



15th November 2024

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# OTTERS HAW NEWS!

## Dates for your Diary:

### Autumn Term 2024

#### November

18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Runnymede Memorial visit

25<sup>th</sup> 8:45am Infants Maths Workshop at Infant Hall

26<sup>th</sup> Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required)  
9:30am Infants  
11:00am Juniors

Year 3 and 4 Multiskills (details to follow)

27<sup>th</sup> Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required)  
9:30am Infants  
11:00am Juniors

28<sup>th</sup> Year 6 National Child Measurement Program

U9 Boys Football Tournament (details to follow)

29<sup>th</sup> MUFTI Day for Christmas Fair Donations

#### December

5<sup>th</sup> Year 3 visit to CAMEO

6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Fair hosted by Year 6

9<sup>th</sup> Infant Nativity Rehearsal

10<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Infant Nativity for Robins, Hedgehogs and Otters Class (No younger children to attend)

11<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Infant Nativity for Sparrows, Squirrels and Badgers Class (No younger children to attend)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for supporting our Anti-Bullying Day today – we are giving all your donations to the NSPCC to help with the vital work they do in safeguarding children. If you wish to make a donation, this can be done via [SCOPAY](#) before Monday. We will update you next week with our total raised.

We are all partners in safeguarding, and knowing what to do if you see something not quite right includes bullying. I hope the children have enjoyed their important learning today, have remembered that it is important to tell an adult as soon as they are worried and everyone remembers that we all belong at Ottershaw.

Another important aspect of helping keep our children safe is supporting them to stay safe online. We do have a specific Online Safety Day planned in February, and bring up how to keep yourself safe online throughout the year too. To support you in monitoring things at home, please find attached this month's Online Safety Newsletter for you all and it has a focus on WhatsApp and YouTube (both are used by many children and we experience difficulties in school linked to both, so this is a very pertinent article).

Besides our Anti-Bullying Day, the other exciting things happening in school have included:

#### **Fire Brigade**

A visit from the Fire Brigade to children in Reception. We spoke to the Firefighters, had a look inside the Fire Engine and put out a fire with their hoses! This was a great addition to our Fire Safety training!

#### **Junior Citizen**

Year 6 went with Mrs Jenkyn and I on Tuesday afternoon for their Junior Citizen training, where we all learned more about how to spot dangers and keep ourselves safe whilst out and about in the community (including learning how to put a friend in the first aid 'recovery position').

#### **U11 Boys Football**

Our Year 6 boys Football Team took part in a local football tournament on Wednesday afternoon with Mr Sanders (they finished second in their group, well done boys)!

#### **Egyptian Day**

Year 3 enjoyed their Ancient Egyptian Day on Thursday. Miss Parkhouse and Mrs Winsor saved the day from potential disaster at the last minute (the person we had booked to run the workshops for the children was rushed to hospital overnight). The children arrived in gorgeous costumes and enjoyed a day learning about hieroglyphics, made cartouches, wrote me letters and learned all about how the Ancient Egyptians mummified things (they even had a go themselves)!

### Dates for your Diary:

- 12<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Infant Nativity, younger siblings may attend.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Infants visit to Pantomime
- 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Year 3 Dress Rehearsal to Junior School and Infant Siblings
- 11:00am Nursery Nativity in the Infant Hall
- Christmas Party afternoon
- 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
- Christmas Dinner and festive head wear for all
- 19<sup>th</sup> Juniors to visit Pantomime
- 20<sup>th</sup> Toy Day  
Christmas Party afternoon
- Last Day before Christmas Holidays:  
1:00pm Nursery Finishes  
1:05pm Juniors Finishes  
1:15pm Infant Finishes

### **December**

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

### **January**

- 6<sup>th</sup> INSET Day Both Schools Closed
- 7<sup>th</sup> Back to School

### **Volunteer**

As always when planning trips or events we need plenty of parent helpers to make the events successful, please consider volunteering at any of our up and coming events using the links below.

[Junior School Walk to Church and Carols Service](#)

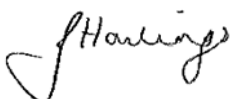
### **Maths Workshop for Infant Parents**

This is a new invitation for you all: Miss Philbey will be running a workshop for all parents to talk through how we teach maths at Ottershaw. She will be presenting in the Infant Hall at 8.45am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Do please come along – it is a very helpful, informative session (and please also laugh at her puns and number jokes)!

Finally, I would like to say well done to all the children at both schools. They really embraced our Remembrance Assembly beautifully and respectfully on Monday. I was so proud of them all!

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher