



23rd October 2025

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OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:	
Autumn Term 2025	
October	
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 (Invited children)
6 th	3D Walking Training ‘Feet First’ see previous emails for booking a space Year 2 Fire Safety Workshop Year 4 Boys Football Festival (Invited children) OPTA Fireworks Tickets Here
7 th	3PS Walking Training ‘Feet First’ see previous emails for booking a space Year 5&6 Basketball Event (Invited children)
12 th	MUFTI Day – Anti Bullying – for the NSPCC
13 th	Individual School Photos – Juniors
14 th	Individual School Photos – Infants and Nursery Rescheduled Football Festival Year 6 (Invited children)
19 th	Year 6 Junior Citizen
20 th	Year 6 Runnymede Memorial Trip Open mornings for Prospective Parents. Infants 9.15am / Juniors 10.30am (pre booking required)

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week! We have crammed so much into 4 days and had enormous fun, despite the soggy weather at times!

Thank you to everyone who came to meet with teachers this week and hear about how well your children have progressed in this first half term – we look forward to catching up with you again in January and sharing more good news.

Thank you too for all your generous Harvest Donations – they will all be put to good use and donated to the Runnymede Food Bank for local families in need.

Of course, our main theme this week has been Harvest and we have all enjoyed celebrating with Year 4 and very much enjoyed their stories about potatoes! What a lovely way to end our first half term together!

Other highlights of the week include:

- Our celebrations ahead of Miss Parkhouse getting married (we’ll need to remember to call her Mrs Pearson after half term)!
- Year 2 Brickies workshops where the children enjoyed recreating houses from the Great Fire of London.
- Our Reception parents’ tea party to celebrate the end of our first half term together and the ‘welcome’ presentation of School bibles.
- Taking Year 4 to perform at Cameo and distributing Harvest Tea Baskets to everyone, lovingly made by Year 6.

OPAL Update

We are still learning what works for us at Ottershaw and the children are still enjoying their lunchtimes outside. We will always try to get the children outside as much as possible, even in the winter months but will be guided by conditions on the day. Can we please ask that, when we return after half term, all children have a waterproof coat and wellies in school (ideally waterproof trousers too) and a change of clothes to keep on their pegs should they get wet or too muddy at lunchtime. We will work with the children too so that they get in the habit of putting their waterproofs on before they go to play and they know where their changes of clothes are, should they need them.

In the meantime, Longacres have delivered some more compost for us and we’re looking forward to opening our mud kitchen after half term.



Please keep your donations coming – we love adding new things every week and things like cardboard needs continually restocking. We would also make use of masking tape if anyone would like to send some in. Thank you!

November	
21 st	Year 3 Multisports (TBC)
25 th	Open mornings for Prospective Parents. Infants 9.15am / Juniors 10.30am (pre booking required)
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.
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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
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After half term, RBL merchandise for the 2025 Poppy Appeal, will be available at both offices.

Our Head Boy & Head Girl and their deputies will be going around the Junior classes with the items if the children would like to bring change in to buy. For the Infants all items will be at the front office for the parents to purchase for their children.

Well here we are, at the end of our first half term. The children have worked hard and are tired now and ready for their break. Enjoy some family time and we look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Tuesday 4th November (just in time for OPTA Fireworks on Thursday 6th November)! [Tickets Here](#)

Harling

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher

Photos of the Week!



Year 2 Lego workshop



Harvest Food Bank Collection

Reception Tea Party



A celebration for Miss Parkhouse

