



16th May 2025

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OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

Summer Term 2025	
May	
20 th	Class Photos for both schools Year 6 Globe Theatre Trip (Year 6 to be at school at 8:15am) 4.15pm Year 3 & 4 Rescheduled Cross Country Event at Hoe bridge
23 rd	Sports Day and Family Picnic Day Last Day
May Half Term Holidays 26 th – 30 th May	
June	
2 nd	Back to school
3 rd	Papaya Workshop Year 4 & 5
5 th	Year 3 to Chobham Common
6 th	Reserve Sports Day
9 th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week
11 th	Reception Trip to Christ Church (details to follow) Quad Kids Athletics Competition (details to follow)
12 th	Year 2 trip to Wisley Gardens
17 th	Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral
19 th	Quad Kids Athletics Competition
20 th	MUFTI Day for OPTA donations of sweets/bottles and gift sets
23 rd	INSET Day Both Schools Closed

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I need to say a very big well done to all our Year 6 children. They really have tried their very best in the SAT tests this year (and devoured a huge amount of toast and hot chocolate along the way)! Congratulations Year 6 – you have shown amazing courage, ambition, responsibility, perseverance and resilience this week and I am very proud of you all.

Ofsted Report

I am very pleased to be able to share the Junior School Ofsted report with you all – it arrived so quickly this time and says such lovely and very similar things to the Infant one (funny that)! Of course, I have my staff, pupils, Local Committee and you all to thank for such a glowing report and the opening paragraph says it all: ‘Pupils are eager and respectful. They are highly engaged in learning and relish the curriculum’s ambitious topics. The school has high aspirations for pupils, and they achieve well. Pupils feel inspired by the knowledge they gain. They are proud of their accomplishments and ready for their next stage of education. Pupils treat each other and adults with respect. They feel safe at school and valued as individuals. Pupils develop a keen sense of personal responsibility. They uphold the school’s rules and expectations without prompting. Playtimes are safe and engaging. Pupils relish interacting with each other and take up a range of leadership roles. Their manners are impeccable.

The school’s personal development programme is exceptionally well designed. Pupils’ opportunities are carefully crafted. Nothing is left to chance. Pupils confidently debate and discuss complex topics. They revel in how they develop their talents and grow new interests. Pupils enthusiastically join in with activities ranging from crochet to sports and performance opportunities. Every action and decision the school makes support its strong sense of community and care. Pupils and staff work together to help others and demonstrate positive citizenship. Pupils told inspectors that this makes them feel ‘unique and special’.

Well done all of us!

OPTA

Our lovely OPTA Committee have been continuing to work hard to raise funds for us (I have a growing wish list of things the children would love to have)! Thank you to you all for supporting our Crazy Hair Day today (there really were some extravagant designs out there today – some of you must have been awake early to get those styles done)! Our next event is another mufti on Friday 20th – this time we are asking for donations for the OPTA tombola stall at the Ottershaw Village Fete.

Ottershaw Village Fete

This year, our village fete is on Saturday 28th June on the Ottershaw Memorial Fields. Along with our OPTA stall, we hope to involve our children in the village art competition (we’re good at these)! There will be four age categories - the shortlisted entries will be printed in the fete programme and displayed at the fete with the Mayor selecting a winner from each category - and a £50 cinema ticket for each winner! We have printed out a selection of the images which have been distributed to classrooms for children to pick from which they may well come home with today, as we are aware not everyone has easy access to a printer. All images are also available to download on the website www.ottershawvillagefete.com

Once the art is created, please take a photo and email across to ottershawvillagefete@gmail.com with the title of the email as Art Competition. Closing date is Friday 6th June - happy creating!

