

Friday 4th July 2025

Parent Bulletin

Dear families,

After a very hot start to the week, we were glad to see the weather cool down on Wednesday and I know this has helped students with their focus and concentration in lessons. They have been working hard in between their trips and visits that are taking place across the school.

Today is change over day at the Welsh Farm with Trip 4 students arriving well stocked with cake this morning and Trip 3 returning this afternoon (no doubt with empty cake boxes!). Students from Trips 1 and 2 are already sharing their stories of adventure and midges, while those who are due to join Trip 5 and 6 are still eagerly anticipating their own chances to take part in the JMS rite of passage.

After Welsh Farm we move swiftly on to Sports Days and tutor groups from Ock, Stert and Thames have been coming together to decide on their teams for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. There is even a rumour that some long-standing school records might fall! We'll keep you updated.

We head into a long weekend for students who will return to school on Tuesday after the INSET day on Monday. This opportunity for JMS staff to collaborate with teachers and non-teachers from our partner schools will ensure that we continue to drive our own school's improvement both by reviewing teaching and learning techniques and looking at the systems and processes that ensure the school runs smoothly.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes.



Alastair West
Headteacher

Young Musician of the Year

Prizes for:

Best Classical Musician
Best Rock/Pop/Jazz/Folk
Musician
Young Musician of
the Year

Concert:

Wednesday 16 July
2025
6:00-8:00pm
Main Hall
£3 (on MCAS)

Auditions:

Wednesday 18th
June & Thursday 19th
June, after school in
the Music block.

Prizes include house
points, certificates and
trophies!

House points rewarded
to students

For more details: check
Daily News slides or
contact Mr Spacksman



Medication for students:

Please can parents and guardians please be aware that all medication to be kept in school it must be in the original packaging and box (e.g. blister pack and box) with a signed consent form from the parent. Consent forms are available at reception and can be completed when the medication is delivered. Medication can only be administered if the consent form is completed.

Important Dates:

**STEM Club will not be running Wednesday 2nd July as Mrs Williams is on Welsh Farm.
STEM Club is back on the following week Wednesday 9th July.**

Monday 7th July – INSET Day (School closed to students)

Wednesday 16th July 6-8pm Young Musician of the year concert, ticket on MCAS

Friday 18th July – Last day of term (School finishes at 1:05pm)

Other important dates can be found on our website calendar:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/calendar/>

Term dates for the academic year are on our website:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/term-dates/>

Term dates for the next academic year are now on the website:

[Term Dates 2025-26](#)



OX14 Learning Partnership Weekly Update

Your school is part of the OX14 Learning Partnership, a group of schools in the Abingdon area working to raise educational aspirations and increase collaboration by providing a range of opportunities for students and teachers to work together. This is the final update of the year, for information about key dates next year please check the [website](#) for further details.

To find out more about our recent events and activities, please take a look at our latest newsletter linked [here](#).

Please also follow us on twitter @OX14_LP for regular updates, or email [Jessica Burns](mailto:jessica.burns@abingdon.org.uk) (jessica.burns@abingdon.org.uk) Partnership Coordinator for more information.

July 1 @ 7:00 pm

Futures and Networking Event (Y12)

Radley College

Sixth form (Y12) students are invited to this event led [...]

Community Items:

All About One Planet Abingdon 🌱🌍✨

We're Abingdon's climate and sustainability group. We support local people to act on the climate, ecological and social issues affecting us and help to make Abingdon as sustainable as possible.

We run loads of free youth events where kids and young people can learn how to take action against climate change in a hopeful and empowering way, and above all have fun and make new friends!

Check out the full list of events on our website! oneplanetabingdon.org/events/



Please could we also draw your attention to the **Atom Society Lecture series**. These lectures are held locally and include talks from a range of Scientists and experts in their field. Membership is free for under 18s. Find out more [here](#).

Amey Theatre

Students in the OX14 LP can get a 10% discount on Live Screenings shown at the [Amey theatre](#). Please use the code OX14LP when booking.