



## Weekly Briefing - week of 28th February 2022

**Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. We hope that everyone enjoyed the half term break. Class curriculum letters for the half term will be emailed to parents this week.**

Children are to arrive between **08:45 and 08:55** when the school day starts and gates will be closed. FC and Year 1 to be taken to the gates outside their classrooms. Years 2 to 6 to be dropped at either The Styles or Orchard Way gates and children walk to their classrooms. **Children who arrive late will need to report to reception.**

**Please continue to email the school office with any messages/requests unless it's urgent; emailing your messages and requests helps to ensure we can deal with them quickly and efficiently - [office.2563@harwell.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2563@harwell.oxon.sch.uk).  
Thank you to all our parents for your cooperation and understanding.**

Day and date

Monday 28th February	morning	Year 2 PE	
	lunchtime	Food ordered in class or in advance via parentpay Chess Club	
	afternoon		
	after school	The Barn after school club Monday to Thursday FOOTBALL clubs	3.15 to 6.00 3.30 to 4.15
Tuesday 1st March	All Day	Shrove Tuesday Sponsored 'pancake flip'	
	morning		
	lunchtime		
	afternoon	Year 3	
Wednesday 2nd March	morning	Year 6 PE FC having a visit from Tim Deane, our local PCSO	
	lunchtime	Blue Sky Book Club - Year 5	
	afternoon	Whole class ukulele lesson Year 5	
	after school	Magic Club followed by Parkour Club - hall	
Thursday 3rd March	All Day	World Book Day - children invited to dress as a book character <b>IF</b> they would like to do so. See more World Book Day information below.	
	morning	Year 1 PE Year 5 PE Strings lessons - individual and whole class (Year 3)	
	afternoon	Image Theatre - Sword in the Stone - whole school	
	after school	Sewing Club Year 6 - Nest	3.30 to 4.15

Friday 4th March	morning	<b>ALL CHILDREN TO WEAR PE KIT TO SCHOOL</b>	
	afternoon		
	after school	Barn after school club finishes at 5.30	

### Key Dates for the Spring Term

<b>Thursday 3rd March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b> We are running an extreme reading competition for world book day. Over half term take a picture of your child reading in extreme positions or places and email it to the school office or upload it onto Google Classroom for us all to look at on World Book Day. The winners will be uploaded to the school website!
Week of 7th March	Parent - Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 9th March	International Day at DGS - Year 6
Thursday 10th March	Roving Book Shop
Wednesday 16th March	Class photographs
Week of 21st March	Year 6 bikeability
Friday 1st April	HSA - Family Bingo
Thursday 7th April	Lambing - walk to Princes Manor Farm
Friday 8th April	Last day of term

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS - please use these booking forms

[Foundation Class booking](#)   
 [Year 1 booking](#)   
 [Year 2 booking](#)  
[Year 3 booking](#)   
 [Year 4 booking](#)   
 [Year 5 booking](#)   
 [Year 6 booking](#)

Class	Days and times	
	Face to Face	Remote
Foundation	Tuesday 8th 3.30 to 6.50	Wednesday 9th 3.40 to 6.00
Year 1	Tuesday 8th 3.30 to 6.30	Wednesday 9th 3.40 to 6.10
Year 2	Tuesday 8th 3.30 to 6.30	Wednesday 9th 3.30 to 6.10
Year 3	Monday 7th 3.30 to 6.30	Tuesday 8th 3.40 to 6.10
Year 4	Monday 7th 3.30 to 6.30	Tuesday 8th 3.30 to 6.30
Year 5	Monday 7th 3.30 to 6.30	Wednesday 9th 3.30 to 6.30
Year 6	Monday 7th 3.30 to 6.30	Tuesday 8th 3.30 to 6.30

Email confirmation of the time allocated together with a link to virtual meetings will be sent after booking

## PRE LOVED UNIFORM

*Joanne Ray has a good stock of pre-loved school uniform  
If you need any uniform for your child, please contact her either via the Harwell school uniform  
facebook page or send an email via the school office*

### 'Prosecco and Paint' – HSA Brush Party Fundraiser

**7pm – 9.30pm** on Friday the **25<sup>th</sup> March 22** at the Harwell School Hall.

Join us for a fun night of painting whilst enjoying a glass of bubbles and raffle. No experience necessary, this really is an opportunity to follow the techniques shown, and produce something rather impressive!  
Great to do with friends, or indulge in a little 'me time'.

