

# OTTERS SHAW NEWS!

**Dates for your Diary:**

**Autumn Term 2024**

**December**

- 4<sup>th</sup> 3:05pm OPTA Pre Loved Uniform and Christmas Jumper Sale at Junior and Infants
- OPTA Raffle will be drawn at 8:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year 3 visit to CAMEO
- 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Fair hosted by Year 6
- Last day to book Christmas Lunch for Infants and Juniors
- 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)
- 12<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Infant Nativity, younger siblings may attend.
- Year 4 Tudor Workshop
- 13<sup>th</sup> Infants visit to Pantomime (Nursery stay at school)
- Last Fledglings for 2024
- 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 (not including Nursery)

Dear Parents/Carers,

There are signs that Christmas is coming! The Year 1 Santa Cams are working, Reception are writing their letters to Father Christmas, I can hear Christmas songs being practised and our Cathedral Artwork has been delivered, and very lovely it is too! The theme this year is 'light in the darkness' and the children have made some very reflective pieces of art which will be displayed around the Cathedral from Saturday – do pop in and have a look if you're shopping or visiting Guildford.



**Dates for your Diary continued:**

- 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  
Nursery Christmas Party afternoon – Children to wear party clothes.  
Christmas Dinner and festive head wear for all (not including Nursery)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Juniors to visit Pantomime
- 20<sup>th</sup> Toy Day / Mufti Day  
Toy Day for Infants and Juniors, not nursery.  
Last Day before Christmas Holidays:  
1:00pm Nursery Finishes  
1:05pm Juniors Finishes  
1:15pm Infant Finishes

**December**

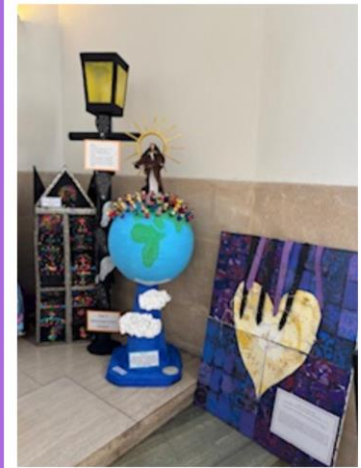
**23<sup>rd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> January Both Schools Closed for Christmas Holidays**

**January**

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

## INFANTS

All Delivered Safely to Guildford Cathedral



The other signs that Christmas is around the corner are the growing number of Nativity costumes arriving in classrooms, the lovely donations you sent in today for both the Year 6 Christmas Fair and Year 3 Salvation Army Toy Appeal and our [OPTA Christmas Raffle](#) starting! Thank you so much for helping us!

### Under 9s Football

Our Year 4 boys represented our school at the District football tournament, organised by Greenfield School. The weather might have been cold and frosty but the boys' feet weren't! Well done for playing so well boys!

### Make your own Christmas Decorations with Ottershaw Potter

Ioanna, the Art Club teacher is running a Pottery Stall this weekend, Sat 30th & Sun 1st from 10am-4pm for a 'make your own Christmas decorations' activity, in aid of Woking and Sam Beare Hospice.

£5 for 2 terracotta clay decorations, (suitable for all ages).

Plus handcrafted pottery items, decorations, cards, and bags of clay for sale.

21a Brox Road, Ottershaw, KT16 0HG (opposite the One Stop shop).

Hope you can come!

### Christmas Fair next week

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December it will be busy! It is Christmas Jumper Day (mufti clothes and a splash of Christmas with a jumper/t-shirt) and the Year 6 Christmas Fair. All children; Reception to Year 6 will visit the Fair a year group at a time, with their own money to spend, coins if possible please, in named purses handed in to teachers on arrival at school in the morning. We recommend a maximum of £5 per child to spend and stall cost about 50p each.

Finally, can I please remind you all about how you park – it is the season of Goodwill and our neighbours would really appreciate you showing them some of this! Please do not park across driveways, zig zag lines or our private roads or anywhere where you might block access. Thank you.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings  
Headteacher