



7<sup>TH</sup> February 2025

# OTTERS HAW NEWS!

## Autumn Term 2024/2025

### February

11 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day 7pm – 8pm eduthing safer internet <a href="#">Webinar Book here</a>
13 <sup>th</sup>	3:05pm OPTA Pre Loved Uniform Sale at the Junior School
14 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Year 5 Art Exhibition in the Junior Hall (Year 5 parents invited)

### Half – Term Holidays 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February

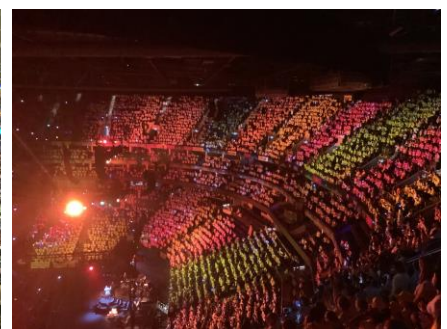
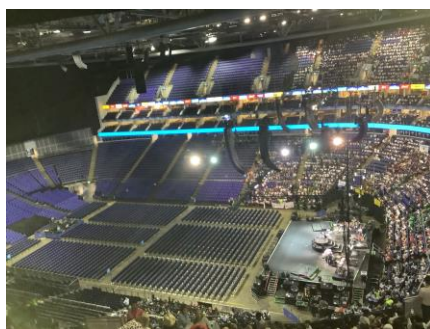
24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day. Both schools closed.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school.  Bikeability Week for Year 6 booked children
28 <sup>th</sup>	Possible Year 6 Football at St Dunstons

### March

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Book Week begins  Year 5 / 6 Cross Country Competition at Hoebridge (details to follow)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Maths Competition at Fullbrook (details to follow)  6.30pm Mrs Jenkyn Infant bedtime story (more details to follow)
6 <sup>th</sup>	3pm OPTA Second Hand Book Sale at both schools
7 <sup>th</sup>	Pyjama day and bring your favourite book  3pm OPTA Second Hand Book Sale at both schools

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week was just amazing, because I spent the day with our choir at the O2 Arena as we joined with the Young Voices performances (you may have seen it featured on The One Show this week too)! To see children truly 'living life in all its fullness' and singing away was just so uplifting and I was so proud of them all. Of course, I have to give Miss Parkhouse and Miss Grey a special mention as they have been practising and helping the choir learn all the words, action and dances over the last 4 months and making sure we were performance ready. Thank you both for your hard work and well done to our wonderful choir! In fact, they were so good that we are going to get them to perform as part of our VE 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations this summer and have a well done treat in store for them all!



## Dates for your Diary continued

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### March

11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Delight performance to parents (timing TBC)
14 <sup>th</sup>	OPTA Break the Rules Day
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 / 4 Cross Country Competition at Hoebridge (details to follow)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Relay at Hoebridge (details to follow)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 / 4 Badminton (details to follow)
31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Pause Week Begins

### April

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Delight in Dance performance to parents (timing TBC)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Church Service lead by Year 5 (details to follow)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2pm Year 5 Easter Production to Parents
4 <sup>th</sup>	OPTA Easter Fun Run  School Closes for Easter Holidays:  Nursery finishes at 1pm Juniors finish at 1:05pm Infants finish at 1:15pm

**Easter Holidays**  
**7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April**

22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school
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It has been another very busy week in school. Not only have choir been performing, but Year 5 have taken part in an orienteering competition this week and everyone had a great time on Wednesday evening at our School Disco! Thank you to our brilliant OPTA team who made the magic happen for the children on Wednesday afternoon and evening 😊.

Our other exciting news is that Mrs Dockley and Mrs Syrett both popped back to school this week as they are getting ready to return to work after half term (their maternity leave has ended – that was a quick year ladies)! Mrs Dockley will be working in Year 1 and Mrs Syrett will be working in Year 3 – I have written separately to parents in these year groups about this.

### Messy Church

You are all warmly invited to Messy Church on Sunday 9th February, 4pm until 5.30pm - fun, faith, food & crafts!

All welcome, suitable for all the family.

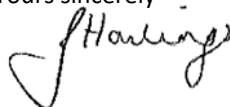
Please email [monicahallcc@gmail.com](mailto:monicahallcc@gmail.com) to let us know you are coming.

Finally, next Tuesday is National Safer Internet Day. Although we teach children about keeping themselves safe online every term we really like to reinforce this important messages every year by joining in this national event. You will have already received the invitation to join an online support workshop for parents from Eduthing next Tuesday evening but I am sending it again because online safety is such an important issue which does affect the children in our school.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility and with so many children using devices at home we really need your support with this. Do please join the meeting if you can.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



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