



9th October 2026

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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:	
October	
12 th	English Workshop with Mrs Jenkyn's for the Juniors- Junior Hall- 8.40am
13 th	Open Morning – Infant 9.30am /Junior 11am. Parent Consultation at both schools for all parents – 3.30pm- 6.30pm
14 th	School Harvest Celebrations
15 th	Year 1 visit to Milestones Museum. Year 4 Visit to CAMEO Year 4 Harvest production to parents – Junior hall – 2pm Year 6 Girls (pm) and Boys (am) football at Woking – Invited children Parent Consultation at both schools for all parents – 3.30pm- 6.30pm
19 th October – 30 th October- Half Term	
November	
2 nd	All Children return to school
3 rd	Infant Flu Vaccinations and Reception height and weight Y6 Junior Citizen
4 th	OPTA Fireworks
5 th	Open Morning – Infant 9.30am/Junior 11am
6 th	Year 4 visit to the Golden Hinde Year 6 to Junior Citizen
9 th & 10 th	Year 3 Feet First road safety training
11 th	Year 3 visit to Haslemere Museum Open Morning Infant- 9.30am
12 th	School Photographs – Infant Year 3 Egyptian Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has certainly been an autumnal nip in the air this week but we have continued to enjoy the sunshine and long may it last.

This week Year 5 enjoyed their trip to The Museum of Rural Life as part of their Victorian topic and Reception have thoroughly enjoyed serving their parents with afternoon tea to celebrate making a fantastic start to school – thank you so much to everyone who made these two lovely things possible.

Attached to this newsletter is our amended RSHE Policy. This is something we usually review in the summer term (and in fact, sent you our last Policy in June). However, there have been some minor changes to the statutory curriculum so The Good Shepherd Trust have supported all its schools with a new template framework which I have now adapted for Ottershaw.

I would be grateful to receive any feedback you may have by half term. In terms of our teaching sequence, we will continue to invite all parents to a workshop in the summer term to share our teaching sequence and approach to teaching this subject as normal.

This week, our other exciting news is that our car parks have both had a facelift – thanks to Mr O'Dowd and his team for working late into the night to refresh our parking spaces. We are so grateful for them giving up their time and resources to do this for us.

Poppy Appeal 2026

On Monday 12th October, RBL merchandise for the 2026 Poppy Appeal, will be available at both offices. The RBL suggest a £1 donation for poppies and a £2 donation for the snap bands and bracelets. There is a donation pot at each school for cash donations.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl with their deputies will be going around the Junior classes with the items if the children would like to bring change in to buy anything. For the Infants, all items will be at the front office for the parents to purchase for their children.

OPAL Waterproofs/ Spare clothes

We always try to get the children outside as much as possible, even in the winter months, please can we ask all children have a waterproof coat, trousers, wellies and a change of clothes, including spare socks to keep on their pegs or in their lockers.

Next week our two main events are Parents' Evenings and Harvest. Please remember to sign up for your appointment with your child's class teacher and to bring your Harvest gift for the food bank to school by Wednesday 😊.

Autumn/Winter School Lunch Menu

We will be sending out the new Autumn/Winter Menu for school lunches next week. The menu will start on 2nd November.

13 th	School Photographs – Juniors Final day to bring in Christmas Hamper donations
16 th	Odd socks and non – uniform for Antibullying week. £1 donation via SCOPAY for NSPCC
17 th	Open Morning – Infant 9.30am / Juniors 11am
20 th	Christmas Fair Mufti Day, bring in a donation, Infants and Nursery; small stationery and ‘party bag’ gifts. Juniors; small bag of sweets
21 st	Tickets go on sale for Christmas Hamper Raffle
23 rd	Year 5 Hindu workshop in school Open Morning – Infant 9.30am/ Juniors 11am
25 th	Year 6 House Captains ‘Sports Crew’ training
30 th	Open Morning – Infant 9.30am
December	
8 th	Infant Nativity performance for Parents with children in; Robins, Hedgehogs and Otters. NO SIBLINGS
9 th	Infant Nativity performance for Parents with children in; Sparrows, Squirrels and Badgers. NO SIBLINGS
10 th	Infant Nativity for all parents – Siblings welcome Year 3 Christmas production – Junior Hall- 1.30pm

Finally, we have an invite to share with you all from Christ Church:

---ROCK CHOIR RETURNS TO OTTERSHAW---

Back by popular demand, Rock Choir will be holding one of their uplifting, exciting and musically great concerts at Christ Church, Guildford Road, Ottershaw.

Date : Friday 16th October

Time 7.30 pm

Tickets £10, under 16s go free

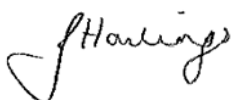
Ticket booking - email events@ottershawchurch.com, booking closes Monday 12th October

Interval Refreshments and Raffle, please bring cash to pay for these.

All ticket sales to be donated to the Home-Start charity, based in Ottershaw and supporting young families in Runnymede and Woking.

Come and have a great night out, bring family and friends and raise funds for a very good cause!

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

