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Newsletter – Autumn Term 2025

Introduction

The fifteen weeks of the autumn term have been a busy and productive time. Throughout the term I have been extremely pleased with the high quality of behaviour and the calm, purposeful atmosphere within school. Highlights of this term, for me, have included a very successful Year 6 residential visit to the Pioneer Centre, the performance of our different sports teams, our great Christmas performances and the wide variety of educational visits taking place. The feedback we receive on visits out of school remains of the highest quality and has been replicated on the visits this term. It was also great to see Oxon included in the Sunday Times 'Top 1,000 primary schools in England' list that was published this month. We were the only primary school from Shropshire in the list. For context, there are around 16,800 primary schools in England. I hope this letter gives you a flavour of the hard work, progress, fun and enjoyment of school life over the course of this term.

Staff Changes

- Mrs Small (Year 5) and Miss Vernon (Year 1) started work as teachers in September.
- Mrs Quan (TA) left in September and Miss Lee (TA) will leave at the end of this term. I would like to thank them both for all their hard work over many years.
- Miss Powell, Miss Crewe and Mrs Silson have started work as teaching assistants.
- Mrs Stray, Mrs Eastwick and Ms Evans started work as lunchtime supervisors in November.

Great British Energy Project

We have been identified as one of the 250 schools across England to benefit from a share of up to £100 million in funding from Great British Energy and the government for new solar panels and other energy efficiency measures. Two significant measures have been



confirmed so far. Almost all our lights are currently being replaced with new energy efficient LED lights and in the new year a large number of solar panels will be installed across our roof. Further work will be identified as the project continues next year.

Visits out of school

- Year R visited the Oxon Church and spent time with Rev Charlotte.
- Year 1 have visited Home Farm at Attingham Park as part of their history work about historic farms.
- Year 2 have visited the town library as part of their English work.
- Year 2 have visited the Shrewsbury Museum and the town as part of their history work about the Great Fire of London. ('Tudor Shrewsbury' looks very similar to London before it was burnt down in 1666!)
- Year 2 have visited Gains Park shops as part of their geography work about the local area.
- Year 3 have visited Chester to view some of the archaeological remains and take part in a number of interactive workshops to support their work on the Romans.
- Year 4 have visited the old Oxon School and churchyard as part of their local history work about the Oxon area in Victorian times.
- Year 4 have carried out research, using primary sources, at the Shropshire Archives to further their studies about the history of the local area.
- Year 4 have visited Blists Hill Museum to experience a day as Victorian school children. The children enjoyed spending time in costume and exploring the Victorian town.
- Year 5 have visited Xplore as part of their science work.
- Year 6 took part in a residential visit to the Pioneer Centre at Cleobury Mortimer. Their activities included climbing, abseiling, high ropes course, archery and caving.
- Year 6 visited the Shropshire Archives in order to use primary sources to find about the Shrewsbury Flaxmill and life as a child working there.
- Year 6 visited the Shrewsbury Flaxmill as part of their history work studying 'Architecture through the ages in Shrewsbury'.
- The whole school are looking forward to visiting Theatre Severn to watch a performance of 'Dick Whittington'.

Performances, Worship (Assemblies) and Visitors to School

- Rev. Charlotte has visited school regularly to lead worship.
- On Friday 26th September, we held our Harvest Festival. Children in Years 3 and 4 took part in the service, which was held at Oxon Church. The event supported the Shrewsbury Food Bank and the children were asked to bring non-perishable produce. The quantity of produce brought to school was once again amazing.
- Following our harvest festival the whole school were involved in supporting a charity called 'Mary's Meals' which works to provide school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities.
- Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Copthorne Vets as part of their science work.
- Year 2 had a visit from a nurse to talk about hygiene.
- Year 3 had a visit from Rev. Charlotte to talk about Christian Baptism in RE.
- Year 3 had a visit from the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- Year 4 had a visit from Rev. Charlotte to talk about the Trinity in RE.
- Year 5 enjoyed a day spent working with Egyptian artefacts that was led by Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery.

