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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

Summer Term 2025

May

5 th	Bank Holiday – Schools Closed
8 th	VE Day Celebrations! Red, White and Blue Mufti Day for Nursery – Year 6. Nursery have arranged their own celebrations for this day.
12 th	SATs Week
15 th	7pm Traffic and Parking meeting for parents and residents in the Junior Hall.
16 th	OPTA Crazy Hair & Mufti Day (details to follow)
20 th	Class Photos for both schools
	Year 6 Globe Theatre Trip (Year 6 to be at school at 8:15am)
	4.15pm Year 3 and 4 Rescheduled Cross Country Event at Hoe bridge
23 rd	Sports Day and Family Picnic Day (details to follow)
	Last Day

May Half Term Holidays 26th – 30th May

June

2 nd	Back to school
3 rd	Papaya Workshop Year 4 and 5 (details to follow)
5 th	Year 3 Chobham Common Trip (details to follow)
6 th	Reserve Sports Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ottershaw in the summer is a particularly gorgeous place to be and I have loved seeing the children playing on the field in the sunshine! I do hope that the warm sunshine stays now (and it stays dry for Sports Day)! There is a separate letter attached giving Sports Day details – I know it is long but it is important that you know which gate to use to come and join us and where/when you can collect your children from on the day – please keep a note of the bits that are about your family. In the meantime, now that the weather is warmer, it is really important that all the children come to school with sunscreen on (applied at home) and have a sunhat and water bottle in school please.

VE Day

Next week, as explained in last week's newsletter, we will be celebrating VE Day in school on Thursday 8th May. All the children are invited to wear red/white/blue clothes to school and we will be having a 'street party' with all the children from both schools together at lunchtime. Our choir will be singing to Cameo and we are having special visitors: The Mayor of Runnymede will be joined by her counterparts from Joinville-le-Pont (in France) and Bergisch Gladbach (in Germany) as our European Twin Towns. Again, I am hoping for a dry day!

OPTA

Our OPTA Committee have been busy again – this time running a really great Quiz Night for the adults on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who came along, it was a great atmosphere and, once again, the staff teams were well and truly beaten by you all!

Well Done to Team 'Clueless'

Thank you to everyone who sponsored children for our Easter Fun Run, we raised an incredible total of £3,551.11!! Well done to Sparrows and 4P for returning the most sponsor forms – both classes enjoyed a special mufti day treat today. Just in case you are wondering, the children do not have to wear their school uniform on Crazy Hair Day (Friday 16th May) We will have a collection bucket for cash on the day.



Dates for the Year

As promised, a full list of the dates already planned for this term:

8th May

VE Day Celebrations! All children to wear clothes with red, white and blue in them. Our choir will be performing to Cameo about 10.30am and then the Mayor of Runnymede will be visiting us, joined by (Town twinned with Addlestone) to congratulate us for winning the Mayor's VE Day Art Competition. Our caterers will be providing a special VE Day picnic lunch and all the children will be enjoying a picnic on the field to celebrate this momentous national event.

Dates for your Diary continued

June

7 th	Year 2 Lunches at the Juniors for 1 week
9 th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week
11 th	Reception Trip to Christ Church (details to follow) Quad Kids Athletics Competition (details to follow)
17 th	Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral
19 th	Quad Kids Athletics Competition (details to follow)
20 th	MUFTI Day for OPTA donations of sweets/bottles and gift sets
23 rd	INSET Day Both Schools Closed
24 th	Year 4 to Grange Park Opera (details to follow)
26 th	Year 5 to Fullbrook (details to follow)
30 th	New Reception Parents' meeting 6pm in the Infant Hall New Year 3 Parents' 7pm in the Junior Hall

July

1 st	Transition Day for all Children who will be at Ottershaw next year
4 th	Celebration of Work and Reports Home (Timing TBC)
7 th	Values Fortnight Begins
	Year 6 Residential
10 th	Nursery trip to Hobbledown 10am at the farm
11 th	Year 6 Return Home from Residential New Robins children to lunch
14 th	New Sparrows children to lunch
15 th	Nursery End of Year Assembly 11am (details to follow)

12th May Year 6 SATs Week. All Year 6 children are invited to arrive at school at 8.15am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week to enjoy some breakfast (toast with tea/hot chocolate/coffee/squash/water) as a special treat.

15th May 7pm Traffic and Parking meeting for parents and residents in the Junior Hall. We have been waiting for local election confirmation and Police availability to hold this much delayed meeting to explore solutions to our local problems. I am pleased to advise that we will be joined by our local Runnymede Borough Councillor, Carl Mans; our Surrey County Councillor, Jonathan Smalley and our local Police Representative, Ian Nash. Unfortunately no-one is available from the Enforcement Department to join us but we have decided to go ahead with this meeting rather than delay it further.

