



14th February 2025

OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

Autumn Term 2024/2025

February

Half – Term Holidays 17th – 21st February

24 th	INSET day. Both schools closed.
25 th	Children return to school. Bikeability Week for Year 6 booked children Cross Country Team trials for Year 5 & 6 10am Booking goes live for Rescheduled Parents' Evening to see Miss Philbey, Mrs Smithers and Mrs Ikin
26 th	Cross Country Team trials for Year 3 & 4
27 th	Year 1 – Squirrels – Forest School begins
28 th	Year 1 – Hedgehogs – Forest School begins Year 6 Football at St Dunstons (invited children)

March

3 rd	Book Week begins Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Competition at Hoe bridge at 4.15pm
5 th	Year 5 Maths Competition at Fullbrook (details to follow) 1.30pm to 6.30pm Rescheduled Parents' Evening to see Miss Philbey, Mrs Smithers and Mrs Ikin. Junior Library. 6.30pm Mrs Jenkyn Infant bedtime story (more details to follow)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope you feel the love from your children today as they will be full of the joy that only the start of half term can bring!

The last few weeks have flown and we ended on a real high with the Year 5 'Out of this World' Art Exhibition today. I know this really captured the children's imagination and they were very excited to be able to showcase the project to all their parents in the hall this afternoon. Thank you very much to our friends at Delight for working with us and to all who came to enjoy the end result.

Just as one Delight Project comes to an end, so the next begins – Year 3 enjoyed their first Delight in Dance Workshops this week. We can't wait to see their performance on 1st April!

Safer Internet Day

All the children took part on our themed learning on Tuesday as it was Safer Internet Day. We used to call it National Safer Internet Day but the learning is now international as children from 170 countries were learning the same lessons as us! How amazing is that?! Please do talk to your children about what they learned and stress why keeping safe online is so important for all of us. The more children learn that keeping themselves safe online is as important at home as it is in school the more protected and happier they will all be.

I also hope that those of you who were able to join the Screen Safe presentation supported by Eduthing on Tuesday evening also found that information helpful – children's use of devices is such a minefield and you really do have to keep one step ahead to make sure your children are safe online.

Important Events Coming Up after half term

Please do keep an eye on our calendar as March and the run up to Easter is full of events. There are a few things coming up almost immediately after half term which will affect some of you:

Tuesday 25th February: Cross Country Team Trials for all children wishing to be selected for the Years 5 and 6 School Team will happen today. Children wishing to participate need to come to school wearing their PE kit.

Wednesday 26th February: Cross Country Team Trials for all children wishing to be selected for the Years 3 and 4 School Team will happen today. Children wishing to participate need to come to school wearing their PE kit.

The actual competition will take place over 3 evenings (starting at 4.15pm) at Hoe Bridge School in Woking (**Monday 3rd March** for Years 5 and 6, **Tuesday 18th March** for Years 3 and 4 and **Monday 24th March** for the relay event).

Thursday 27th February Forest Schools for Squirrels Class begins so please come to school wearing appropriate clothing.

Friday 28th February Forest Schools for Hedgehogs Class begins so please come to school wearing appropriate clothing.

Wednesday 5th March 1.30 – 6.30pm Rescheduled Parents' Evening for parents to see Miss Philbey (Squirrels) Mrs Smithers (Badgers) and Mrs Ikin (6I). Booking for those parents affected by the postponed meetings will go live on Tuesday 25th February and all the appointments for all 3 teachers will be held at **the Junior School (in the library)**.

Dates for your Diary continued

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March

6 th	3pm OPTA Second Hand Book Sale at both schools
7 th	Pyjama day and bring your favourite book Girls football event – more details to follow 3pm OPTA Second Hand Book Sale at both schools

11 th	Year 6 – Delight performance to parents (timing TBC)
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14 th	OPTA Break the Rules Day
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18 th	4.15pm Year 3 & 4 Cross Country Competition at Hoe bridge School
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24 th	4.15pm Cross Country Relay at Hoe bridge School
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25 th	Year 3 & 4 Badminton (details to follow) 11am Nursery Spring assembly
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31 st	Easter Pause Week Begins
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April

1 st	Year 3 Delight in Dance performance to parents (timing TBC)
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2 nd	Easter Church Service lead by Year 5 (details to follow)
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3 rd	2pm Year 5 Easter Production to Parents
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4 th	OPTA Easter Fun Run School Closes for Easter Holidays: Nursery finishes at 1pm Juniors finish at 1:05pm Infants finish at 1:15pm
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Easter Holidays
7th – 21st April

22 nd	Back to school
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Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March Second Hand Book Sales

Friday 7th March Snuggle Up With a Good Book and come to school wearing your pyjamas to enjoy a special end to Book Week in school.

Girls Football event - more details to follow

Friday 14th March OPTA Break the Rules Mufti Day. For those who are new to Ottershaw, this is a mufti day with a difference. There are some uniform rules which can be 'broken' on the day, so long as you pay the fine!

Tuesday 25th March Nursery Spring assembly at 11am, coffee and treats after in the classroom.

Special Thanks

We have 2 special Thank You's to say this week.

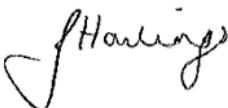
Firstly, we would like to say a very big Thank You to Mrs Mutch who has been covering Mrs Dockley's maternity leave for us over the last year. Mrs Mutch, we have loved working with you and hope we can stay in touch!

I would also like to say thank you to OPTA and all the Disco Helpers. Not only did the children have a great time at their disco last week but we raised £740.00 for our school. Amazing!

Finally, if your children do grow out of waterproof tops, trousers and wellies over the coming months can we please have them to use in schools as spares? We love learning outside and will be doing a lot more learning and playing outside over the coming months and need to be weatherproof! Thank you.

Have a lovely half term.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher



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