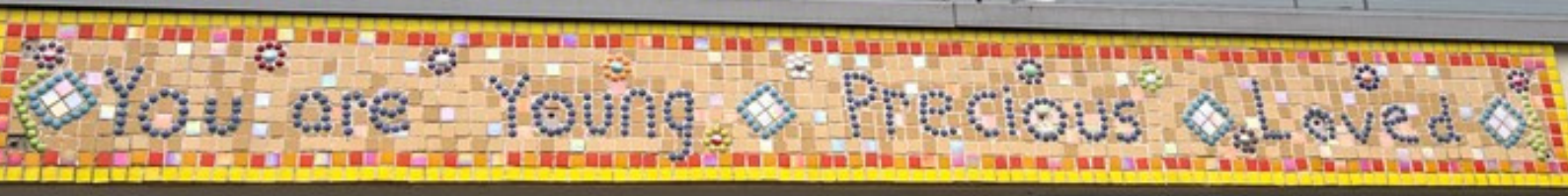




# Our Lady's News

## The RUAH



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
2026



**School returns  
on  
Monday  
13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**



**Graded  
outstanding in all  
areas in our  
Diocesan  
inspection in  
December 2024.**

### *A message from the Headteacher*

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the spring term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy and productive time for our school community. Classrooms have been full of curiosity, creativity and perseverance, and it has been wonderful to see the children continuing to grow in confidence across all areas of the curriculum.

This term also brought the season of Lent which offers us a valuable opportunity for reflection, kindness and giving in line with the three objectives for Lent: praying, fasting and giving alms. Across the school, we have been encouraging children to think about how they can make a positive difference whether through small acts of kindness as rewarded in our 'caught being kind certificates,' helping others, or taking time to reflect on what truly matters. These values are an important part of RUAH and it has been lovely to see them in action.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It plays a vital role in making our school such a nurturing and successful place for all our children. It was wonderful to see so many parents at our learning showcases yesterday morning. I hope you enjoyed visiting the classrooms and seeing what the children have achieved this term. We look forward to the summer term and to sharing more of the children's achievements with you.

We hope that you have a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoy spending time together as a family.

With best wishes  
Ms Davies and all the staff

*Respect, understanding, affection, humour*

# Important News!

To ensure that we meet the expectations of the Department for Education, our school times need to change.

From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April our new times will be:

**School gates open at 8.30am**

**Registration: 8.40am**

**End of the day: 3.10pm**



We fully understand that it will take time to adjust to the new school day and that traffic pressures might add to your concerns. After careful consideration, we felt that the best option was to minimise the changes at both ends of the day instead of one big change either in the morning or in the afternoon.

We thank you for your understanding and support as we also navigate this change, however, it is vital that we are in line with legal requirements.

## Parking and Traffic

We know that parking around our school is an issue. We are currently thinking of ways that we can try and help the situation.

These are:

- contacting the council to see if there are any ways to allow parents to park on surrounding streets for a very limited amount of time.
- contacting businesses in the neighbouring business parks to see if there are opportunities to use their car parks for a limited amount of time.
- The possibility of creating a walking bus service so that parents can drop-off in a designated area and staff walk children into school.
- Offering an early drop-off facility for a small charge that is separate to Breakfast Club.

*If you have any other ideas or useful contacts - please let us know, we would love to hear from you!*

**We have received a grant from Oxford City Council for £7500 to promote active travel so get those bikes and scooters out in the summer months!**

## Dinner Menu Summer

*Please find the link to the spring school dinner menu:*

<https://www.ourladyscowley.co.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=41>

*This is a polite reminder that all children's meals should be booked in advance via the Arbor app.*

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# News from the classrooms

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed learning all about Cowley and even made their own versions of electric cars.

Watch out BMW, our new car designs will be in direct competition!



Fantastic fun was had on World Book Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> March. The day started with the parade so that the children could showcase all of their wonderful costumes.

Each class then decorated their door with either their favourite book or collection of books.

This fantastic design was created by Olive Class! Children also enjoyed creating their own "Stories in a Box"... can you guess which stories inspired their wonderful designs?



Each class recommends a book for everyone in the school. These are the books for March. Are there any that you would like to read?

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# News from the classrooms



## Aqua Class Pizza Pros!

Aqua Class had a fantastic time on their trip to Pizza Express where they truly impressed the staff with their amazing cooking skills. It's safe to say they created some of the best pizzas the restaurant has seen from a whole class!

The children enjoyed their pizzas for lunch.



**Super Scientists in Ruby Class!**  
Ruby Class got busy with an exciting scientific investigation, exploring the best way to protect our skin from the sun's harmful rays. Using special colour-changing UV beads, the children tested different forms of protection, including water, sun cream and hats.



