



17th October 2025

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OTTERS HAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:	
Autumn Term 2025	
October	
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) Year 2 Lego Workshop 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) Year 6 Football Event (TBC)
6 th	3D Walking Training 'Feet First' see previous emails for booking a space Year 3 Fire Safety Workshop Year 4 Boys Football Festival (TBC) OPTA Fireworks Tickets Here
7 th	3PS Walking Training 'Feet First' see previous emails for booking a space Year 5&6 Basketball Event (TBC)
12 th	MUFTI Day – Anti Bullying – for the NSPCC

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been all about being busy and getting ready for Harvest and our Parent Consultation Evenings (we are looking forward to meeting with you all next week).

Year 2 have also been extra busy in Forest School, learning how to make 'wattle and daub' walls, just as they did before bricks took over as the most common way to build houses – you can see from the photos that this has taken a lot of care, concentration and mud!



OPAL

Thank you to everyone who has donated things for OPAL this term – they make such a difference to lunchtimes for all the children, please keep giving!

I would like to give a special thank you and mention this week to:

- The Fletcher Road and Fletcher Close residents and the congregation at Christ Church who have clearly cleaned out their kitchens and cupboards to resource our mud kitchen and shelter building areas!
- Longacres at Bourne Valley for donating compost and pallets.
- Bovis Homes
- Everyone who has donated tyres and helped us transport them to the school field
- Mr Tom and Mr Lock for their great outdoor sink for handwashing
- Mrs Murdoch for writing letters to local businesses to ask for donations

Getting OPAL up and running and sustaining it definitely takes huge effort from the whole community – thank you all for making a difference to the children's play in school 😊.

Harvest next week

The children will be celebrating Harvest in special assemblies in school next week. We are asking every child up to (and including) Year 5 to bring a donation for the Runnymede Food Bank to our assemblies and are asking Year 6 to bring in 'tea-time' donations for our Cameo Harvest Bags (tea bags, coffee, biscuits, jam). Year 4 and Year 6 will visit Cameo next Thursday (23rd October) to perform and distribute Harvest tea-time treats and Year 4 will perform to parents in the Junior Hall in the afternoon (as usual, younger siblings will be able to leave with Year 4 performers should the performance finish before the end of the school day).

November	
13 th	Individual School Photos – Juniors
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
21 st	Year 3 Multisports (TBC)
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 Dress 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 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

Junior School Lunches

As you are aware, we operate a pre-ordering system via [SCOPAY](#) for our school dinners at the Junior School whereby parents have to pre-order their child’s school meals in advance. Unfortunately, a number of parents are regularly forgetting to do this which means their child has no lunch provision. Please be advised that following our return to school after the October half term break, our caterers will no longer be in a position to provide a school meal if this has not been pre-ordered and parents will be contacted by the school office & asked to drop off a packed lunch for their child.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Appointments with Infant teachers will be in the Infant Hall on Monday and Tuesday next week.
 Appointments with Junior teachers (except Mrs Ikin) will be in the library and Year 3 classrooms on Monday and Tuesday next week – please wait in the Junior reception area for your appointment, the teachers will come and find you.
 Mrs Ikin’s appointments are on Wednesday next week.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday (24th October) is an INSET Day and both schools will be closed whilst staff are busy training.

Yours sincerely

 Mrs J Hastings
 Headteacher

