



27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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# OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We really have crammed so much into the last 4 days, I'm sure the children will be tired when they get home tonight!

Our highlights of the week have been:

On Tuesday we took some of the Year 4's to perform on the stage at The Grange Park Opera Summer Concert. As you know, all the children in Years 3 and 4 receive singing tuition from one of the opera singers every week and, as a finale to the programme, 30 Year 4 children were selected to sing at a concert with other schools. Lucky us and well done Year 4 for singing so beautifully.

On Wednesday we took 2 debating Teams from Year 5 to a competition against other schools at New Haw. It was a morning filled with growing confidence and fabulous children expressing their opinions – I can see the world will be a safe place if they become leaders in the future (I hope they do)!

On Thursday it was Year 2 and Year 3's turn to enjoy a painting with Mr Little session and what a lovely, creative time they had! There was a very calm 'hum' in the room whilst the children enjoyed watching their creations appear.

Also on Thursday, Year 5 went to Fullbrook for a 'taster' of Secondary School. I know they are still a year away from leaving us but we begin preparing them now and we are very grateful to Fullbrook for giving the children this experience.

On Friday we said 'goodbye for now' to Mrs Parmenter (aka Miss Walsh) as she goes on maternity leave. Good luck Stacey, we can't wait for happy news and cuddles!

To top it all, Mr Tom's wife had the most beautiful baby boy last week. Luca is totally gorgeous and the whole family are well and enjoying Mr Tom being at home on paternity leave.

Next week is a week of excitement, with a tinge of nerves, as the children spend the day with their new teacher, we meet with the parents whose children are joining us in September for Reception and Year 3 and next Friday we are looking forward to welcoming you all in to see your child's work and receive their school report from 2pm. It's going to be busy – please do keep an eye out for an email from us on Monday afternoon to let you know who your child's teacher is going to be so that you know where they will be for the day next Tuesday!

Finally, for those of you with children in Year 6, the good news is that Mrs Ikin can begin to return to work next week! Her eyesight has recovered sufficiently for her to return on a part-time basis next week. I know we will all be kind to her and make sure she doesn't try to read too much and put her eyes under too much strain (she will still take a few more months to fully recover, but it will be lovely to have her back with us)!

Enjoy your weekend – especially everyone who is supporting the Ottershaw Village Fair on Saturday!

Mrs J Hastings  
Headteacher

Summer Term 2025	
June	
30 <sup>th</sup>	3:20pm Year 5 Parent/Carer Learning for Life – Relationship Education Meeting in the Junior Hall  6pm New Reception Parents' meeting in the Infant Hall  7pm New Year 3 Parents' in the Junior Hall
July	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Transition Day for all Children who will be at Ottershaw next year
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ice Pop Sale after school – both schools. See poster.
4 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Celebration of Work and Reports Home
7 <sup>th</sup>	Values Fortnight Begins  Year 2 Lunches at the Juniors for 1 week  Year 6 Residential
9 <sup>th</sup>	Reception to The Look Out  Year 4 to Juniper Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery trip to Hobbledown Meet at 10am at the farm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Return Home from Residential  New Robins children to lunch
14 <sup>th</sup>	New Sparrows children to lunch
15 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery End of Year Assembly 11am (details to follow)

July

17<sup>th</sup> 9am Year 2 Leaver' Assembly  
in the Infant Hall

1:30pm Year 6 Production

Last day for afternoon  
nursery children

18<sup>th</sup> Last Day

Year 6 – Shirt and Leavers  
Yearbooks signing

Nursery finishes at 1pm  
Juniors finish at 1:05pm  
Infants finish at 1:15pm

## Our Photos of the Week



Year 4 Grange Opera

Year 3 Art with Mr Little