## Emerald Class Explores the Curiosity Cube!

Emerald Class had an amazing visit to Greyfriars School to dive into the Curiosity Cube. They got hands-on with experiments exploring DNA and enzymes, discovering science in the most fun and exciting ways. What a brilliant day of curious minds at work!

# News from the classrooms

Reception had a wonderful time making pancakes to celebrate Pancake Day!



Sapphire class had a fantastic visit to the JR Hospital, where the children took part in a first aid training session. They learned important life-saving skills, including what to do in an emergency and how CPR helps keep oxygen flowing to the brain and body.



Take a look at all the amazing learning Scarlett Class has completed this term for our topic, "Bright Lights, Big City"!



# News from the classrooms



Upper Key Stage 2 enjoyed an exciting trip to Snozone in Milton Keynes, perfectly linking to their Frozen Kingdom topic. The children truly excelled themselves, embracing their frozen expedition with enthusiasm and making the most of this fantastic experience.

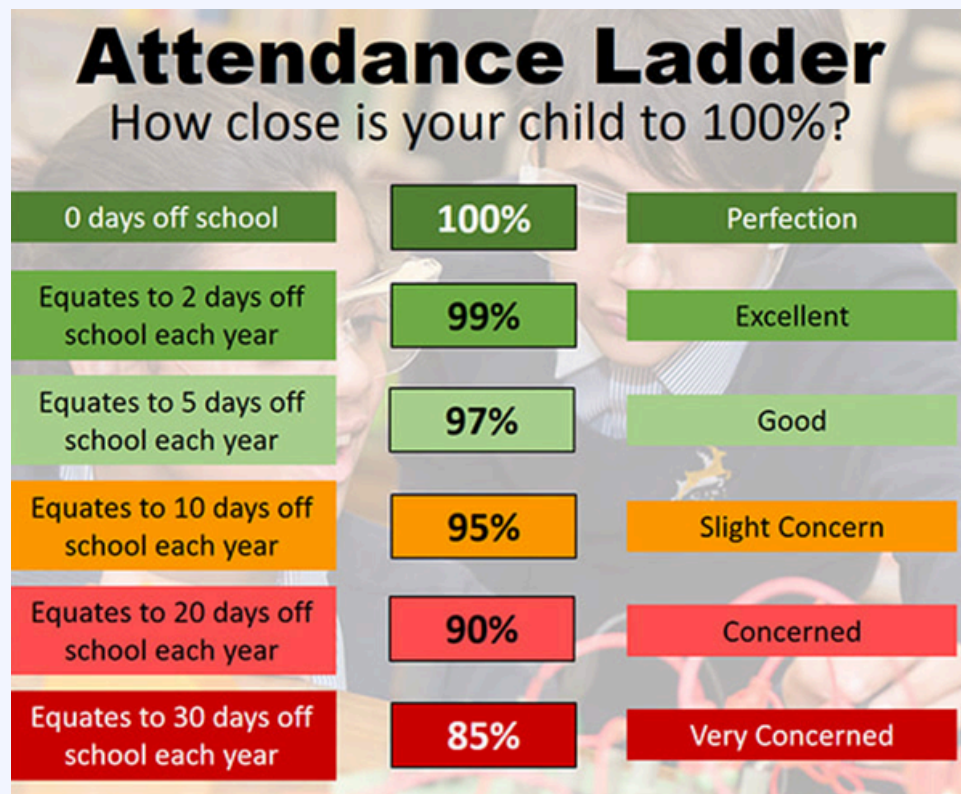
## Attendance

Your child's attendance at school is crucial. Unless they are very ill, they must be in school every day.

Furthermore, they must be in school on time our gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am.

It is vital that all children are in school as early as possible so that their learning is maximised.

**A polite reminder that if your child is unwell, you must contact the school office. Please call 01865 779176 to inform us.**



## Important Dates

School returns on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April for all children.

The dates for the summer term will be sent to you when we return after Easter.



# In the community

HOPE VINEYARD CHURCH OXFORD

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**11AM-12.30PM**



**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Beginning at HOPE OXFORD,  
Templars Sq. Shopping Centre, OX4 3XD

FREE eggs followed by children's crafts & activities

[www.hopeoxford.org](http://www.hopeoxford.org) registered charity: 3923765

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**MON 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – THURS 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**  
**10AM-4PM**

8:30AM EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE (ADDITIONAL FEE)

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# Community News



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



### ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

### ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free from 27th March - 19th April 2026

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

### BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April

### BREWDOG

Kids eat free 28th March - 12th April 2026

### CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

### COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Sun 19th April

### CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

### FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE weekdays 30th March - 17th April

### FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE daily from 30th March - 17th April

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

### MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

### MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

### PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

### PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

### PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

### SUBWAY

Kids eat Free from the 6th - 13th April

### SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

### TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

### TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

### TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

### WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays



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We wish you a joyful Easter holiday and hope you enjoy some special family time together.