16th May OPTA Crazy Hair Mufti Day

20th May Year 6 visit to The Globe Theatre in London

Class Photos Day

Years 3 and 4 Cross Country race at Hoebridge School @ 4.15pm (this is a rescheduled event so if you received a team letter before Easter your child is still included).

21st May Sports Day practice for all children – please wear PE kits to school.

23rd May Sports Day and Family Picnic. The Junior events will be in the morning and the Infants in the afternoon. Parents from both schools are invited to join us on the field for a family picnic at lunchtime.

26th May – 30th May Half Term

2nd June Children return to school

3rd June Year 4 and 5 workshops with Papaya to learn more about the impact of screen time and social media on our mental health

5th June Year 3 visit to Chobham Common

6th June Reserve Sports Day

9th June Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week

11th June Reception Trip to Christ Church

Quad Kids Athletics Competition (formally known as District Sports) details to follow

17th June Year 6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral

19th June Quad Kids Athletics Competition (formally known as District Sports) details to follow

20th June MUFTI Day for OPTA. Donations of bottles, sweets and gift sets for the Ottershaw Fete OPTA Stall on 28th June. (No chocolate please, as this can melt if it is a warm day!)

23rd June INSET Day both schools closed

24th June Year 4 to Grange Park Opera (details to follow)

30th June New Reception Parents' meeting 6pm in the Infant Hall

New Year 3 Parents' meeting 7pm in the Junior Hall

1st July Transition Day for all children who will be at Ottershaw next year

4th July Celebration of Work: All parents are invited to classrooms from 2pm to view their child's work and receive the annual report from their child's class teacher

7th July Values Fortnight begins

Year 6 Residential Visit to PGL

9th July Reception visit to The Lookout

10th July Nursery trip to Hobbledown

11th July New Robins children to lunch

Year 6 home from their residential

14th July New Sparrows children to lunch

15th July Nursery End of Year Assembly 11am

17th July Year 2 Leavers' Assembly 9am in the Infant Hall

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm in the Junior Hall

18th July Term end and school closes for the summer holidays

Nursery Finishes at 1pm

Juniors finish at 1.05pm

Infants finish at 1:15pm

Dates for your Diary continued

July

15 th	Nursery End of Year Assembly 11am (details to follow)
17 th	9am Year 2 Leaver' Assembly in the Infant Hall 1:30pm Year 6 Production Last day for afternoon nursery children
18 th	Last Day Nursery finishes at 1pm Juniors finish at 1:05pm Infants finish at 1:15pm

Summer Holidays **21st July to 29th August**

Staffing Update

This week we have recruited 2 new teaching assistants for the Junior School: Mr Henry will be joining us shortly and work until the end of term as a teaching assistant and will then stay with us in September as a trainee teacher. Miss Jones will be joining us from September as a teaching assistant. We are excited to be able to welcome these new colleagues to our team.

Sadly, Miss Gamblin will be leaving us at the end of term. She came to see me before Easter to say she would like to take early retirement after teaching for over 30 years 😞. Miss Gamblin and I joined Ottershaw at the same time and she has been the driving force behind our Mastery Maths Approach and has been the Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader for all this time. I know she will be greatly missed by us all. We have begun recruiting and will update you when we have news – there are some big shoes for us to fill.

We also have some temporary news about Mrs Ikin. I have known for some time that she has been undertaking treatment to avoid eye surgery but this has not been successful so she will be leaving us for 6 weeks as the Year 6 SATs exams finish to repair her eyesight. Obviously, this has been a very stressful time for her and I am grateful that she delayed surgery to get her class through this important time. She very much hopes to return in time to join the children for their residential visit. Meanwhile, we are securing a long-term supply teacher to cover in her absence. I know you will send her your best wishes for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

Finally, a lovely invitation from Monica to join her for Messy Church this Sunday:

You are warmly invited to Messy Church on Sunday, 11th May 2025

Christ Church, Guildford Road, KT16 0PB 4pm until 5.30pm

Suitable for all the family!

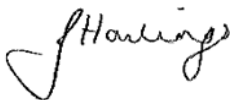
Come along and enjoy stories, songs, crafts & a hot tea.

Please email monicahallcc@gmail.com to let me know you are coming.

Date for your diary – next Messy Church 8th June 2025

Enjoy the long Bank Holiday Weekend!

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



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