



5th June 2026

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OTTERS SHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

June

8th Selected Year 5/6 children for Quad Kids at Sports Box .

12th MUFTI for Ottershaw Village Fair .
9am OPAL Stay and Play for Year 1-6 parents in the Junior Hall

15th Selected Year 3/4 children for Quad Kids at Sports Box.

16th Year 6 leavers service at Guildford Cathedral (children only)
Year 5 Fullbrook Away Day

17th Brickies Workshop in school for Year 2 and 3.
8.45am Relationship and Sex education briefing for all parents of both schools held in Junior Hall.

18th Nursery Visit to Hobbledown.

22nd Selected children for SEN Multi skills at Hoe Bridge –TBC timings
Year 3 Visit to Chobham Common

25th 2pm Year 4- Art Exhibition in the Junior Hall

26th INSET DAY

29th INSET DAY

Return to school on Tuesday 30th June

30th 6pm New Reception parents Induction evening at Infant Hall.
7pm New Year 3 Parent Induction evening at Junior Hall.

July

1st Transition Day

3rd 2-4pm Celebration of Work
1.30pm-2.45pm selected children to do Archery at St Dunstons

6th Year 6 residential to PGL – all week (return on 10th July)
Year 2 to visit the Junior School for lunch all week.

9th Year 4 to Chertsey Meads TBC

14th 1.30pm Nursery end of year assembly followed by treats

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the very last half of our school year! It is always a busy time so please do keep an eye on our dates so that you don't miss any special events!

Year 5 certainly enjoyed themselves this morning – they were eating insects as part of a persuasive writing project! Their writing even persuaded the teachers to try them. Enjoy the photos below.

OPAL

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to a special OPAL session next Friday. We would like to give all parents with children in Years 1 - 6 the opportunity to meet with us to hear briefly about our OPAL journey and then stay to enjoy an OPAL play session on the Junior playground and field.

We are inviting one parent per family (NB not per child) to join us for the play session (we know your children will love you to see what they do and join in with their play).

We will start together in the Junior Hall and then the children will join us outside for a play session until 10.15am. At the end of the session, the children will go back to their classrooms in the usual way (where we will have a special treat waiting for them) and we ask all parents to sign out and leave via the Junior Hall. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the play, we are unable to welcome any younger or older siblings to this event.

Do feel free to come to the Junior Hall after drop off (we will be asking you to sign in at the Juniors in the way we do for Sports Day) and we will start at 9am.

Whilst writing about OPAL can I please remind you all that the children still need wellies, waterproofs and a change of clothes in school – as we all know, the summer term can still be wet and our field is still really muddy at the moment!

Sports Premium

You may have missed the news over half term that the Sports Premium Grant (which schools have received every year since the London Olympics) has been cancelled at short notice. I have to say, this came as a shock to schools as we have all been using this money to extend our provision for 14 years now. The Government are giving us 25% of the normal amount as 'transitional funding' and are preparing to launch a new sporting partnership fund from March 2027 but for now this leaves schools with even less money than we were expecting, at short notice. For us, this lack of funding will directly impact our ability to provide Forest School and top up swimming which is an enormous shame 😞.

OPTA

Some good news! We had a lovely meeting with our OPTA Committee before half term. They have already donated £1000.00 to support OPAL (you will see the lovely new scooters they have paid for when you come to OPAL on Friday next week). We are currently getting quotes for new climbing apparatus to go on the field and the Committee would also like to contribute £1000.00 per year group to support the cost of coaches for school trips next year as coach costs are exorbitant these days and are really impacting on trip affordability (this is in addition to paying for the pantomime coaches at Christmas). I am over the moon with this news and I'm sure you are too! Thank you for all your support!

Dates for your Diary:

16 th	9am Year 2 leavers assembly – Infant hall. 1.30pm Year 6 leavers production – Junior hall. Last day for Nursery afternoon children
17 th	End of Term Nursery closes at 1.00pm. Junior School closes at 1.05pm. Infant School closes at 1.15pm.

New School Entry System

You may have noticed that both schools have new entry systems. Now that these are up and running we do need adults to sign children in when they arrive late for school please - I know Junior children often run in, unaccompanied, if they are late for school, but we will need an adult to sign them in now please.

We have also started shutting the Junior car park gates at drop off and pick up times as we really don't encourage children to walk through the car park. If you do have an official reason to park in school can we politely ask that you close the gates on entry and exit.

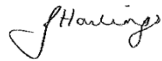
Church News

You will see two flyers from church attached to this newsletter. Can I please draw your attention to the new Family Worker vacancy – it may well be that you are just the person to join the team!

Finally, can I please remind you all that next Friday is an OPTA mufti day for the Ottershaw Village Fete. We will be collecting donations on the gate for the OPTA tombola. Thank you.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hastings

Photos of the Week!

Year 5 Persuasive writing project – Insect Tasting!

