



28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

# OTTERS HAW NEWS!

**Dates for your Diary:**

**Spring Term 2025**

**March**

31<sup>st</sup> Easter Pause Week Begins

**April**

1<sup>st</sup> 1:45pm Year 3 Delight in Dance performance to parents

2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Church Service lead by Year 5 – Junior School service in Church 9am-10.30am. Infant service in the Junior Hall

School Choir to Hairspray! At Woking

3<sup>rd</sup> AM- Year 5 going to Cameo to perform to the community in the morning.

1:45pm Year 5 Easter Production to Parents

Afternoon Nursery Children – last day before Easter.

4<sup>th</sup> 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  
7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April**

22<sup>nd</sup> Back to School

30<sup>th</sup> OPTA Quiz Night for Parents/Guardians – Details to come

**May**

12<sup>th</sup> SATs Week

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have certainly been living life in all its fullness and enjoying all the opportunities in school this week!

If your child is in Nursery you will know just how gorgeous their Easter Assembly was. We shared some beautiful paintings and thoughts about our Mummies with everyone before we went to show all our learning 😊. Thank you to our Nursery Team for weaving their magic and making this such a special time for everyone.



**Cross Country**

Our Cross Country Relay Team were in action after school this week and what a magnificent (and winning) performance both teams gave. They made running look easy and I was very proud of them. In terms of results, although I am very confident that we will come first in the relay (because we won by a lap) the results from the Year 5 and 6 individual races combine with the relay results and the Year 3 and 4 individual races before winners are announced. Currently, we are waiting for Hoe bridge School to confirm when the Year 3 and 4 races will be rescheduled after the Easter holidays.



**Caterlink**

Reception and Year 1 enjoyed very civilised events, supported by our catering team, on Wednesday and Thursday morning. Caterlink (our catering company) offer curriculum support and Reception and Year 1 enjoyed different sessions with them. Reception learned how to lay a table correctly and cut food properly with a knife and fork. I was very impressed with the polite manners on display too! Year 1, learnt how to make bread! The children had a lovely time in their bread making workshop. They got to shape their dough into a shape of their choice before baking in the oven.

## Racketpack

Our final inter-school sporting event for the term was badminton. Mr Sanders took a team of 10, Year 3 and 4 pupils to enjoy a coaching session and play some games against others at Greenfield School this week. The partnerships we have through the Woking Schools really do enhance the sporting opportunities we are able to offer our children and we are always grateful to those who are able to organise and host these events for us all to enjoy.



## Young Carers

We already have children in school who are recognised as Young Carers because of the extra help they give to parents or siblings at home.

Some of these children are known to just school or others are registered with Surrey Young Carers and participate in free support groups and activities. If you would be interested in finding out more about the support available please follow this link: [Young carers \(under 18\) | Action for Carers](#)

If you think your child matches the Young Carers description and would like them to receive support from Surrey Young Carers please do let me or Mrs Jenkyn know so that we can make the referral for you.

## Church Services Next Week

We will still be taking the Junior School children to Church next Wednesday for our Easter Service, lead by Year 5. We will be leaving school at 9am and expect to return by 10.30am at the latest. Thank you to all who have volunteered to come with us as, without enough helpers to keep us safe as we walk there and back, this would not be possible.

The Infant Service will now be held in the Junior Hall, still lead by Year 5. Sadly, we didn't have enough helpers to safely get the younger children to Church and back so we will enjoy the service at the Juniors instead. Thank you to all who did volunteer to help. If you did still want to come to church with the Juniors instead, you are very welcome to join us, but we no longer need you for the Infant Service.

## Food Bank Referrals

Ottershaw C of E Infant & Junior School have teamed up with Runnymede Foodbank to help issue e-vouchers to families who need emergency food assistance in our local community. The voucher will provide a minimum of three days emergency food for your family. Please contact Mrs Blanchfield if you need a referral voucher.

[dblanchfield@ottershawcofeschools.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dblanchfield@ottershawcofeschools.surrey.sch.uk)

## OPTA Fun Run

All the children will be taking part in our OPTA Easter Fun Run next Friday morning. Can we please remind you that the children need to come to school wearing their PE kits and that there is a prize for the class at each school who return the most sponsor forms (not the classes who raise the most money). Thank you in advance for your support. The sponsor forms are to be returned by 25<sup>th</sup> April not the 4<sup>th</sup> April, sorry for any confusion.

## Website

Our new look website is finally live! The address is the same as before. Please bear with us whilst we get used to the changes too!



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## Events next week

Easter is always a special time in school at Ottershaw. Although, along with all other Surrey primary schools, we teach the same RE Agreed Syllabus, as a Church of England School we are required to teach an additional 10% of Christianity. At Ottershaw we do this through our Easter Pause Week. We use Godly Play to reflect on the Easter Story and spend time in our special Easter Prayer Spaces. In keeping with the Church of England Lent theme this year of 'living hope' we are going to focus our Prayer Space around being a living hope to others and making a difference to the world.

It will be a busy week, so as a reminder:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April;

Year 5 walk to church to rehearse our service in the morning

Year 3 Delight in Dance performance to parents in the Junior Hall at 1.30pm

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April;

Easter Services, lead by Year 5 (Junior School Service in Church, Infant Service in the Junior Hall.

Junior School Choir visit to see Hairspray at Woking in the afternoon (parents dropping off and collecting to meet the school team at the drop off point in the Brewery Road car park, Woking).

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April;

Year 5 going to Cameo to perform to the Community in the morning

Year 5 performance to parents in the Junior Hall at 1.30pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April;

OPTA Easter Fun Run for all children

School closes for the Easter Holidays

Can we also say a thank you to our friends at Longacres, Bourne Valley and Blue Diamond Weybridge Garden Centres who kindly donated seeds for growing flowers and vegetables ... Watch this space!

Enjoy your weekend, especially all you Mummies out there!

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hastings  
Headteacher

