



25th September 2026

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# OTTERSHAW NEWS!

| Dates for your Diary:                                          |                                                                               |
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| September                                                      |                                                                               |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                                               | Year 6 Prefect Letter deadline                                                |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                                               | Maths workshop with Miss Philbey – all parents- Infant Hall- 9am              |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>                                               | Year 1 Toy Workshop with Chertsey Museum                                      |
| October                                                        |                                                                               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                                | Head Student Team and Junior School Council visit to the Houses of Parliament |
|                                                                | Year 5/6 Netball at St Dunstons – Invited children                            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                                                | Year 5 visit to ‘The Museum of Rural Life’                                    |
|                                                                | Open Morning – Infants 9.30am /Junior 11am.                                   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                                                | Reception Tea Party with parents- 2.15pm                                      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                                               | English Workshop with Mrs Jenkyn’s for the Juniors- Junior Hall- 8.40am       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                                               | Open Morning – Infant 9.30am /Junior 11am.                                    |
|                                                                | Parent Consultation at both schools for all parents – 3.30pm- 6.30pm          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                                               | School Harvest Celebrations                                                   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                                               | Year 1 visit to Milestones Museum.                                            |
|                                                                | Year 4 Harvest production to parents – Junior hall – 2pm                      |
|                                                                | Year 6 Girls and Boys football at Woking – Invites to follow                  |
|                                                                | Parent Consultation at both schools for all parents – 3.30pm- 6.30pm          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> October – 30 <sup>th</sup> October- Half Term |                                                                               |
| November                                                       |                                                                               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                                | All Children return to school                                                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                                | Infant Flu Vaccinations and Reception height and weight                       |

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the Junior children have been voted for their House Captains – as always, well done to all the children who stood for the position. We are so proud of you all! Of course, a special well done to our winners!

Thank you to everyone who joined Mrs Jenkyn for a reading workshop at the Infants this week. If your child is in Reception and you were unable to join us we will be sending the information home today. We will also be sending home first reading books with our Reception children today – we hope you all enjoy starting the reading journey with us 😊.

If you have a child at the Juniors (especially in Year 3 or you are new to the school) Mrs Jenkyn will be offering an English workshop for Junior parents on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 8.40am in the Junior Hall. Please join us.

Our Year 5 children had an exciting parcel arrive in the post for them this week. As part of their Rivers topic last term, they all wrote to our MP, Dr Ben Spencer, asking him to help reduce pollution in our rivers. This week an individual letter for every child arrived in the post from Ben with his reply. How kind was that? Thank you Ben for taking the time to reply.

Mr Sanders has taken some of our older children to our first inter-school sporting event of the year – this time it is Dodgeball! Good luck team and thank you for representing our school 😊.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our OPTA AGM. As you know, the committee work so hard to organise events and raise money for the children to enjoy nice things (we are hoping for a new climbing pyramid to go on the field this year). Last year, with your support, we raised £18,000.00 which is a fantastic amount of money! We are already planning the events for this year, so please put the following dates in your diary:

- November 4<sup>th</sup>

OPTA Fireworks (Tickets on sale 4<sup>th</sup> October)
- November 13<sup>th</sup>

Final day to bring Christmas Hamper donations to school
- November 20<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Fair Mufti Day. All the children can come to school wearing their favourite clothes and bring in donation of small prizes to be used at the Year 6 Christmas Fair. Can we please ask that Infant children (including Nursery) bring small stationery and ‘party bag’ gifts to be used as prizes on the Year 6 stalls and Junior children bring small packs of sweets. Year 6 do like to have plenty of prizes available on all their stalls!
- November 21<sup>st</sup>

Tickets go on sale for the Christmas Hamper Raffle
- December 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper Day. All the children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper (everything else is uniform please) and bring a named purse or small bag to put their spending tokens in. To avoid the need for cash being used at the fair, we are asking all parents to buy tokens on SCOPAY. We will give each child their tokens to spend at the fair rather than actual money. Each token is worth 20p and each go on a stall will be one token. Usually, we recommend a maximum spend of £5 per child. The OPTA Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw will also happen on this day.

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| 4 <sup>th</sup>                      | OPTA Fireworks                                                                                                                           |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                      | Year 4 visit to the Golden Hinde                                                                                                         |
| 9 <sup>th</sup><br>&10 <sup>th</sup> | Year 3 Feet First road safety training                                                                                                   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                     | Year 3 visit to Haslemere Museum<br><br>Open Morning Infant- 9.30am                                                                      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                     | School Photographs – Infant<br><br>Year 3 Egyptian Day                                                                                   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                     | School Photographs – Juniors<br><br>Final day to bring in Christmas Hamper donations                                                     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                     | Odd socks and non – uniform for Antibullying week. £1 donation via SCOPAY for NSPCC                                                      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                     | Open Morning – Infant 9.30am / Juniors 11am                                                                                              |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                     | Christmas Fair Mufti Day, bring in a donation, Infants and Nursery; small stationery and ‘party bag’ gifts. Juniors; small bag of sweets |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                     | Tickets go on sale for Christmas Hamper Raffle                                                                                           |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                     | Year 5 Hindu workshop in school<br><br>Open Morning – Infant 9.30am/ Juniors 11am                                                        |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                     | Year 6 House Captains ‘Sports Crew’ training                                                                                             |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>                     | Open Morning – Infant 9.30am                                                                                                             |

## February 4<sup>th</sup>

are planning a separate event for Year 6 after their SATs).

## March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Book Week

Second Hand Book Sale for children to coincide with

## 19<sup>th</sup> March

Break the Rules Day

## 25<sup>th</sup> March

Easter sponsored run

## 13<sup>th</sup> May

End of SATs party for Year 6

## 21<sup>st</sup> May

Crazy Hair Day

## 10<sup>th</sup> June

Summer Fair Mufti Day – please bring donations for the OPTA tombola at the village fair

## 19<sup>th</sup> June

Ottershaw Village Fair

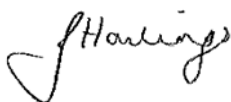
As always, all the events and details can be found on the OPTA website and Facebook page:

[Ottershaw Parent Teacher Association](https://www.facebook.com/ottershawpta/)  
or <https://www.facebook.com/ottershawpta/>

Finally, we have been on a long journey to find a suitable app to replace Marvellous Me and think (thanks to parent help) we have found a new app which allows teachers to share good news with parents’. The new app is called Parent Hub and we hope to be introducing it very soon to you all. Watch this space!

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

