HEADINGTON SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP : extended learning for all ages

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ALICE'S DAY **Saturday 5 July** ***at The Story Museum, Pembroke Street and around Oxford***

Alice's Day commemorates an important moment for children's literature and for Oxford. Alice became one of the most popular, most widely quoted and most widely translated children's book ever written and marks the birth of modern children's literature. Alice's Day is coordinated by The Story Museum, with venues all across the city joining in to provide a family festival of wonderland fun for all ages.

A frabjous day of delight with the 2025 theme of 'QUESTS AND ADVENTURES' – exciting and family friendly

Pre-booked half price entry **to the Story Museum for the day – events at Christ Church College, Museum of Oxford, History of Science Museum, Alice's Shop, the Weston Library, the Botanic Garden - and street theatre**

Learn to play croquet in the Masters' garden at Christ Church College *(pre-booking but sadly sold out)* – play snarks and riddles in The Story Museum – magic lantern talk in the Dodgson Room, Christ Church College *(pre-booking)* - meet Alice, the White Rabbit and playing cards on the street – story telling and crafts at the Weston Library – tea time with Hatter and Hare theatre in the Botanic Garden *(entry fee)* – hands on Alice history in the Museum of Oxford

downloadable list and map : https://storymuseum.s3-assets.com/2025-Alices-Day-at-a-glance.pdf

https://www.storymuseum.org.uk/about-us/alices-day-1

DANCIN' OXFORD SUMMER DANCE FESTIVAL 2025 ***https://www.dancinoxford.co.uk/whats-on/***

Our bodies as Earth **Sunday 6 July 2.00-4.00** ***Headington Hill Park***

An outdoor participatory performance exploring ecological embodiment and connection to land through movement, presented with **Modern Art Oxford** **also Thursday 7 July 7.00** ***Modern Art Oxford, Pembroke Street***

https://www.dancinoxford.co.uk/event/our-bodies-as-earth-presented-by-modern-art-oxford-and-dancin-oxford-summer-dance-festival/

LISTEN IN: A creative dance and music workshop with MuMo Creative

Friday 11 July 11.30 – 1.00 ***Blackwell Hall, Weston Library, Broad Street, OX1 3BG***

Experience a synergy of sound, movement and creativity in this workshop co-created by **MuMo Creative** **and their Dance for Parkinson's group.**

Drawing inspiration from the Bodleian ***Listen In: How Radio Changed the Home*** exhibition, the workshop combines live music, dance and creative exercises to boost physical and mental wellbeing, and to celebrate the transformative effects of dance and music ***drop in – take part – or just watch***

https://www.dancinoxford.co.uk/event/listen-in-a-creative-dance-and-music-workshop-with-mumo-creative/

CODE – by Justice in Motion **Friday 18 July 4.00** ***The Oxford Academy, Sandy Lane West, OX4 6JZ***
Saturday 19 July 1.00, 4.00 ***Broad Street***

A high-octane outdoor production using parkour, dance, trials biking and spoken word to raise awareness about child exploitation through county lines – a hard hitting message

https://www.dancinoxford.co.uk/event/code-by-justice-in-motion-summer-dance-festival/

https://www.justiceinmotion.co.uk/show/code/ ***digital programme : https://code-jim.co.uk/dl/a400f7***

TUDOR FAYRE **Sunday 13 July 11.30-5..30** ***Masters Garden, Christ Church College, OX1 1DP***

Experience the Tudor times of Cardinal Wolsey and Henry VIII in 1525 - sword fighting, falconry, music and dance, spinning and carding fleece, Tudor games.

£5 under the age of 16 are free booking essential 11.30 sold out from 2.00 available

Income from admission fees is being donated to Oxford Mutual Aid and Community Emergency Foodbank.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tudor-fayre-tickets-1364200553579?aff=oddtdtcreator

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PLAY SPACES

Temporary 'pop up play areas' in Oxford city centre have been welcomed by campaigners, who say it is a positive step towards making the city more family friendly. Leiden Square in Westgate, Broad Street and the Castle Quarter are hosting the ten pop-up events aimed at younger children, featuring different play themes including soft play, sensory play, play that supports motor skill development, nature-themed play and educational play.