Tickets include: *Painting utensils, large canvas (to take home on the night), artistic instruction and support, a glass of Prosecco (non-alcoholic alternative available), and an entry into the raffle.*

There will be a HSA run bar serving hot and cold drinks, and a variety of tasty snacks to nibble on.

Only 30 spaces (age 15+) so - First come, first served! Would make a great Mother's Day present if you're stuck on ideas.

**Tickets: 1 x space = £30** (non-refundable, unless you/we can sell your ticket on)

Tickets available via parentpay now

### Shrove Tuesday Sponsored Pancake Flipping - March 1st



Fun to be had on Shrove Tuesday!

Sponsor forms came home with children before half term



If you have a lightweight frying pan you would be willing to send into school on the day - either to be used solely within your child's class or are willing to allow this to be used across years 1 to 6, please complete [this form](#) to let us have your details - make sure you mark your pan with your child's name and class so that we can make sure the correct frying pans are reunited with their owner!

Thank you for your support



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## **BENEFITS**

Communication, presentation and tenacity are all needed to learn and perform; not to mention memory and motor skills, confidence, teamwork and patience. All these things are vital life skills, which will be developed through a passion for Magic. It's not just for them though; watching your child's joy when mastering tricks, and then encouraging that engagement with others, is a wonderfully satisfying feeling for any parent.

Professor Richard Wiseman, a psychologist at Hertfordshire University, said:

"...it taught, self-discipline, social skills and developed self-esteem, confidence, empathy and interaction."



## **WHY MAGIC?**

Magic is one of the most primal and most beautiful forms of entertainment that man knows. It is a learnt skill that brings a smile to the learners face, as well as their audience. Magic contains a moment of astonishment; a surprise that we rarely experience in today's modern world. It is a universal language that engages inclusively. It connects people and allows mind growth, intrigue and curiosity; taking people momentarily into a problem-free world where the impossible becomes possible.

### **GET IN TOUCH**

Booking: [academyofmystery@gmail.com](mailto:academyofmystery@gmail.com)

Web: [www.radekhoffman.com/academy](http://www.radekhoffman.com/academy)

Phone: 0794 333 2572

**MAGIC (YEARS 2 TO 6) AND PARKOUR CLUB (YEARS 3 TO 6) ARE ON WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL - CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR FURTHER DETAILS**



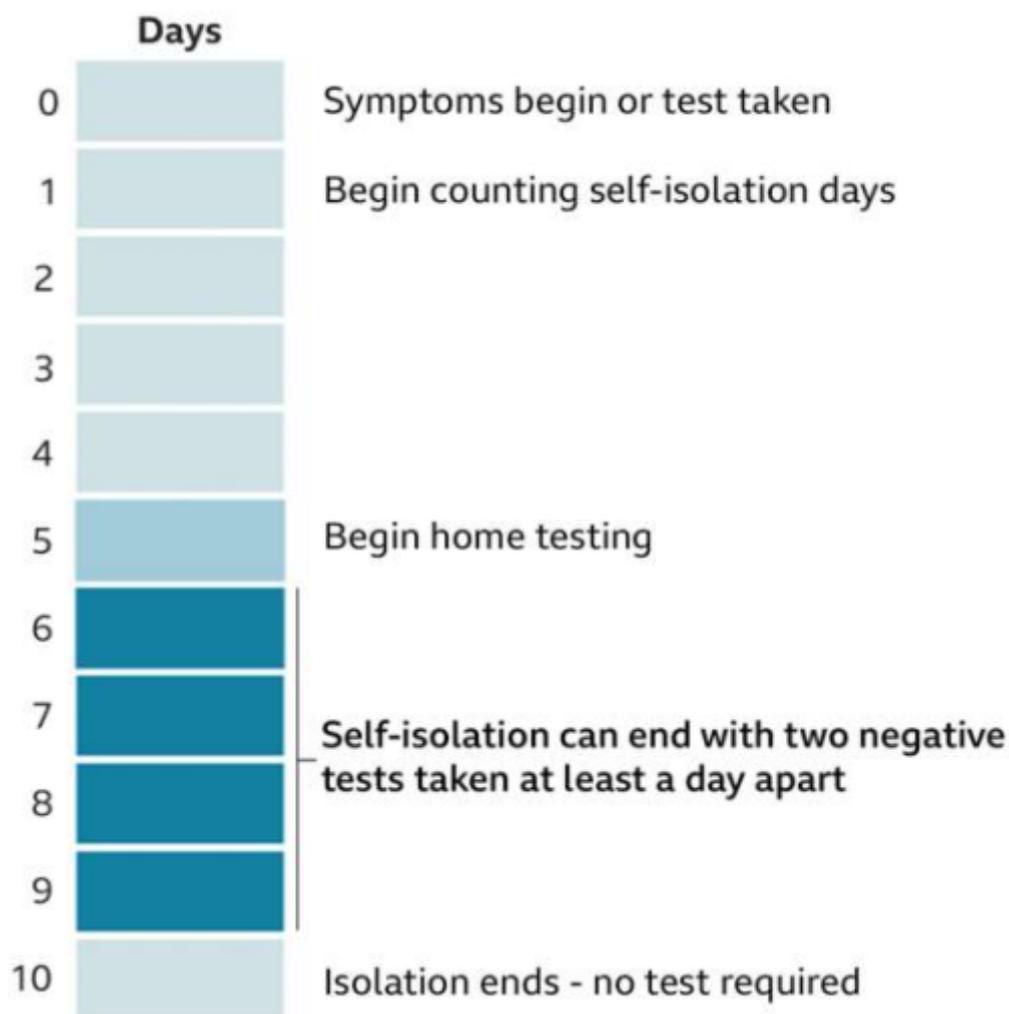
## DOUBLE BASS MUSIC LESSONS?

