

St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are some Spring flowers in the University Parks. I've loved strolling around the Parks with my husband Richard, especially with the recent stunning weather. Oxford is such a beautiful city empty of cars and people!



This is the first day since lockdown that we've had serious rain, so it's been a chance to see if our newly refurbished guttering is holding up – so far, so good! The flower beds are also getting a much-needed watering. We've got roughly 20 children in most days with those in school following the home learning set on the website. We want to say again that we fully understand that home learning will not go well every day as we're all in such an unusual time. The connection with school is important and we know that some children also meet each other on screen to keep in touch. There is some pressure to get schools open again, even in a limited capacity. I have no more information than you on this; we all await the government review a week on Thursday.

We are aware that life has changed for many during this pandemic with many pressures, including financial ones. A local school, Tyndale Community School, has worked with churches and charities to organise a foodbox scheme. This is for families who are not in receipt of free school meals but are finding the weekly shop a serious demand. There are details of this scheme on www.tyndalecommunityschool.co.uk/foodboxes and do take a look at the website if you think it could be of help. The referral form is attached and this would need to come back to school or to another listed group for authorisation (see website for specific details). We are happy to take referrals via the office website.

I do hope this finds you and your families well and safe. Every week brings us one closer to being together again. I'll keep in touch.

Best wishes,
Liz Burton