



OTTERSRAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

Summer Term 2024

April

- 22nd MUFTI for the Sparrows and 5S from the Easter Fun Run
- 23rd Year 3 PE Kits needed
- 24th OPTA Quiz Night at the Junior Hall—[Ticket link here](#)
- 25th OPTA Bags2School
OPTA Pre Loved Uniform Sale
- 26th Year 1 and 2 Pottery Workshops

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! It is always our busiest but, apart from the Year 6 SATs, the term we love the most. I particularly love seeing the children playing on the field and our family picnic and Sports Day is always a great day for us all to enjoy being together.

As always, a full list of dates and events we have already planned for this term is listed below for your information but do keep an eye on the dates in the newsletter as we're always keen to 'live life in all its fullness' and grab opportunities to enrich learning for the children.

This week, the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 really enjoyed their cricket coaching session provided by Surrey Cricket. It was lovely to see the children out in the sunshine (long may it last). Thank you to Mr Sanders for organising.

Next week heralds the return of the [OPTA Quiz Evening!](#) It is on Wednesday 24th April 7.30 – 10.00pm, doors open 7.00pm. There are still a few tables left but the cut off for booking is Tuesday 23rd April at midday. Do come along and join us.

Thank you to everyone who returned their OPTA Fun Run sponsor forms. I'm sure the children in Sparrows and 5S will be thrilled to hear that they returned the most forms and have won a mufti day this coming Monday, 22nd April. It is a normal uniform day for all other classes please.

We are also still collecting any uniform donations for OPTA, for their next Pre Loved Uniform sale on Thursday 25th April. Donations can be handed in at the school offices.

Summer Term Diary

Below is everything coming up in the diary so far this term. From next week all these dates will appear in our purple 'Dates for your Diary' column.

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- 22nd Mufti for Sparrows and 5S for the Easter Fun Run winners
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May

- 10th Year 3 Pottery Workshops
- 13th Year 6 SATs Week. Y6 invited to arrive from 8.15am for tea and toast (Monday to Thursday)
- 17th Computing Workshop Year 6
- 21st Class Photo Day
After school (Timings TBC) Years 5 and 6 Cross Country Competition at Pirbright School
- 23rd 8.30am—9.00am Year 2 Parents Open Classrooms to see Delight in the Woods work
- 24th Sports Day (Juniors morning / Family Picnic on the field for all at lunchtime/Infants afternoon)

Half Term 27th May to 3rd June

Summer Term Diary continued...

June

- 3rd Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Week
- 5th Year 1 Geography walk around Ottershaw
- 7th Reserve Sports Day
- 10th Year 1 Phonics Check Week
Year 6 Residential Week
- 12th Possible District Sports for Junior children
- 14th Year 6 return home
- 18th Year 3 to Chobham Common
Year 6 to Guildford Cathedral
- 20th Possible District Sports for Junior children

- 21st INSET DAY: Both schools closed
- 24th INSET DAY: Both schools closed

July

- 1st Letters to go home at the end of the day telling you which class your child will be in next year
6pm New Reception Parents meeting with staff in the Infant Hall
7pm New Y3 Parents meeting with staff in the Junior Hall
- 2nd Transition Day: All children spend the day with their new teacher
New Reception children school visit
- 5th Year 5 Fullbrook taster day
- 8th Olympics and Ancient Greece Fortnight Begins
New Robins children school visit with lunch
- 9th New Sparrows children school visit with lunch
- 10th Reception visit to The Lookout
- 11th Nursery visit to Hobbledown
- 12th 2.30pm Celebration of Work (open classrooms) and reports go home
- 16th 11am Nursery Leavers' Assembly
- 18th 9.30am Y2 Leavers' Assembly
1.30pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly
- 19th End of Term (1.05pm Juniors/1.15pm Infants)

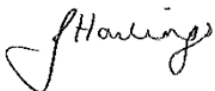
It is always nice to return and hear happy news. Mrs Dockley had her baby during the holidays – a little girl. Mother and baby are doing well and we can't wait for cuddles with them both.

It has been a busy baby year for us: Mrs Syrett, Mrs Thornton, Mrs Dockley and Miss Hine have all had happy news this year. Just as we prepare to say goodbye and good luck to Miss Hine (baby due in June) Miss Walsh has returned from her maternity leave to replace her. Welcome back Miss Walsh – we have missed you. I know that 3HS were excited to see her today. She will be working alongside Miss Hine next Friday too so that there is a smooth handover before Miss Hine gets ready to have her baby.

Finally, can we make an urgent plea for you to check that your child's name is still in their school jumper or cardigan, PE kit and water bottle. We have hundreds of items to try to return to the right child at the end of lunchtime and it is mission impossible when items are not named!

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



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