



10th January 2025

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OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

Autumn Term 2025

January

13 th	Teacher Clubs start
14 th	Year 3 & 4 MultiSkills festival at St Dunstons School (invited children)
17 th	2:30pm Open Classroom event for Nursery, Infant and Junior. Mid – year reports to be sent home for all children in Year 1-6.
20 th	Year 2 Football festival at Sythwood School from 1pm (invited children) Parents’ evening appointments booking system (SCOPAY) goes live at 10am
21 th	Year 6 begin their ‘Delight’ in Shakespeare project.
22 nd	Year 4 to Sayers Croft for their residential visit
24 th	Year 4 home from Sayers Croft
28 th	3:30pm – 6:30pm Parents’ Evening (Face to Face) Infants in the school hall Juniors in the Library and Classrooms.
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31 st	Year 3 & 4 Netball at St Dunstan’s School (details TBA)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

The children have made a very positive start back to the term and we have had special Prayer Spaces open in both schools to help us think about our plans, hopes and dreams for the year ahead.



One immediate dream all the children have is that it snows enough for school to be open and we can all play in it together! As you know, we will always try to stay open – if we do and it has snowed enough to play in, please send your child to school with wellies and a change of clothes and a warm coat so that we can play outside, stay warm and have dry clothes to change into when we come back inside.

Dates for the term

As always, a new term brings a busy diary. Attached to this newsletter is a long list of key dates for parents. Please make sure you note down the ones that are important for your family.

Lunchtime Clubs

Teachers will resume lunchtime clubs next week. As always, the clubs are open for all children and begin at 12.30pm. The clubs on offer this term are as follows:

	Infant School	Junior School
Monday	Just Dance with Miss Philbey	Crochet and Craft with Mrs Ali and Mrs Potter Puzzle Book Club with Miss Gamblin
Tuesday	Art and Craft with Miss Holland Drawing with Mrs Smithers	Sewing with Mrs Ikin and Miss Grey
Wednesday	Singing with Mrs Thornton Sports Crew with Year 6 and Mrs Hastings	Lego with Mr Sanders
Thursday		‘Xtreme’ with Monica in the prayer Space Room Friendship Club with Mrs Collins
Friday	Reading with Mrs Bracken and the Year 6 prefects	Drawing with Miss Parkhouse and Mrs Winsor Library with the Year 6 Librarians and Mrs Collins

Dates for your Diary continued:

February

4th	Junior choir to Young Voices rehearsal and performance at the O2 Arena.
5th	Year 4 Orienteering competition at Hoebridge School (details TBA) OPTA School Disco (details TBA)
11 th	Safer Internet Day
14 th	Year 5 Art Exhibition in the Junior Hall (parents invited in the afternoon, timing TBA)

**Half – Term Holidays
17th – 21st February**

24 th	INSET day. Both schools closed.
25 th	Children return to school.

Spare Clothing

Our Infant and Junior office are running very low on supplies of tights (infants) girls and boys underwear (all ages) PE joggers (unisex all ages) and white t-shirts. If you have any spares, we would be very grateful for any donations. Can we remind you that if your child has come home with any of our spares, please can you return these to the offices as soon as possible.

School Pick Up

A small reminder from the school offices; If for any reason you need to change your child's collection arrangements, please do let us know as soon as possible. If this is after 2:30pm, may I request that you call the offices rather than email, as this message may not be seen in enough time to notify the teachers. If there are circumstances beyond anyone's control that may effect picking up your child on time, please contact the offices so that they can reassure your child whilst they wait to be collected.

Mindworks

Following on from our successful workshop with Becky White, we are hoping to host a Mindworks five-week workshop later this term.

The 5 workshops aim to support parents who think their child might be on the neurodiverse pathway and provide strategies to help them. This would be run by a Neurodevelopmental Practitioner for The Eikon Charity. (See attached flyer)

Each week, the sessions will last up to 1.5 hours with an input of approximately 45 minutes followed by tea/coffee and chat.

If you would be interested in attending the 5 workshops please contact Mrs Hollis at the Juniors or Mrs Shortland at the Infants by Monday 27th January.

Finally, you are all invited to Messy Church on Sunday at Christ Church, please see the invite below:

You are all warmly invited to Messy Church on Sunday 12th January, 4pm to 5.30pm - fun, fellowship, faith and crafts! Christ Church, Ottershaw, KT16 0PB

All welcome, suitable for all the family.

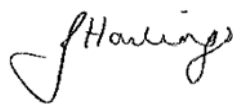
Please email monicahallcc@gmail.com to let us know you are coming.

Suggested donation £2 per person.

Love from the
Messay Church Team
Christ Church, Ottershaw

Keep warm and enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher