



Key Dates and Upcoming Events

Next Week (B)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 21st July	Enrichment Day 3 Year 12 Punting in Oxford Year 7 Residential Trip to France returns Creative Arts Trip returns	
Tues 22nd July	Summer Term ends	School finishes at 12:30pm
Weds 23rd July	<i>Summer Holiday</i>	
Thurs 24th July	<i>Summer Holiday</i>	
Fri 25th July	<i>Summer Holiday</i>	

23rd July – 2nd September	Summer Holiday
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Following Week (A)		
Date	Event	Time
Mon 1st September	INSET DAY	All day
Tues 2nd September	INSET DAY	All day
Weds 3rd September	Autumn Term begins <i>Years 7 & 12 in school only</i>	
Thurs 4th September	<i>All students return</i>	
Fri 5th September		

Unwanted Uniform or PE Kit

**Year
7-11**

If you have unwanted uniform or PE kit, please consider...

1. Donating it to the school by dropping it off at main reception
2. Visiting the [School Uniform Clothing Swap](#) in partnership with the Cherwell Collective and WISH.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

Friends of Gosford Hill School

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We are really keen to re-establish our 'Friends of Gosford Hill School' as we enter the new academic year. If you are interested in joining us to support fundraising for improving the additional experiences and opportunities for our students, please get in touch via: office@gosfordhillschool.org.

Posted by – Mr Bateman

Exams Results – Summer 2025

Just a reminder that exam results may be collected from the Hall between 9:00am and 11:00am on results days, as follows:

Thursday 14th August – A Level, AS Level and Level 3 BTEC Results

Thursday 21st August – GCSE and Level 2 BTEC Results

Results are the property of the candidate and, as such, **must not** be handed out to a third party without the candidate's permission. If students would like someone else to collect results on their behalf, consent forms are available from Reception. **Please remember that all third parties collecting results must bring a suitable form of ID with them on results day, and examples are given on the form.**

Alternatively a stamped, self-addressed envelope may be left at reception and results will be posted. Please ensure the student's current year and form group is written in the top left-hand corner to assist with sorting into year groups

Members of staff will be available on results days, to provide advice and assistance with any questions or concerns. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Exams Team.

Certificates will be available to collect from November onwards.

Posted by – The Exams Team

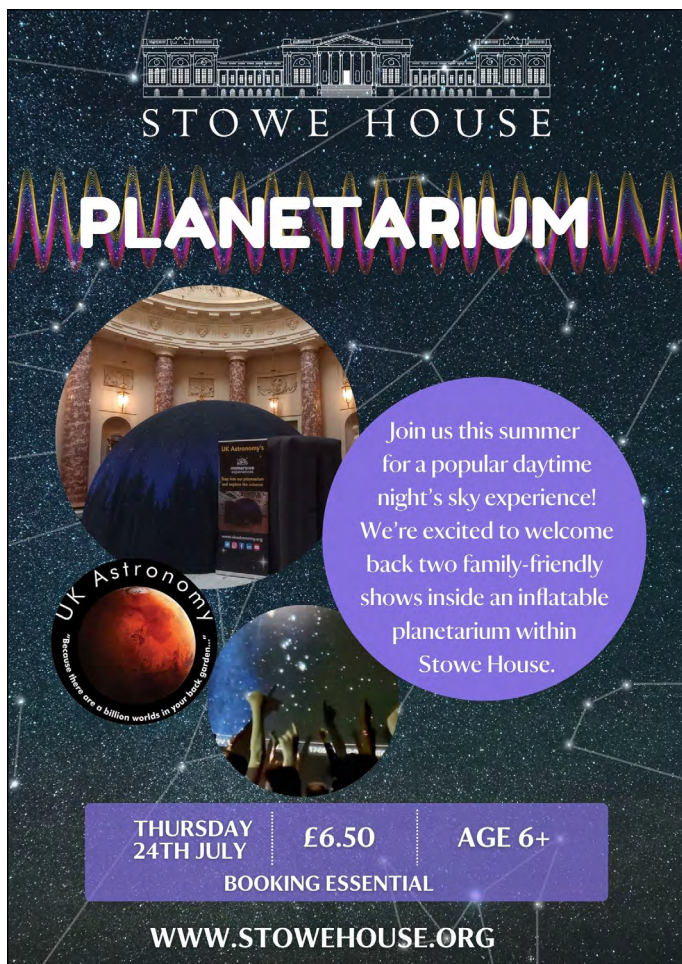
Safeguarding

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Please remember that if you have a safeguarding concern within school hours, please send a message to the following email address: safeguarding@gosfordhillschool.org

If you have any safeguarding concerns outside of school hours please contact our local MASH Team (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on **0345 050 7666**.

