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Year 1 - 6 Art Workshop Day on Friday 16th October 2026

Oxford Brookes University (Headington Campus, Gipsy Lane entrance, Oxford, OX3 0BP)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be taking the Year 1 – Year 6 children to Oxford Brookes University for an art workshop day on the theme “Express Yourself.”

Details are:

- Children need to wear school uniform for this trip.
- We will leave by coach at 9:15am and return by 3:00pm.
- All children will need to bring a packed lunch and refillable water bottle.
 - If your child is entitled to free school meals or universal infant free school meals, and you wish for us to provide a packed lunch for them, please confirm by **Monday 12th October** by email to the school office, office.3144@tackley.oxon.sch.uk, confirming the packed lunch sandwich option for your child/ren (cheese or ham).
 - Packed lunches for children in Years 3-6 can also be ordered at a cost of £3.15.
- The trip is being funded by Cotswolds Arts Through Schools (CATS), a charity that provides enriching opportunities for children. You can read more about CATS at the end of this letter.
- If parents/carers would like to make a **£2.00** voluntary donation per child to CATS they can through their website [here](#).
- Please can you complete your consent for the trip via ParentPay [here](#) by **Monday 12th October**.

What children need to bring:

- a packed lunch and water bottle (as above).
- An old shirt, apron or overall to protect their clothes (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only).
- An item or photograph representing something that makes them feel happy and calm.

The item should fit in the child's backpack and children are expected to look after it throughout the visit. If you feel the item is too precious to bring, please send a photograph instead.

Workshop details:

- The children will take part in three 45-minute art workshops, including oil pastel portraits, clay head modelling and observational drawing.
- All art materials will be provided, and the children will be able to bring their creations back to school.
- Children will be organised into mixed-age groups and will be supervised by school staff throughout the day.



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We are looking forward to an exciting and creative day at the university!

Kind regards

Mrs Arneil	Mrs Ward
Art Lead	Headteacher

Last year, Tackley School worked in partnership with Cotswolds Arts Through Schools (CATS), a charity that provides enriching opportunities for our children. Their funding helped us bring in visiting artists for Tackley Art Week, as well as the amazing Oxford Opera workshop for the whole school.

We are delighted to be continuing our partnership this year, bringing more exciting projects to the school in Art, Drama and Music.

Here is some more information about CATS' vision and aims.



Cotswolds Arts Through Schools is a growing partnership of schools, artists and arts organisations working together to improve access to the arts for children across the Cotswolds.

With arts provision under increasing pressure nationally, CATS helps schools offer inspiring creative opportunities that many children would otherwise miss. The charity provides free workshops, performances, projects and cultural experiences in areas including music, singing, drama, visual arts, textiles, photography, film and cultural heritage.

Since launching in 2023, CATS has worked with more than 60 schools and reached over 10,000 children across Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

CATS believes every child deserves access to creativity, culture and self-expression - regardless of background or circumstance. www.cotswoldsartsthroughschools.com

“Why It Matters”

Research consistently shows that arts education supports children’s confidence, communication, wellbeing, resilience and academic development. Yet arts opportunities in schools have declined significantly in recent years.

Cotswolds Arts Through Schools exists to help ensure children in local state schools can still experience the joy, confidence and inspiration that the arts can bring.