

**Holiday Programme:**  
Sulgrave Creator and Explorer Weeks  
More details on our website

**Mod Hatter Tea Party**  
Picnic Boxes Available to Pre Order!  
Bring your own picnic  
Bar Available  
Presented by The Pantaloon's

Charity number 1005539



## Summer Holiday Clubs St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

These clubs are open to children aged 3-11

Monday 24th July to Friday 28th July

Tuesday 15th August to Friday 18th August

Monday 21st August to Friday 25th August

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



**Cost:** £35 per day  
All childcare vouchers accepted

**Timings:** 8am-5pm

To find out more or to book visit  
[www.rattleandrollperformance.com](http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com)  
or call 07722 014301



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The Autism Central Peer Education programme is for parents, carers and personal assistants of autistic people.

Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.

- We are here to listen, offer guidance and tell you about services that are available in your local area
- Navigate you to services that can make a difference and empower you
- Increase your knowledge, understanding and provide you with skills to last

### Request for Support



Charity number: 1171446



## SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023 JULY - SEPTEMBER

### ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

#### WEEK 1

##### ROBOTICS, VR + TECH FUN

Program robots, design games, model 3D creations, experience Virtual Reality, learn to mix like a Pro DJ... plus MEGA LASERTAG! A week of inspiration and creation with MAXIMUM excitement. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, world skills.



#### WEEK 2

##### MINECRAFT + LEGO ENGINEERING

Designed for ULTIMATE fun and education! Students can dive into Minecraft Education and design game elements, build Redstone circuits and learn coding fundamentals. Then take a deeper look into engineering using LEGO bricks combined with sensors and motors to create cool inventions powered by code.



#### WEEK 3

##### PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY + CRAFTS

Is your child obsessed with Youtube and Tik Tok? Join us for a complete masterclass in capturing and editing like a pro, whilst instilling safety and proper practice. Plus, a BONUS Arts and Crafts session each day that will become their content focus.



### WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP



Packed Lunch and Snacks (MUST BRING)



Water Bottle



Medication if Required



Weather Appropriate Clothing



★★★★★  
"Both my son and daughter had lots of fun, made new friends, learnt new skills and will not stop talking about the Robots!"

Lucy Hart - St Ebbe's Primary School

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**JUNE10**

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DIFFERENT COURSE EACH WEEK!



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MINECRAFT & LEGO ENGINEERING

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# Children's Book Club

at Old Marston Library

Perfect for children aged 8-12  
who like books, stories, cartoons  
and making friends!



We meet on the first Monday  
of the month at 4:15pm



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Ages  
**8-12**



## SUMMER ROCKS

Exciting Music Camp for Kids in  
the Summer Holidays

No Experience Necessary

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**Join a Band**

**Band Photoshoot**

**Live Concert**

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