- Year 6 and Oxon School Council members enjoyed working with the engagement team from RAFT (Great British Energy Project) learning about how we might reduce our energy use at school.
- Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a workshop and performance led by staff from the Shropshire Music service as part of 'Live Music Week'.
- Key Stage 1 Performance – this year's performance entitled 'It's a party' took place on 8th, 9th, and 10th December. It was, once again, great to see a performance of such quality taking place.
- Carol service – Year 6 led a traditional carol service at the church on Friday 12th December. As always, the reading and instrumental contributions were of a high standard and the singing (supported by Year 5) was fantastic.

Clubs

Throughout the term the following clubs have been running:

Choir – Y5, Y6	Mrs Houghton and Miss Hellin
Computer – Y1	Mrs Palin and Miss Jones
Football – Y2	Mr Wardle and Miss Brechunec
Football – Y3	Mr Wardle and Miss Brechunec
Football – Y4, Y5, Y6 Girls	Mr Wardle and Mrs Asterley
Football – Y5, Y6 Boys	Mr Truscott and Miss Brechunec
Gymnastics – Y1	Mr Wardle and Mrs Asterley
Gymnastics – Y4	Mrs Luther and Miss Lee
Kwik Cricket Y5, Y6	Mr Truscott and Miss Brechunec
MyMaths – Y2, Y3, Y4	Miss Jewsbury and Mrs Yapp
MyMaths – Y5, Y6	Miss Jewsbury and Mrs Yapp
Multi-skills (Sport) – Y1	Mr Wardle and Mrs Angelova
Multi-skills (Sport) – Y2	Mr Wardle and Mrs Angelova
Tennis – Y3	Mr Creffield and Miss Weston
Tennis – Y4	Mr Creffield and Miss Weston

Music

The following music lessons have been taking place in school:

- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Violin
- Clarinet

Sporting Achievements

Miss Cadwallader writes:

It has been a busy autumn term for Oxon sports teams and individuals, with a total of eleven clubs taking place and five different teams sent to tournaments to represent the school.

U11 Girls Shropshire F.A. – E.S.F.A. 7 A Side County Cup (22.09.25)

Oxon 0-0 St Giles
 Oxon 0-0 Prestfelde
 Oxon 0-0 Harlescott Juniors
 Oxon 1-0 Meole Brace

Oxon's sporting year kicked off with our Under 11 Girls Football Team representing us in the Shropshire Football Association's 7-a-side county cup. The girls drew three games and won one in the group stages, which was enough to tie them for second place in their group. Unfortunately, they lost 2-1 on a round of penalties and so narrowly missed out on reaching the semi-final. The girls showed fantastic team spirit throughout and cheered each other on fantastically.

U11 Boys Shropshire F.A. – E.S.F.A. 7 A Side County Cup (13.10.25)

Group Stage:

Oxon 2-1 Longden
Oxon- 1-0 Belvidere
Oxon 2-1 Longden
Oxon 0-0 Belvidere

Quarter Final:

Oakmeadow 1-1 Oxon
5-5 Penalties
1-0 to Oxon Sudden Death Penalties

Semi Final:

Oxon 0-0 Green fields
Lost 3-2 Penalties

Next was the boys turn! The Under 11 Boys Football Team had a brilliant evening at the Shropshire Football Association 7-a-side county cup. Three wins and a draw left them as clear winners of their group stage.

The quarter finals saw Oxon in a close competition that ended in a 0-0 draw. As a result, a round of penalties followed. Still, this couldn't separate the two teams, and all of our penalty takers scored their attempts. This meant that the boys had to go to a sudden death round of penalties, which they won on the first round. The semi-finals followed this, where our boys held on to achieve another draw. This meant another round of penalties would need to happen. Sadly, this was the end of the competition for the boys, with a 3-2 loss on penalties. We were very proud of their attempts and excellent attitudes in some tense situations!

Y5/6 Hockey School Games Compete Event (17.10.25)

Oxon 8-1 Trinity
Oxon 0-1 Harlescott
Oxon 0-4 Greenfields

The School Games Year 5/6 hockey tournament this year landed on a date when our Year 6 pupils were away climbing, caving and raft building at Pioneer! This meant six brave Year 5 pupils needed to step up to the plate. Using their skills learnt at hockey clubs in Years 3 and 4, the children impressed in the first game, with an 8-1 win! However, this winning streak did not continue, and they lost the next two games, meaning they didn't get through to the next round. It was a great experience for these motivated and resilient Year 5 children, who we are looking forward to seeing continue to represent Oxon in various events.