June	
24 th	Year 4 to Grange Park Opera
26 th	Year 5 to Fullbrook
28 th	Ottershaw Village Fete
30 th	6pm New Reception Parents' meeting in the Infant Hall 7pm New Year 3 Parents' in the Junior Hall
July	
1 st	Transition Day for all Children who will be at Ottershaw next year
4 th	Celebration of Work and Reports Home (Timing TBC)
7 th	Values Fortnight Begins Year 2 Lunches at the Juniors for 1 week Year 6 Residential
9 th	Reception to The Lookout
10 th	Nursery trip to Hobbledown 10am at the farm
11 th	Year 6 Return Home from Residential New Robins children to lunch
14 th	New Sparrows children to lunch
15 th	Nursery End of Year Assembly 11am (details to follow)
17 th	9am Year 2 Leaver' Assembly in the Infant Hall 1:30pm Year 6 Production Last day for afternoon nursery children
18 th	Last Day Nursery finishes at 1pm Juniors finish at 1:05pm Infants finish at 1:15pm

Parking Update

I was joined by parents, local residents, Surrey Police, our local Runnymede Councillor (Carl Mans) Surrey County Councillor (Jonathan Hulley) and 2 other local councillors to discuss the thorny issues of traffic, careless driving, naughty parking and idling car engines (people who sit outside school, waiting for their children, with their engines running).

This was a very supportive and helpful meeting and I was very grateful to all who attended and contributed. A summary of our discussions is as follows:

How to report either Dangerous Use of Vehicles (eg driving on a pavement or blocking the road for emergency vehicles) or Anti-social Behaviour (eg parking across a driveway and blocking resident access out of their home) – Please google Surrey Police, go to their website and report online what you have seen. Photos or video footage are very helpful, as is a car index/registration number.

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Civil disputes	War crime	Spiking
Report stalking or harassment	Vehicles without vehicle tax or MOT certificates	Hate crime

We also reviewed what is already happening from Surrey Traffic Enforcement. Thanks to Jonathan Hulley, there was a parking review and our school is one of 16 in Runnymede identified as High Priority because of the number of concerns around illegal or selfish parking. We now have weekly enforcement patrols. Our feedback at the meeting was that we would like the patrols to change the timings of their visits so that they are patrolling as parents arrive to park. We also asked them to be vigilant and not shy about issuing fines. You have been warned!

To support enforcement the meeting requested that the yellow lines along Bousley Rise, Fletcher Road and Fletcher Close were cleared of debris and repainted so that they are clear and visible. Some residents from Colebrook have requested a review of yellow lines there.

The meeting moved on to explore some other local solutions, all of which have pros and cons and will affect residents and visitors to the GP Surgery. Some of these included creating a School Street System (where only permit holders can drive along identified roads at key times) or a temporary one-way system at certain times through the school end of the village, via Spratts Lane. Obviously, as these will have a bigger impact on residents, discussions will continue between residents, Runnymede and Surrey Councils about these, along with suggestions to reduce the speed limit.

Finally, we talked through some other anti-social behaviours such as people who arrive to collect children and then sit in their cars with the engine running, polluting the streets, people who park in the private roads (Spratts Lane and the bottom end of Bousley Rise, both areas for residents only) and people dropping litter. Both of these are rather selfish and we will be working with the children to encourage you all to stop doing this please.

PE Safety

Can I please remind all parents that it has long been a policy in all Surrey Schools that all jewellery (including earrings) and watches must be removed before any PE lesson and that any long hair must be tied back please. In the case of earrings, these must either be removed by the child just prior to the lesson (not by staff) or removed by parents at home before they come to school. This rule will also apply to Sports Day.

For those of you whose children are desperate to have their ears pierced, can I respectfully suggest that the start of the summer holiday is the perfect time to do this without interfering with PE lessons. Thank you.

Finally, thank you all for your kind wishes – Mrs Ikin had her operation yesterday and is now recovering!

Receptions Social Action Project

Reception classes have already begun to 'litter pick' around the school as part of their 'Social Action Project', and will soon be venturing into the local area. The children have been so enthusiastic, if any reception families would like to support this project, please let Mrs Bracken and Miss Holland know and come and sign out the litter picking equipment to do with your child after school or on a weekend.



Some photos of the Crazy Hair Mufti day



Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