Posted by – Mr La Porte



STOWE HOUSE

PLANETARIUM

Join us this summer for a popular daytime night's sky experience! We're excited to welcome back two family-friendly shows inside an inflatable planetarium within Stowe House.

UK Astronomy
"Because there are a billion worlds in your back garden..."

THURSDAY 24TH JULY £6.50 AGE 6+
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

WWW.STOWEHOUSE.ORG

junior parkrun - where everyone is



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!

junior parkrun event: _____

Location: _____

Time: _____



junior parkrun



STEVENSONS

Win with Stevensons: Book Your Uniform Fitting Today!

We're excited to let you know about an exclusive in-store competition at Stevensons!

Families who attend a booked in-store uniform fitting this summer will get the chance to enter our Lucky Dip. Find the golden nugget at the till, and you'll win back the cost of your uniform!

Why book?
Guaranteed one-on-one fitting with a uniform expert
Avoid the back-to-school rush
Be in with a chance to win your uniform for free!

Appointments are filling fast!

Book today!

Good luck in the prize draw!

KIDLINGTON GALA DAY



SATURDAY 19 JULY 11AM - 3PM EXETER CLOSE FREE ACTIVITIES ALL DAY!

Fun for all the family

ORGANISED BY KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
NO PUBLIC OR DISABLED PARKING AVAILABLE

KIDLINGTON GALA DAY 19 July 2025, 11am-3pm

LOTS OF FREE FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY.....

KIDLINGTON "GREEN" LANE STALLS

Butterfly Group, Badger Group, St Mary's Field Group, Cherwell Swifts, Beekeeper Group/Honey Stall, CPRE, Kidlington Environment Group, Wild Kidlington, Growing Spaces, Busby Plant and Flower Stall, Canal & River Trust (and fun activities for families to do)

COMMUNITY STALLS (LOCAL GROUPS)

Kidlington District & Historical Society, Grace Church, Gosford All Blacks, Kidlinks, Horizon Rangers, Girl Guides, Royal British Legion, Community Police, Cherwell District Council/Animal Trails, Samba Drumming/workshop, Rickshaw(rides), Friends of St Mary's, U3A, Kidlington Leisure Centre, Baptist Church, Methodist Church, Health/Community Watch, Friends of Edward Field, and so many more!

ACTIVITY STALLS (FREE FOR CHILDREN)

Farm Animals (petting), Donkey rides, Fire Engine visit (if not on a shout), Skate/Bike Ramps, GoKarts, Climbing Wall, Caving System, Bouncy Castle, Table Tennis (in the pavilion), Facepainting, 3 small fair rides, Zorbing, and so much more to enjoy for free!

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Various options provided by Cherwell Collective/WISH (served from Exeter hall, plus Cakes and treats from the kitchen), teas and coffees, Uggy's Pizza Van (by the park), Ice Cream Van (by the park)

PERFORMANCES – MAIN HALL

11.15-11.45am Boni's Dance Troupe
12noon – 2pm (ish) "The Vodka Shots" (blues)
Kidlington Brass Band (Outside) 1-2pm





GOSFORD HILL
SCHOOL

Gosford Hill School Open Events

for prospective parents and their
children in Year 5 and Year 6

Open Evening

Wednesday 24th September
(6:00pm to 8:00pm)

Concluding with a presentation in
the Hall at 7:30pm.

Open Mornings

Monday 29th September
Tuesday 30th September
Wednesday 1st October
(9:15am to 10:15am)



Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, OX5 2NT



www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/open-events



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

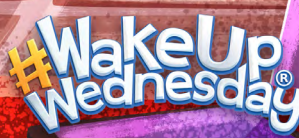
10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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