



7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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# OTTERS Shaw NEWS!



## Spring Term 2025

### March

11 <sup>th</sup>	1:45pm Year 6 – Delight performance to parents
13 <sup>th</sup>	1pm Year 5 Hockey Festival (invited children)
14 <sup>th</sup>	OPTA Break the Rules Day
18 <sup>th</sup>	4.15pm Year 3 & 4 Cross Country Competition at Hoe bridge School (invited children)
24 <sup>th</sup>	4.15pm Cross Country Relay at Hoe bridge School (invited children)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Badminton (details to follow)  11am Nursery Spring assembly
31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Pause Week Begins

### April

1 <sup>st</sup>	1:45pm Year 3 Delight in Dance performance to parents
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Church Service lead by Year 5 (details to follow) <a href="#">Junior Volunteer Link</a> <a href="#">Infant Volunteer Link</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:45pm Year 5 Easter Production to Parents  Afternoon Nursery Children – last day before Easter.
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**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had such a happy and enjoyable week in school. Book Week is always something we look forward to every year, but the sunshine really lifted our spirits and the children have absolutely loved their week of snuggling up with a good book (and being allowed to wear their pyjamas to school today)!

This year, every teacher shared their favourite childhood story with their class and all the reading, art and drama has been based around their favourite tales. I have seen all the children so engaged in learning and would like to thank our lovely Mrs Jenkyn for sprinkling her planning magic once again and giving the children such an enjoyable week (and fabulous Bedtime Stories on Wednesday.) Thank you also to our friends from Woking College who visited in role as a range of Roald Dahl characters and Mrs Crichton, a published author who shared stories of Zara the dog with Infants and did a writing workshop with the Juniors.



Woking College performance



Reception with their story jars



Art work from 3W



Squirrels class making their books



Reading together in the sunshine;  
Juniors visiting Infants and Nursery



### Book Week continued...

Thank you to everyone (and our lovely OPTA committee for helping us run the stalls) who visited our Second Hand Book sales this week. All the money raised will go towards new books for the school library. What a great week!

### Sporting News

On Monday we took our Year 5 & 6 Team to the District Cross Country Competition at Hoe Bridge School. We competed against 19 other schools (100 children in each race) and performed brilliantly. I had absolute tears of pride and joy as I watched our runners sprint to the finish. The children really gave everything they had and the purple t-shirts shone in the sunshine and on the finish line. We won't know the final results until all 3 events have taken place but I'm really hoping that the trophy that has been sitting proudly in my office for the last 2 years is coming back to Ottershaw! As always, thank you to our parent fans, to Mr Sanders and to Mick and Marise Webb for their support.



Photos of: Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Team with Mick and Year 6 Football at St Dunstons last week

This week we have taken part in the Football Association's Women's Football Biggest Football Event. Infant girls enjoyed a lunchtime of optional football with our Year 6 Sports Crew and the Junior girls had exclusive use of the Ball Court on Friday for our Keepy Uppy Challenge!

### Fullbrook Maths Challenge

Miss Gamblin took a team of Year 5 children to the Fullbrook Maths Challenge after school on Wednesday, the team was very enthusiastic, were challenged and tried hard. Well Done!

### Messy Church

You are all warmly invited to Messy Church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 4pm -5.30pm, fun faith, food and craft! All welcome, suitable for all the family!

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

### Donations

It is that time of year again, where there are lots of sniffles going around and we go through lots of tissues. If anyone could donate some boxes of tissues, we would be very grateful.

### Goodbye Ms Duddy

Finally, in amongst so many happy events this week, we said goodbye to Ms Duddy. Ms Duddy has worked at Ottershaw for 21 years and we will miss her very much. I know she wanted to leave without a fuss, but it was an emotional Celebration Assembly for all of us today as the children presented her with our messages, cards and gifts. Enjoy your retirement Wendy – we look forward to hearing news of all your travels in the coming months ☺. Thank you for everything.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings  
Headteacher