EFL Kids Cup Y5/6 Football (07.11.25)

Oxon 1-0 Burford
Oxon 0-2 Mereside
Oxon 1-0 Meole Brace
Oxon 3-0 West Felton
Oxon 1-0 Myddle
Oxon 0-2 Grange Park

This year, we were invited to compete at the EFL Kids Cup tournament at Shrewsbury Town Football Club. The team put in an excellent performance, resulting in four wins and two losses. These results put the boys in third place in a strong group, only losing out on second place by one point in goal difference. With only the top two teams in the group going through, they missed out on reaching the quarter finals by a very fine margin. This team showed fantastic enthusiasm and ambition throughout the tournament and showed excellent sportsmanship.

Y5/6 Cricket School Games Compete Event (28.11.25)

Oxon 64-48 Harlescott
Oxon 47-54 Coleham
Oxon 40-48 Harlescott
Oxon 61-43 Coleham

With some talented cricketers in our midst, our team went into this tournament with high hopes. They won two games and lost two. These high-scoring games meant the team achieved a very impressive points difference in the league table, however, due to results between other schools, they came in second place in their group. This meant that they would not progress to the next round. Despite their disappointment, the team showed great support towards each other and excellent competitive spirit. We were very pleased that the team was awarded a certificate for excellent perseverance and determination.

We would like to extend our congratulations to all of the children who continue to impress in their sporting endeavours outside of school – we are very proud of them all! It is fantastic to see so many children bringing in awards each week to show during our celebration worship.

Our particular congratulations go to Max Griffiths, who has been selected for the Shropshire U11s Cricket team; Grace Cliffe, who has continued to represent Shropshire in athletics; Rory Williams and James Stevenson, who have been selected to represent the North Shropshire District U10 Football Team this season; and Emilia Bevan, who has been selected to attend Tennis Shropshire County Training– what fabulous achievements from you all!

We look forward to more clubs and sporting events in the new year!

Facebook

Our Facebook and Instagram accounts have continued to provide updates on school life during this term. We would be very grateful if you could follow us, share posts and like posts.

Link for Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/OxonCEPrimarySchool>

Link for Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/oxonceprimaryschool?igsh=YW03eHF6eHl0YjNi>

Many thanks to Mrs Smith (Year 6) for all her hard work and creativity on this project. Please see following some of the posts for this term.





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24 September · 🌐



On Monday night, our U11s Girls Football competed in the ESFA local tournament at Shrewsbury Sports Village. The girls worked together so well as a team, not conceding ... See more



Oxon CE Primary School
25 September · 🌐



Year 2 took advantage of a sunny afternoon and went outdoors to create some large scale artwork. On the theme of The Great Fire of London, they used warm colours to cre... See more





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26 September · 🌐



Year 1 had a wonderful day visiting Home Farm as part of their learning about farms past and present. The children enjoyed a guided tour with a real farmer, fed the ani... See more



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1 October · 🌐



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Shrewsbury Museum where they learned all about The Great Fire of London. They built a wooden house, wrote a diary with a quill, made... See more





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2 October · 🌐



👉👉 Butter-making magic in Year 1! ... See more



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9 October · 🌐



🌐🌐 Year 3 stepped back in time today during an exciting visit to Chester! The children embraced their Roman training with enthusiasm and transformed into excellent yo... See more





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10 October · 🌐



Year 4 have visited Shropshire Archives as part of our history topic on the Victorians. During the visit, children had the opportunity to explore primary sources such a... [See more](#)



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14 October · 🌐



Last night, our U11 Boys Football team competed in the Shropshire F.A. – E.S.F.A. 7 A Side County Cup. They showed fantastic competitive spirit, cheered on their teamma... [See more](#)





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16 October · 🌐



Day 2 at Pioneer and everyone is having a fantastic time. 💙



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Pioneer 2026 🍷 Pioneer Centre





