



24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

# OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

## Dates for your Diary:

Autumn Term 2024/2025

### January

28<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening (Face to Face)  
Infants in the school hall  
Juniors in the Library and Classrooms.

29<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening (Face to Face)  
Infants in the school hall  
Juniors in the Library and Classrooms.

31<sup>st</sup> Year 4 Netball at St Dunstan's School (invited children)

### February

4<sup>th</sup> Junior choir to Young Voices rehearsal and performance at the O2 Arena.

5<sup>th</sup> Orienteering competition at Hoebridge School (details TBA)  
  
OPTA School Disco [Book your tickets here](#)

11<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day

14<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Art Exhibition in the Junior Hall (parents invited in the afternoon, timing TBA)

### Half – Term Holidays 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February

24<sup>th</sup> **INSET day. Both schools closed.**

25<sup>th</sup> Children return to school.  
  
Bikeability Week for Year 6 booked children

28<sup>th</sup> Possible Year 6 Football at St Dunstons

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you this morning whilst I'm away at Sayers Croft with the Year 4 children. The weather has been rather cold and soggy but the children have had a brilliant time and the weather certainly hasn't hampered their enthusiasm!! Actually, I'm sat here typing quickly whilst the children pack their things and are getting ready to come home – it feels very busy!! They are tired but are looking forward to morning activities before we get back on the coach with all our dirty washing! The team here have been amazing and so have all the Ottershaw staff (especially everyone in the school office) who have organised the whole trip. It is such a big ask for staff to re-organise their whole family routine and not sleep for a few nights to bring children away on residential visits. Thank you all.

### Year 2 Football

This week our Year 2 footballers were in action against other schools at our District football competition. Thanks to our supporters, Mr Sanders and Sythwood Primary School for making the whole event happen and be so enjoyable. I particularly loved how the team arrived back in school at the end of the day only to go straight out again for their normal after school football club .

### Guildford Shakespeare Company

From Year 2 upwards, every year group enjoys a specific cultural enrichment project every year through our partnership with the Delight Charity. This term, Year 6 are working on their 'Delight' in Shakespeare project, which will culminate in their performance to parents on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

To launch the project the Guildford Shakespeare Company visited the Juniors on Tuesday morning to launch 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to which all the children in Years 4,5 and 6 were able to enjoy. How lovely!

Year 5 have also started their 'Out of this World' Delight art project this week and Year 3 begin their 'Delight' in Dance project just before half term – keep your eyes peeled for invites to our Year 5 Art Exhibition (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February) and Year 3 Dance Performance (Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April).

Finally, just a reminder that our Parent Consultation Booking system is open for you to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher after school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week (3.30 – 6.30pm). The booking system will close on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon**. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

### Snacks in School

A reminder re snacks in school:

In case it is not clear, children do not need to bring a morning snack at the Infants as they are provided with a free fruit snack every day. Also, any snack provided at the Juniors needs to be a healthy option please. We have a number of children with severe allergies at both schools, so children must not bring in anything containing nuts (this includes chocolate spreads) which may contain nuts, as part of their snack or packed lunch. Thank you for your understanding.

Enjoy your weekend

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings  
Headteacher