Ottershaw Christ Church C of E Infant and Junior Schools

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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:		
Autumn Term 2025		
October		
15 th	8.45am Maths Workshop for Year 3 Junior parents at the Junior Hall	
17 th	Badgers Class - Forest School	
20 th	3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening Nursery to 6A.	
21 st	3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening Nursery to 6A.	
22 nd	8.30am – 5.30pm Parents Evening for 6I	
	Harvest Services (children only)	
	2.15pm Reception Tea party	
23 rd	Year 4 and Year 6 visit Cameo	
	1.30pm Year 4 Harvest performance to Parents in Junior Hall	
24 th	INSET DAY- Both schools closed	
October Half Term 27 th to 31 st		
November		
3 rd	INSET DAY – Both schools closed	
4 th	Back to school	
5 th	Open mornings for Prospective Parents. Infants 9.15am / Juniors 10.30am (pre booking required)	
6 th	3D Walking Training 'Feet First' see previous emails for booking a space	
	Year 3 Fire Safety Workshop Year 4 Boys Football Festival (details to be confirmed)	
	OPTA Fireworks	
7 th	3PS Walking Training 'Feet First' see previous emails for booking a space	
12 th	MUFTI Day – Anti Bullying more details to follow.	
13 th	Individual School Photos – Juniors	

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the Juniors in particular have been busy out of school on an array of trip and visits:

On Monday Year 5 visited the Museum of Rural Life in Farnham to support their learning about life in Victorian times.

On Wednesday Year 4 visited The Golden Hinde in London to learn more about Tudor exploration and the Junior School Council and Head Student Team visited The Houses of Parliament.

On Friday Mr Sanders took a team to a Dodgeball competition at Woking Festival. These trips and visits really do make for the best school memories and, as always, we are very grateful to everyone who organised and came with us on the day to make the events happen (3)

Parent Consultation Evenings

Our booking system for our next Parent Consultation Evenings is open. Do please join us on; Monday 20th or Tuesday 21st October and Wednesday 22nd October for Class 6I, to meet with your child's teacher and find out how well they have started the year in school.

Prefects

Well done to everyone who applied for one of our Year 6 prefect jobs this year. I have appointed 32 Year 6 children to help with jobs around the school — what a pleasure it is to have so many children who want to make a positive contribution to our school community, I am proud of them all. They all received their Prefect Badges in Celebration Assembly today and their duties begin next week 🕄

Spy Pups Alert!

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher. The concern is only with the outdated link. We have checked the stock of books in school and removed any copies we had, pending a check to see if they contain any website references, but are aware that some children may have books from school or books of their own at home. Please, if you find any copies at home, remove them until you have checked the websites (it is not all copies).

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Light Party

Finally, you are all invited to the Light Party at Christ Church on Thursday $31^{\rm st}$ October from $4.30\,\mathrm{pm}-6.00\,\mathrm{pm}$. Monica and the team would love you all to join them:

LIGHT PARTY and Low noise Firework Display @ Christ Church, Ottershaw, KT16 OPB on Thursday 31st October - 4.30pm until 6pm - please come dressed light & bright or as your favourite superhero, if you wish! Email monicahallcc@gmail.com to book your place!

Suggested donation £2 per child on entry.

Management		
November		
14 th	Individual School Photos – Infants and Nursery	
	Rescheduled Football Festival Year 6 (details to be confirmed)	
19 th	Year 6 Junior Citizen	
20 th	Year 6 Runnymede Memorial Trip	
26 th	Year 3 Egyptian Workshop	
27 th	Year 3 Haslemere Trip	
28 th	Christmas Fair MUFTI Day	
December		
5 th	Year 6 Christmas Fair	
8 th	Infant Nativity Rehearsal	
9 th	Infant Nativity for Robins, Hedgehogs, Badgers. (No younger children to attend)	
	Times to be confirmed.	
10 th	Infant Nativity for Sparrows, Squirrels, Otters. (No younger children to attend) Times to be confirmed.	
11 th	Infant Nativity, younger siblings may attend (Times to be confirmed)	
	1.30pm Year 3 Christmas Production	
12 th	Infants to Pantomime	
15 th	Year 6 Readers to Church	
16 th	Christmas Parties	
16 th	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		
both schools closed between 20 th		

December and 4th January 2026. We return to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

OPTA Fireworks

Please join us on Thursday 6th November for the OPTA annual fireworks display. The booking link below is now open. Enter the discount code FAMILYOF4 when booking 4 tickets.

Ottershaw Parent Teacher Association

Enjoy your weekend. Yours sincerely

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Mrs J Hastings Headteacher

Our Week in Pictures

School Council and Head Student Team's trip to Westminster Parliament. This included a 'backstage' tour of the Houses of Common and House of Lords.















Year 5 Rural Life Museum







Year 4 Golden Hinde Trip