The **Oxfordshire Play Association** is leading the pop-up events with trained play workers. The Ashmolean, the Story Museum and Oxford Castle and Prison, are offering activities such as story time sessions and art workshops,

The events will take place from 11.00 until 3.00 on: Wednesday, July 9 (Broad Street)
Wednesday, July 16 (Leiden Square) Tuesday, July 22 (Castle Quarter)

https://oxonplay.org.uk ***/https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/events?event_category=2325***

OPA PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAY

Frys Hill Park, Blackbird / Greater Leys OX4 7WQ

Saturday 19 July 11.00-3.00 building communities through play – for all ages – drop in

go kart party, art avalanche, fire play, Science Oxford, giant bubbles, muzo akademy, body zorbing, ride on time, diy face painting, smoothie bike, fabric upcycling, creating art, tricky trails biking, OU chemistry outreach Team, Peeple, TVP Neighbourhood Team, Home Start Oxford and more!!

All FREE but with food and drink to purchase – or bring your own

https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/play-and-activity-day-bbleys/

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OXFORD FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

https://artsfestivaloxford.org/

MAGNIFICENT OXFORD 1 May to 23 July – a cross Oxford celebration of art – music – theatre – film
Based at Magdalen College School, Oxford OX4 1DZ but covering events all over the City – for everyone
but sadly with fewer family events this year.

MADRIGALS ON THE RIVER

Friday 4 July 7.30 ***MCS Field, MCS School, The Plain, OX4 1DZ***

It has long been a quirky MCS tradition that the Trinity term comes to an end with a concert of Madrigals performed from punts on the river. This hugely popular event features a variety of madrigals and folksongs from different periods of musical history interspersed with some instrumental items.

Families are encouraged to picnic on school field from 6.30 with informal music from MCS students before the arrival of the punts at 8.00. **£10, £8, £2** ***https://www.ticketsoxford.com/events/madrigals-on-the-river***

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FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, OX1 2PH

Saturday 19 July 1.00-4.00

This summer's Festival of Archaeology explores being **Really Roman**, and celebrates the opening of our redisplayed Rome Galleries. It's a **FREE** event for all the family with exciting activities and tours across the Museum.

Drop in to enjoy a huge variety arts and crafts, demonstrations, and storytelling celebrating the Roman theme - make your own Roman mosaics, meet Roman traders and get to explore objects in the Museum.

Download the programme : ***https://ashmolean.org/sitefiles/festival-of-archaeology-2025-programme.pdf***

https://ashmolean.org/event/festival-of-archaeology-2025

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SCIENCE OXFORD

The Science Oxford Centre, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Road, OX3 8SB

FAMILY DAYS every Saturday – two hours in the Exploration Zone 10.00-12.00, 12.30-2.30, 3.00-5.00
and all day access to the woodlands ***best for ages 3+ but all are welcome***
£8 per person which includes the Eventbrite fee - free for Under 3s

You are advised to book in advance ***https://scienceoxford.com/events/family-days-every-saturday/***

SENSORY-FRIENDLY FAMILY DAY

Saturday 5 July

Lower numbers and other adaptations to better accommodate and support families who experience autism and/or have other additional needs ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/sensory-friendly-family-days/***

STEM THEMED SATURDAY CLUBS

most Saturdays 10.00-11.30, 12.30-2.00, 3.00-4.30

£14 per child – accompanying adult(s) free https://scienceoxford.com/centre/science-oxford-centre-events/

helping you and your child to learn from each other and work together while trying out new things

book now - they sell out quickly! ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on*** /

CREATIVE COMPUTING CLUB – OPERATION BUZZ

Saturday 5 July 10.00, 12.30

for ages 9-12 ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/operation-buzz-ages-9-12/***

SCIENCE CLUB – SUNSHINE SAFARI

Saturday 12 July 10.00, 12.30, 3.00

for ages 5-9 ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/sunshine-safari/***

SCIENCE CLUB – K'NEX FAIRGROUND

Saturday 26 July 10.00, 12.30, 3.00

for ages 5-9 ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/knex-fairground/***

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COURTSIDE AT BURY KNOWLE

Bury Knowle Park Chestnut Ave, OX3 9JJ

GET TOGETHER AND GET ACTIVE : tennis – mini tennis - table tennis – netball – basketball – yoga – zumba - mini golf – shuffleboard – Silver Joggers – café ***https://courtside.uk/bury-knowle#whats-on***

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WIN £1,000 FOR YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY from National Book tokens

Nominate your school and you could also win £100 gift card for yourself! There are lots more competitions on the site too, with book and other prizes. ***www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize***

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