



7th November 2025

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OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We literally started the half term with a bang! The fireworks were as magnificent as always 😊. I do absolutely love the atmosphere at every Ottershaw Fireworks – it is such a lovely, family event and so nice to be together with families past and present to enjoy the display. Thank you to everyone who came to support us and well done to Dragon Fireworks and the OPTA team for making the magic happen!

Events in school this week

The whole of the Infants has had a fireworks theme – from Nursery gathering around a bonfire (unlit) to enjoy hot chocolate (imaginary) and use the instruments to make firework sounds through to the fire emergencies in Reception, learning about the gunpowder plot and fire safety. The particular highlight was the visit from Surrey Fire and Rescue to Year 2 to deliver some very important personal safety lessons.

The Juniors had a busy 4 days too, especially:

- Year 3 with their road safety lessons
- Year 4 as they started their Be Your Best healthy lifestyle lessons with our friends from Public Health
- Our Year 4 and Year 6 football teams playing in competition against other local schools
- Our Year 5 basketball team competing against local schools
- Year 6 completing artwork for church as part of our Remembrance learning ahead of the annual remembrance next Tuesday at 11am. Please remember, poppies and merchandise are on sale at both schools next week to support the Royal British Legion.

Christmas is coming!

Ottershaw is a very wonderful place to be at Christmas, from our Nativity performances through to the pantomime trips, Year 6 Christmas Fair, Christmas dinners, Christmas lunches, Junior School Carol Services and Christmas parties.

We did already publish the dates for you all in September but here is your guide to Ottershaw Christmas because we know you will want to be organised in advance!

Friday 28th November

Christmas Fair Mufti Day. All the children can come to school wearing their favourite clothes and bring in donation of small prizes to be used at the Year 6 Christmas Fair. Can we please ask that Infant children (including Nursery) bring small stationery and ‘party bag’ gifts to be used as prizes on the Year 6 stalls and Junior children bring small packs of sweets. Year 6 do like to have plenty of prizes available on all their stalls!

Friday 5th December

Year 6 Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper Day. All the children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper (everything else is uniform please) and bring a named purse or small bag to put their spending tokens in. This year, to avoid the need for cash, we are asking all parents to buy tokens on SCOPAY. We will give each child their tokens to spend at the fair rather than actual money. Each token is worth 20p and each go on a stall will be one token. Usually, we recommend a maximum spend of £5 per child. For those who are new to Ottershaw, Year 6 organise and run a Christmas Fair each year for all the children to attend. Children from Nursery up to Year 5 visit the fair in small groups and spend their own money (this year, tokens) on the various stalls.

Dates for your Diary:

Autumn Term 2025

November

10 th	Open mornings for Prospective Parents. Infants 9.15am / Juniors 10.30am (pre booking required) Year 3 Kurling Event (invited children)
12 th	MUFTI Day – Anti Bullying – for the NSPCC donations via SCOPAY
13 th	Individual School Photos – Juniors
14 th	Individual School Photos – Infants and Nursery Rescheduled Football Festival Year 6 (Invited children)
19 th	Year 6 Junior Citizen
20 th	Year 6 Runnymede Memorial Trip Open mornings for Prospective Parents. Infants 9.15am / Juniors 10.30am (pre booking required)
21 st	Year 3 Multisports (TBC)
25 th	Open mornings for Prospective Parents. Infants 9.15am / Juniors 10.30am (pre booking required)
26 th	Year 3 Egyptian Workshop
27 th	Year 3 Haslemere Trip
28 th	Christmas Fair MUFTI Day

December

1 st	Year 3 Salvation Army Toy Appeal – last day to donate.
5 th	Year 6 Christmas Fair
8 th	Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal (not for parents)
9 th	9.30am Infant Nativity for Robins, Hedgehogs, Badgers. (No younger children to attend)

