



20th June 2025

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OTTERS SHAW NEWS!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! It's been a hot week, but we are loving the sunshine and hope the weather stays warm and dry all summer now! It has been noted that we have numerous idle cars at drop off and pick up with engines running, whilst we can understand this maybe to keep you cool it increases the pollution around the school. We respectfully ask that you turn off your engines for the benefit of our school and neighbours. We hope that you have all made plans to enjoy the weather on Monday when school is closed for staff training (it's an INSET Day).

As ever, it's been a busy week with lots going on. This week's highlights include: Mr Little returned on Tuesday to work with Years 5 and 6 on their painting skills. I know they all absolutely loved the opportunity 😊
Year 6 went to Guildford Cathedral on Tuesday for their Leavers' Service – hearing their voices ring around the space was beautiful.
We measured our sunflowers on Wednesday and 6A were announced as the winners (out of 96 classes in the borough) with their plant reaching a height of 79cm! We are still waiting for this to flower though, so it may grow more!

Mr Sanders took our Year 3 and 4 Quad Kids Team to compete against other schools on Thursday. As ever, we were really proud of them all (and also pleased we were competing in the morning rather than the afternoon, given the weather).

The Mayor Cllr Margaret Harnden, visited us on Thursday as she had paid for all the children in Years 2 and 3 to participate in an environmental programme called 'Brickies'. As always, we are incredibly grateful for her support and I loved seeing Year 2 enjoying their workshops at the Juniors. They will be visiting quite a bit before the end of term to help them feel ready to join Year 3 in September.

Staffing for September and Transition Day

We know it can be a mixture of excitement and worry about who will be your teacher next year so we try to take all the summer emotion away by spending a lovely day together before the holidays.

We are nearly ready to allocate all the children to their new teachers and for everyone to meet their new teacher on Tuesday 1st July.

All parents with children staying at Ottershaw next year will receive an email on Monday 30th June to tell you which class your child will be in and who their teacher will be. On Tuesday 1st July all the children will spend the day with their new teacher in their new classroom. The arrangements for drop off and collection on Tuesday 1st July are as follows:

Current Reception children will be dropped off at their normal classes and their teachers will take them to Year 1. The children will go back to Reception at the end of the day and be dismissed from there.

Current Year 1 children will line up outside the Year 2 block at the start of the day (current Year 1 staff will be there to guide you to the right teacher). We will wave goodbye to parents and go into Year 2, then the Year 1 team can go and get ready for their new children to arrive. At the end of the day children will be dismissed from Year 2 (again, Year 1 staff will help with dismissal).

Summer Term 2025	
June	
23 rd	INSET Day Both Schools Closed
24 th	Year 4 invited children to Grange Park Opera
26 th	Year 5 to Fullbrook
30 th	3:20pm Year 5 Parent/Carer Learning for Life – Relationship Education Meeting 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	2pm Celebration of Work and Reports Home
7 th	Values Fortnight Begins Year 2 Lunches at the Juniors for 1 week Year 6 Residential
9 th	Reception to The Look Out Year 4 to Juniper Hall
10 th	Nursery trip to Hobbledown Meet at 10am at the farm
11 th	Year 6 Return Home from Residential New Robins children to lunch
14 th	New Sparrows children to lunch

July

15 th	Nursery End of Year Assembly 11am (details to follow)
17 th	<p>9am Year 2 Leaver' Assembly in the Infant Hall</p> <p>1:30pm Year 6 Production</p> <p>Last day for afternoon nursery children</p>
18 th	<p>Last Day</p> <p>Year 6 – Shirt and Leavers Yearbooks signing</p> <p>Nursery finishes at 1pm Juniors finish at 1:05pm Infants finish at 1:15pm</p>

New Year 3 children will meet their teachers at the Juniors on the front playground at 8.40am, wave goodbye to parents and go in together. They will be dismissed to parents at 2.55pm on the front playground.

All other Junior children will meet their new teachers on the back playground and be dismissed in the usual way by their new teachers.

We will also be looking forward to seeing all parents with children starting in Reception and Year 3 next year at our new parent meetings on Monday night:

Reception new parents' meeting
Year 3 new parents' meeting

6.00pm in the Infant Hall
7.00pm in the Junior Hall

Our staff team for September is nearly complete. This is your guide to who will be based where from September (with a couple of extra people to be slotted in once recruitment has finished in July).

Class	Teacher(s)	Supporting adult(s)
Nursery	Mrs Waters (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs Yeates (Thursday – Friday)	Mrs McFetridge
Robins	Mrs Bracken	Mrs Harrison
Sparrows	Miss Holland	Mrs Skeet
Squirrels (Y1)	Miss Philbey	Mrs Burrows Miss Rowbottom
Hedgehogs (Y1)	Miss McDougall	Mrs Partridge
Otters (Y2)	Miss Pearson	Mrs White
Badgers (Y2)	Mrs Thornton (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs Dockley (Thursday – Friday)	Mrs Denny
3D	Mr Dennis	Mrs Cocker
3PS	Mrs Smithers (Monday – Wednesday) Miss Parkhouse (Thursday – Friday)	Miss Jones
4W	Mrs Winsor	Mrs Rodriguez
4P	Mrs Potter	Mrs Dyke
5G	Miss Grey	Mr Henry (SCITT)
5S	Mr Sanders	Mr Goupil (SCITT) Mrs Van den Broek
6I	Mrs Ikin	Mrs Collins and Mrs Amaee
6A	Mrs Ali	Mrs Hunter

In addition, Mrs Syrett will be supporting Year 6 on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Finally, thank you for your support for our OPTA mufti day today! Your kind donations will be on their tombola at the Ottershaw Village Fair next Saturday. Please go along and win your prizes back!

Enjoy your weekend!

J. Harlings

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher



Our Photos of the Week



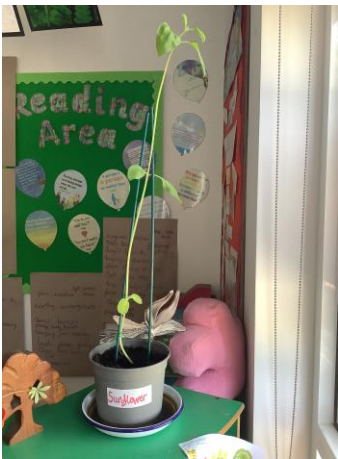
Brickies Club



The life cycle of a Caterpillar



Nursery's vegetable patch



The winning sunflower for Infants – Badgers, at a height of 62 cm



Mayor presenting the certificate and gardening prize to Class 6A. The overall winners of the borough competition. 79cm in height



Brickies – Year 3

