



28th February 2025

OTTERS HAW NEWS!

Autumn Term 2024/2025

March

3rd Book Week begins
Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Competition at Hoe bridge at 4.15pm

5th Year 5 Maths Competition at Fullbrook (invited children)
12:30pm Infants Girls Football event at school
1.30pm to 6.30pm Rescheduled Parents' Evening to see Miss Philbey, Mrs Smithers and Mrs Ikin. Junior Library.
6.30pm Mrs Jenkyn Infant bedtime story via Teams.

6th 3pm OPTA Second Hand Book Sale at both schools

7th Pyjama day and bring your favourite book
12:30pm Junior Girls football event at school
3pm OPTA Second Hand Book Sale at both schools

11th 1:45pm Year 6 – Delight performance to parents

14th OPTA Break the Rules Day

18th 4.15pm Year 3 & 4 Cross Country Competition at Hoe bridge School

24th 4.15pm Cross Country Relay at Hoe bridge School

25th Year 3 & 4 Badminton (details to follow)

11am Nursery Spring assembly

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second (hopefully sunnier and warmer) half of the school year! It has been a busy 4 days and the children have returned rested and full of enthusiasm, which has been lovely to see.

Junior Performances

The stage has gone up in the Junior Hall for all the performances that will be happening between now and Easter:

- Year 6 Delight in Shakespeare Performance 1.45pm on Tuesday 11th March in the Junior Hall
- Year 3 Delight in Dance Performance 1.45pm on Tuesday 1st April in the Junior Hall
- Year 5 Easter production 1.45pm on Thursday 3rd April in the Junior Hall

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to these performances – the children are getting excited already 😊.

Bikeability

Well done to all the Year 6 children who completed their Bikeability Level 2 training this week – the instructors particularly commented on how well behaved and polite they all were. Thank you Year 6.

Year 4 – I'm looking forward to hearing similar lovely things when it is your turn later this term (19th – 21st March).

Forest Schools

As we welcomed both Mrs Syrett and Mrs Dockley back to school following their maternity leave this week, it was wonderful to be able to begin our Forest Schools programme with Year 1 (Mrs Dockley completed her training whilst on maternity leave). Thank you to everyone who remembered to send their children in to school wearing appropriate Forest School clothes and to all who have donated wellies and waterproofs – we will be needing them for all year groups in the near future!

Our next Year 1 Forest Schools sessions will be on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th March (no sessions next week due to Book Week).



Cross Country Events

We held our Junior Cross Country Team trials on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime this week. As always, it was a joy to see so many children take part and run so well. I was so proud of them all and wish they could all take part. Sadly, I can only take 5 boys and 5 girls to each event. Selected children have already been notified and will be bringing home full competition details in due course.

Dates for your Diary continued

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31st Easter Pause Week Begins

April

1st 1:45pm Year 3 Delight in Dance performance to parents

2nd Easter Church Service lead by Year 5 (details to follow)
Junior Volunteer Link
Infant Volunteer Link

3rd 2pm Year 5 Easter Production to Parents

Afternoon Nursery Children – last day before Easter.

4th OPTA Easter Fun Run

School Closes for Easter Holidays:
Nursery finishes at 1pm
Juniors finish at 1:05pm
Infants finish at 1:15pm

Easter Holidays
7th – 21st April

22nd Back to school

Book Week Next Week

Our much loved, annual Book Week is happening in both schools next week. Our theme this year is **'Snuggle Up with a Good Book'** so you can expect to hear lots of news about reading! Thank you to everyone who has already donated unwanted books for our second hand book sales (we still have room for more donations) that are happening at both schools at the end of the day next Thursday and Friday, and I know the children are excited to be wearing their pyjamas to school next Friday 😊.

For those of you with children at the Infants, Mrs Jenkyn will be reading a bedtime story online at 6.30pm on Wednesday. You will need to use your child's Teams Account to access this.

Girls' Football Event

As well as our Book Week 'Wear Your Pyjamas' to school day we have registered the Junior School for a national Girls Football event. With the aim of inspiring the next generation the Football Association would like to get as many girls as possible all playing football on the same day (although the England Women's team did plenty of that themselves this week with a great win against Spain)! Our event will take place on the ball court at 12.30pm. Any girl who would like to participate can join in after they've eaten their lunch and we will let the FA know just how many took part at the end of the day. No-one will need to change into any kit, we're going to all do it in our pyjamas, but you will need to wear your trainers to school instead of slippers!

Our Year 6 Sports Crew will run a similar session for girls in Years 1 and 2 on Wednesday lunchtime.

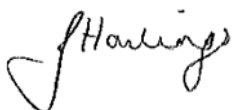
Parenting Support

Surrey Adult Learning are now offering free online training and support for any parent trying to manage children who may be struggling with anxiety or emotional outbursts at home. Please follow this [link](#) to see if there is something that could really help you, in the comfort of your own home.

Finally, we are very sad to announce that, after 21 years of supporting Ottershaw children, Ms Duddy will be leaving us on Friday 7th March. I know she deserves a nice long rest after such loyal service and has some exciting travels and adventures planned, but we will miss her very much. Thank you for everything Wendy xx

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher



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