There is some interest in starting double bass music lessons (Year 4 and above).

If your child would like to get involved, please take a look at [music.service@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:music.service@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

## COVID

### How five-day isolation rule works in England



**If your child displays covid symptoms, please take them for a PCR test.** The most important symptoms of COVID-19 remain any recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 5 full days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test

should not be taken before the fifth day - SEE ABOVE

***If your child is isolating and has negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart starting on or after day 5, please email the office so that we are aware that their isolation is ending before they arrive in school - thank you***

Lateral Flow Tests should be used by those who are asymptomatic. Confirmatory PCR tests were temporarily suspended for positive Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test results from Tuesday 11th January. This will mean that if your child receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test unless:

- They are displaying symptoms
- They are in the clinically vulnerable group
- They have been asked to do so as part of a research group.

***This is a link to the [Stay at Home guidance for households with possible or confirmed Covid](#) updated 17/01/22***

People identified by Track & Trace as a close contact: People who are fully vaccinated or children/young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an NHS rapid lateral flow test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal unless they have a positive test result. Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part.

#### **How this applies to education**

- All eligible staff in education and childcare settings, and all students and pupils aged 5 and above are strongly advised to take seven daily LFD tests **IF** they are identified by Test and Trace as a close contact of a confirmed positive case. It is strongly advised that the daily LFD test is taken before leaving the house for the first time each day.
- Participating is advisory but is strongly encouraged. This will help reduce transmission and support continued face-face education.
- The process for identifying contacts has not changed and will continue to be managed by NHS Test & Trace. Schools are not required to add to existing processes for recording test results but are encouraged to promote testing and reporting amongst staff, students, and pupils.
- Primary age children can be identified as close contacts. This is because being identified as a close contact means a person is at higher risk of having Covid-19 and the additional testing will enable us to better identify infections at an earlier stage. Most LFD tests now only use nasal swabs which are less invasive for younger children. Parents of primary school children should order test kits via pharmacies or online [Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests - NHS \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#).

***This is a link to the [current parent guidance about schools](#) updated 20/01/2022***

***Please can you advise us if you or your child has a positive LFD or PCR test - thank you***

Following the Government's announcement that all children aged 5 to 11 will be offered the COVID-19 vaccination, NHS partners across Oxfordshire are now planning the best way to deliver the vaccine to this age group. Please note that in line with government timelines this service may not be available until April 2022. We ask you to please refrain from contacting the NHS during this time and thank you for your patience. Further information will be available in due course.

Kind regards

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group