

INSIDE Inclusion

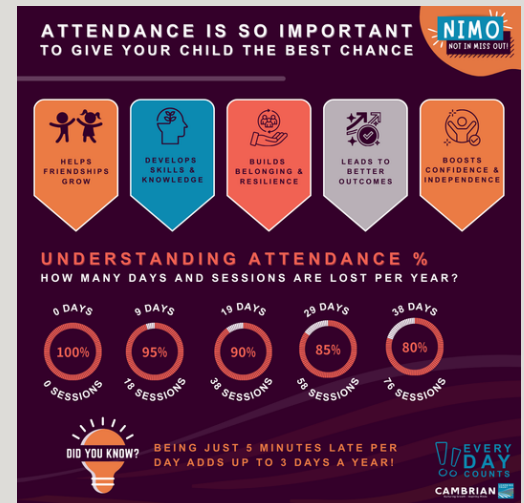
SUMMER 2 NEWSLETTER

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for your continued support with attendance this year. Working together has made a real difference, and we are truly grateful for the commitment you've shown in helping your children be present, engaged, and ready to learn.

As we know, strong attendance underpins all the benefits of school life - from learning and progress to wellbeing, confidence, and wider development. For some children, attending every day can be more challenging and this is exactly why CLT schools remain committed to working in partnership with families to identify barriers, find solutions and ensure every child receives the support they need.

As we head into the summer break, we wish all our families a wonderful holiday. We look forward to welcoming children back in September, refreshed and ready for a great start to the new term.



SEND

'HAVE YOUR SAY' ON THE NEW SEND STRATEGY

In Oxfordshire, representatives from parents and carer groups, education, health, and social care work together as the Local Area Partnership (LAP). Using feedback, engagement events and outcomes from inspections, the LAP has co-designed a new SEND strategy. We'd like to hear your views on the draft SEND Strategy for 2026 - 2029.

The partnership's ambition for children and young people with SEND is that they are valued, included, supported early, and are able to thrive in their communities and prepare confidently for adulthood. The plan provides a clear framework for how the LAP will work together to improve experiences and outcomes for children, young people and their families.

The plan is going out for consultation with a wide range of people across Oxfordshire to make sure that everyone 'has their say' on it. Click the link to 'Have Your Say' >



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SERVICES CHILDREN

THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUST



Donna Roberts
Service Pupil
Intervention Teacher

Donna Roberts, our Service Pupil Intervention Teacher, has been providing targeted academic support in Maths and English for a number of our service pupils. Donna has worked with 36 Year 5 and Year 6 service children, offering tailored guidance to strengthen core skills, build confidence and support progress across the curriculum.

Donna's work continues to make a positive difference, ensuring our service pupils feel supported, encouraged and well-prepared for the next stage of their learning.



Ruth Long
Early Years Pastoral
Lead for Service Pupils

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We are delighted to welcome **Ruth Long** to the Inclusion Team. Ruth will be providing pastoral support for our EY service children and their families, helping to strengthen relationships, offer guidance and ensure children feel settled and supported.

Please do look out for Ruth - she is very keen to meet the families she will be working with and begin building those important connections. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to the positive impact her work will bring.

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SAFEGUARDING

WATER SAFETY

Spending time near water can be fun, especially in warm weather but open water can be dangerous even if you are a strong swimmer. Open water environments such as rivers, lakes, reservoirs, canals and the sea can present hidden dangers, including cold water shock, strong currents and sudden death in depth. It is a good opportunity to talk to your children about water safety. Please ensure children are always supervised by a responsible adult when near water or when using designated safe swimming areas.

OPEN WATER: DON'T TAKE THE RISK

Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**

THE WATER IS COLD...
...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to cold water shock, which can cause gasping and intake of water.
This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.

DID YOU KNOW?
Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.

WHAT LIES BENEATH?
The water is untreated and can make you ill. Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.

Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.

Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or silty banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**

IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.

If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.

Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause **injury** or trap you.

Merseyfire & Rescue Service
www.merseyfire.gov.uk

REMEMBER

Enjoy the hot weather, look out for your friends and stay safe around water



Never go into water alone. Make sure someone knows where you are.



Do not jump, dive or swim in open water unless supervised.



Be aware of cold water shock and that this can affect anyone, even strong swimmers. Cold water shock can make it hard to move or breathe.



Rivers, canals and lakes may have hidden dangers under the surface such as rocks, rubbish, weeds or sudden drops.



Do not take risks to impress others, including dares, bridge jumps or entering the water for social media content.



If you fall in, stay calm, float on your back and try to control your breathing.



If you see someone in trouble, call 999 or 112, shout for help and throw something that floats. Do not go in after them.



If possible, use supervised swimming venues or pools instead of unsupervised water.



John Blandy Primary School has achieved the Smile Silver Accreditation for Oral Health, recognising the school's commitment to promoting good dental hygiene and healthy habits among its pupils. The accreditation reflects the work undertaken across the school to raise awareness of oral health and encourage positive habits that support children's overall wellbeing.

Headteacher Suzanne Elliott said: "We are incredibly proud to have achieved the Smile Silver Accreditation for Oral Health. This award reflects the enthusiasm of our pupils, the dedication of our staff and the support of our families. Developing healthy habits from an early age is an important part of children's wellbeing, and we are pleased that our whole-school approach to oral health has been recognised."



SCHOOLS' SCOOP

