



3rd October 2025

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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:	
Autumn Term 2025	
October	
6 th	Year 5 Rural Life Trip
7 th	Open mornings for Prospective Parents. Infants 9.15am / Juniors 10.30am (pre booking required) 1pm Year 6 Prefect interviews
8 th	Junior School Council visit to Houses of Parliament Year 4 to Golden Hinde – children must be at school at 8:15am
9 th	Open mornings for Prospective Parents. Infants 9.15am / Juniors 10.30am (pre booking required)
10 th	Otters Class - Forest School Year 5 Dodgeball Event (details to follow once confirmed)
15 th	8.45am Maths Workshop for Year 3 Junior parents at the Junior Hall
17 th	Badgers Class - Forest School
20 th	3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening Nursery to 6A.
21 st	3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening Nursery to 6A.
22 nd	8.30am – 5.30pm Parents Evening for 6I Harvest Services (children only) 2.15pm Reception Tea party
23 rd	Year 4 and Year 6 visit Cameo 1.30pm Year 4 Harvest performance to Parents in Junior Hall
24 th	INSET DAY- Both schools closed
October Half Term 27 th to 31 st	
November	
3 rd	INSET DAY – Both schools closed
4 th	Back to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been very pleased to be able to enjoy another (mainly) dry week in school and we are still loving our OPAL time at lunchtime. It won't be long now before we are able to open our mud kitchen area to the choice of activities – the grounds work has been completed and we are hoping to launch early next week, we know the children will love it!

Even on wet days we will still go outside to play – please make sure that your child has a waterproof coat and wellies in school to help them stay dry.

Harvest

Now that we are into October, our thoughts turn to our Harvest Celebrations. Year 4 always lead our services in school and are very excited about their Harvest Production to parents – the scripts have been handed out and we are getting ready!

Our planned events include:

Wednesday 22nd October

Separate Infant and Junior Harvest services, lead by Year 4 in the Junior School Hall

Thursday 23rd October

Year 4 and Year 6 visit Cameo in the morning, to perform and distribute afternoon tea gifts (Year 4 provide the entertainment, Year 6 distribute homemade scones, tea bags, coffee, biscuits and jam – we ask Year 6 parents to provide these instead of donating to the Foodbank).

This year, if your child is in Reception or Years 1,2,3,4 or 5 we will be collecting for the Runnymede Foodbank and they have asked for the following donations particularly:



Please donate an item or two from the list to help local people left without enough money to live on.

Shopping list

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned veg/fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned soup
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Cereals
- Fruit juice (long-life)
- Sponge pudding
- Biscuits
- Instant mashed potato

runnymede.foodbank.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1095763.
Registered in England and Wales.

Parent Volunteers Needed!

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.

[Infant Panto Trip 12th Dec Link Here](#)

[Junior Panto Trip 18th Dec Link Here](#)

Please can children bring their donations to classrooms by the morning of Wednesday 22nd October – the children bring their donations with them to our services in the Junior School Hall on this day.


Online Safety

Each month we send our Online Safety newsletter, this month's is attached. We urge you all to be vigilant and engage with your child's online activity. We need every adult to care about this to help protect all our children from harmful content online and ensure they are only contacting people they actually know when communicating online.

Finally, we have one more OPTA Date to add to your diaries: We will be having the ever popular Crazy Hair Day on Friday 15th May – we know the children get very excited about this!!

Enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher

