



17th January 2025

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OTTERS HAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

Autumn Term 2025

January

20th Year 2 Football festival at Sythwood School from 1pm (invited children)

Parents' evening appointments booking system ([SCOPAY](#)) goes live at 10am

21th Year 6 begin their 'Delight' in Shakespeare project.

22nd Year 4 to Sayers Croft for their residential visit

24th Year 4 home from Sayers Croft

28th 3:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening (Face to Face) Infants in the school hall Juniors in the Library and Classrooms.

29th 3:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening (Face to Face) Infants in the school hall Juniors in the Library and Classrooms.

31st Year 4 Netball at St Dunstan's School (invited children)

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 [Book your tickets here](#)

11th Safer Internet Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for joining us today – the children always love it when you visit their classrooms to see what they've been up to in their hours at school. If your child is in Years 1 – 6 we also hope our mid-year reports give you another snapshot of how well your child is doing in their learning ahead of our Parents' Evenings in a couple of weeks.

Parents Evening

Talking of Parents' Evenings, our online booking system for making an appointment goes live on Monday 20th January and will close on Tuesday 28th January. We are looking forward to seeing you all then.

New Website

Across the Good Shepherd Trust, all the schools are gradually migrating to a new website. Not much will change at this point, apart from the layout of some of the pages. Once we've had our training and it is fully up and running we are looking forward to being able to share this with you. For the time being, you should be able to find information in the same way as you do now, but it is very much a work in progress for the next few weeks.

Years 3 and 4 Multi Skills Sports Festival

A big thank you to Mr Sanders and all our parent supporters who helped get our children in Years 3 and 4 to the local Multi skills Sport Festival at St Dunstan's School on Tuesday. I know the children who were chosen to represent Ottershaw absolutely loved the experience and we loved the chance to take them.

Year 1 Animals Topic

Our Year 1 children are expecting a plethora of animals to visit over the coming weeks as part of their 'Animals' topic. This week we were very pleased to meet Mrs Jenkyn's hen, some lovely dogs, cats and a giant snail! I understand a variety of other pets are coming to meet us soon. Keep your eyes peeled!!

OPTA Disco

OPTA's fantastic school Disco will be on Wednesday 5th February, the flyer is attached to this email and you can book your child's ticket now. [Click Here](#)

Finally, I see next week may be another cold one – please do make sure your child has a coat in school every day as we do like to get outside even when the weather is cold.

Enjoy your weekend

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary continued:

February

14 th	Year 5 Art Exhibition in the Junior Hall (parents invited in the afternoon, timing TBA)
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**Half – Term Holidays
17th – 21st February**

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