



13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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# OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

**Dates for your Diary:**

Autumn Term 2024

**December**

16<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Year 3 Dress Rehearsal to Junior School and Infant Siblings

11:00am Nursery Assembly in the Infant Hall. Mince Pies and Hot Chocolate to follow. Afternoon children in at 10.45am

Christmas Party afternoon (Reception to Year 6)

17<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Readers Church Rehearsal

2:00pm Year 3 Christmas Production for parents

18<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Junior School Carol Service at Ottershaw Christ Church

Nursery Christmas Party afternoon – Children to wear party clothes.

Christmas Dinner and festive head wear for Reception –Y6

19<sup>th</sup> Juniors to visit Pantomime

20<sup>th</sup> Toy Day / Mufti Day

Toy Day for Infants and Juniors (Reception to Year 6)

OPTA Bake sale – Junior and Infant – 1.05pm

Term ends for Christmas holidays:

1:00pm Nursery Finishes

1:05pm Juniors Finishes

1:15pm Infant Finishes

**23<sup>rd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> January Both Schools Closed for Christmas Holidays**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Nativity**

The children and staff team at the Infants made me so very proud this week – our Nativity performances were truly beautiful 😊. Thank you all for joining us, I know you were proud too. As always, Ottershaw at Christmas is a magical thing and I hope we have given the children (and you) some more special Christmas memories this year.



**Pantomime**

The Infants have also had the best end to their week – today was their Pantomime Trip! As you know, this annual event is one of the highlights of the year. It is no mean feat to take a whole school on coaches to a theatre, but such a lovely, authentic experience for all our children and it is definitely worth organising and doing. Many thanks to Ealsons for making the journey possible, Camberley Theatre for making the venue so accessible for us and to all our helpers for helping us get all the children safely there and back. Special thanks to Mrs May in the office for booking everything and to OPTA for helping to subsidise the trip. I can't say anymore as the Juniors go next week and I don't want to give any secrets and surprises away!

**Juniors**

Life at the Juniors has been much calmer than the Infants this week – they have continued with their learning (with dashes of Christmas along the way) and Year 4 enjoyed spending the day with Chertsey Museum to finish off their learning about The Tudors. All that is about to change!



**Christmas Fair**

Thank you to the Year 6 children who ran the stalls, to all the parents who donated prizes and to everyone's generosity, the total raised was an amazing; **£1,045.58!!**

### Dates for your Diary continued:

#### January

6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET Day Both Schools Closed</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School
8 <sup>th</sup>	Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required) 9:30am Infants 11:00am Juniors
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17 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm Open Classroom event for Nursery, Infant and Junior
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft
24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 home from Sayers Croft
28 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening (Face to Face) in the Infant and Junior school halls
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#### February

4 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices Choir at the O2 (Juniors only)
5 <sup>th</sup>	OPTA School Disco (Details to follow)

#### February Half Term Holidays 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February

24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET Day Both Schools Closed</b>
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### Diary reminders

Next week, nothing will be calm anywhere, as we will be on our Christmas Countdown! (5 more school get-ups to go!) No-one will need to be wearing a PE kit to school next week – our days will be full of Christmas Events instead! As a reminder:

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Christmas in the Infant Hall at 11am.

Christmas Party Afternoon. (Reception to Year 6)

All children come to school in normal, full uniform. We are having our Christmas Parties in the afternoon. Children may bring party clothes to change in to and a plate of named party food to eat at the Party (no nuts please). The party food is more of a snack, as the children will eat lunch in school as normal. The children do not share snacks with friends, so please only send in enough for your child.

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 readers to church for rehearsals.

Year 3 Christmas Production in the Junior Hall at 2pm for parents to enjoy.

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Junior Carol Service at Christ Church (led by Year 6). All the children will need a coat for the walk to church and back please.

Christmas Dinner at lunchtime for Infants and Juniors (Reception to Year 6). Children may bring in festive head wear.

Nursery Christmas Party afternoon – Children to wear party clothes.

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Junior School Trip to the Pantomime.

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Mufti Day and Toy Day for Reception to Year 6.

Children may bring in a toy, to play with friends (no electronics or anything that can connect to the internet please).

OPTA Bake Sale- from 1.05pm at the Junior and Infant school (see attached poster)

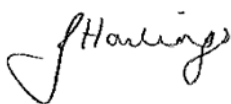
Term ends for the Christmas Holidays:

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>1pm finish</b>
<b>Junior</b>	<b>1.05pm finish</b>
<b>Infants</b>	<b>1.15pm finish</b>

### New date for you for the New Year:

We will be holding an 'Open Classroom' event for parents of all the children in both schools. You are invited to come and look at your child's work on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm**. If your child is in Years 1 – 6 a short, mid-year report will also be available for collection. We hope this helps you all to see what your child has been learning before our next Parent Consultation Evenings on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January (details will sent on booking these meetings after the New Year).

Enjoy your weekend!  
Yours sincerely



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Headteacher