December	
10 th	9.30am Infant Nativity for Sparrows, Squirrels, Otters. (No younger children to attend) Year 3 Dress Rehearsal (not for parents)
11 th	9.30am Infant Nativity, younger siblings may attend. 11am Year 3 and Junior School Choir to CAMEO. 1.30pm Year 3 Christmas Production
12 th	Infants to Pantomime
15 th	Year 6 Readers to Church (Rehearsal)
16 th	Christmas Party Afternoon 11am Nursery Sing a long
17 th	Junior Church Service Infant and Junior Christmas Dinner
18 th	Juniors to Pantomime Last day of term for afternoon Nursery children
19 th	Toy Day Last day of term Nursery finish at 1pm Juniors finish at 1:05pm Infants finish at 1:15pm
Christmas Holidays 22nd December to 2nd January 2026. Both Schools re open 5th January 2026	
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 17th December Junior Carol Service Volunteers	

Week beginning 8th December is Infant Nativity Week! These performances are much treasured moments and we want to give every family the opportunity to see their child(ren) perform. Space is at a premium in our Infant Hall so we do ask that each family attend just one performance where a total of 2 seats per family are available. The performance is the same on every day we just suggest which day parents of certain classes attend so that we can fit everyone in. All performances begin at 9.30am and younger siblings are welcome on the Thursday performance only.

Monday 8th December
Infant dress rehearsal for Junior School siblings to watch (not for parents)

Tuesday 9th December
Infant Nativity for Robins, Hedgehogs and Badgers parents to watch.

Wednesday 10th December
Infant Nativity for Sparrows, Squirrels and Otters parents to watch.
Year 3 dress rehearsal for Junior School and Infant siblings to watch (not for parents).

Thursday 11th December
Infant Nativity for parents of all classes, younger siblings welcome.
11am Year 3 and Junior School choir visit to Cameo to perform Christmas songs.
1.30pm Year 3 Christmas Production to parents (siblings will be allowed home early if the performance ends before the school day).

Friday 12th December
Infant School visit to Camberley Pantomime (please see separate letter sent on 6th Nov)

Monday 15th December
Year 6 readers to church for rehearsal

Tuesday 16th December
Nursery Christmas Sing a Long at 11am.
Both Schools Christmas Party afternoon! All children may bring party clothes to change into. *No food required.*

Wednesday 17th December
Junior School Carol Service. Leaving school to walk to church at 9am, returning at 10.45am. Volunteers needed to walk to church and back with us (please stay for the service). **Christmas Dinner day at both schools** (children may wear festive hats and hairbands).

Thursday 18th December
Junior School visit to Camberley Pantomime (please see separate letter sent on 6th Nov)
OPTA Cake Sale at both schools after school (donations needed please)
Last day of term for Afternoon Nursery Children

Friday 19th December
Toy Day. Children may bring a toy to school to enjoy playing with friends – no electronics or anything with internet connectivity/capacity to take and record images please.

1.00pm Nursery closes for the Christmas holiday
1.05pm Junior School closes for the Christmas holiday
1.15pm Infant School closes for the Christmas holiday

I am excited already!

Continued overleaf...

Finally, I have 2 messages for you all:

This is a reminder that we have an **Anti Bullying MUFTI Day** on Wednesday 12th November with the theme of 'Power for Good'. To mark the day we're inviting all children to wear MUFTI and choose colours that make them feel happy.

All donations will go to NSPCC and the donation should be via [SCOPAY](#)

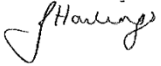
Unfortunately we will not be accepting cash donations.

Messy Church on Sunday 9th November, 4pm until 5.30pm at Christ Church, Guildford Road, Ottershaw KT16 0PB
Fun, Crafts, Worship and a hot tea to share, suitable for all the family.

Suggested donation £2 per person.

Please email monicahallcc@gmail.com to let us know you are coming along, we hope to see you there !

Yours sincerely



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Photos of the Week!



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