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17 October · 🌐



This week Reception enjoyed listening to the story of Leaf Man and his autumnal adventures. We searched for signs of autumn and created our own artwork inspired by Lea... [See more](#)



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17 October · 🌐



Year 2 created some microhabitats for minibeasts this afternoon. We used lots of natural materials that we thought would make a cosy home. We hid the 'bug hotels' in th... [See more](#)





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17 October · 🌐



Our action-packed trip to [Pioneer Centre](#) was a huge hit with both children and adults alike! From thrilling activities to unforgettable memories, it was a trip full of ... [See more](#)



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22 October · 🌐



Whilst Year 6 were away at Pioneer, our Year 5 Hockey team stepped up to compete against lots of Year 5 and 6 teams from the local area in a tournament on Friday 17th O... [See more](#)





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23 October · 🌐



📖 ✨ Year 2 had a brilliant morning at Shrewsbury Library! They explored the fascinating history of the building during a guided tour, discovered treasures in the children... See more



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24 October · 🌐



Our talented Year 6 pupils were hard at work yesterday, exploring the magic of perspective in their art pieces.... See more





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4 November · 🌐



🎵 A huge thank you to [Shropshire Music Service](#) for their fantastic Live Music Week performance this afternoon! ... See more



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4 November · 🌐



Year 6 visited the [Shropshire Archives](#) today to uncover original documents linked to the historic Ditherington Flaxmill. The children asked brilliant questions and show... See more





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10 November · 🌐



Last week, our Year 5 and 6 Football team headed out for another exciting tournament - this time it was the EFL Kids Cup Qualifiers, held at Shrewsbury Town Football Cl... See more

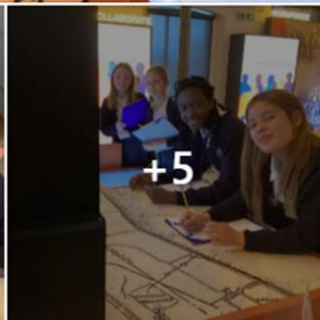


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11 November · 🌐



We were very proud of our Year 6 historians today who visited the [Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings...](#) See more





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6 November · 🌐



Year 3 had a visit from Green Watch who are based at Shrewsbury fire station. They talked to us about the different parts of their job, the importance of testing our sm... See more



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17 November at 12:28 · 🌐



Year 4 enjoyed an unforgettable day at Blists Hill Victorian Town, stepping into the past to meet the butcher, baker, and candlestick maker. They explored traditional c... See more





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21 November at 16:06 · 🌐



Year 5 enjoyed a visit to XPIore! in Wrexham on Wednesday, as part of their work in science looking at materials, and their properties and uses. There were many hands-o... See more



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25 November at 15:54 · 🌐



Through a community initiative project led by Shrewsbury Town Council, Year 1 spent a lovely afternoon planting bulbs in the sunshine. Together they helped to plant ove... See more





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4 December at 20:32 · 🌐



On Friday 28th November, the Year 6 Kwik Cricket team went to Shrewsbury Sports Village to represent Oxon in a School Games tournament. They narrowly missed out on a pl... See more



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5 December at 06:03 · 🌐



KS2 are very excited about watching the KS1 nativity later. ❤️





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5 December at 06:54 · 🌐



Year 6 and Oxon School Council members enjoyed working with the engagement team from RAFT learning about how we might reduce our energy use at school. Keep a close eye ... See more



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5 December at 16:15 · 🌐



Our Oxon gymnasts brought festive cheer to the hall today by creating magical Christmas scenes with their bodies! 🌟 🎄





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2h · 🌐



Thank you for all of your hamper donations. ❤️... See more



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21 November at 16:51 · 🌐



The hall is looking festive and the stage is going up! 🌟... See more



Summary

I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have helped to support the school in so many different ways throughout the term. Once again, I would like to thank our staff who have shown huge professionalism and commitment throughout the last fifteen weeks. I will write to you early next term with information about the events that are planned for the spring term which starts on Monday 5th January.

I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'R'.

Mark Rogers