



OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:	
Autumn Term 2025	
December	
1 st	Year 3 Salvation Army Toy Appeal – last day to donate.
3 rd	Juniors – Last Date to order Christmas Lunch
5 th	Year 6 Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper Day
8 th	Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal (not for parents)
9 th	9.30am Infant Nativity for Robins, Hedgehogs, Badgers. (No younger children to attend)
10 th	9.30am Infant Nativity for Sparrows, Squirrels, Otters. (No younger children to attend) Year 3 Dress Rehearsal (not for parents)
11 th	9.30am Infant Nativity, younger siblings may attend. 11am Year 3 and Junior School Choir to CAMEO. 1.30pm Year 3 Christmas Production
12 th	Infants to Pantomime
15 th	Year 6 Readers to Church (Rehearsal)
16 th	Christmas Party Afternoon 11am Nursery Sing a long
17 th	Junior Church Service Infant and Junior Christmas Dinner
18 th	Juniors to Pantomime OPTA Cake sale after school at 3.05pm at both Schools Last day of term for afternoon Nursery children
19 th	Toy Day Last day of term Nursery finish at 1pm Juniors finish at 1:05pm Infants finish at 1:15pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all the donations you have sent in today for the Year 6 Christmas Fair next week – all the children are going to enjoy winning the prizes next Friday 😊. Thank you too, to everyone who has already bought tokens for their child to spend at the fair (we are not taking any cash). Tokens will remain available to buy through SCOPAY until next Wednesday. Every ‘turn’ on a game at the fair will cost 1 token (20p) and we recommend children have a maximum £5 worth of tokens.

As a reminder, all the children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper next Friday (everything else is uniform please) and bring a named purse or small bag to put their spending tokens in. Teachers will look after the purses before and after the visit to the fair and hand out the tokens so that each child gets the amount of tokens they have already paid for.

Ancient Egypt

Year 3 have had the best week ever – they had a day of Ancient Egyptian art (the costumes were amazing, thank you) and then went to Haslemere Museum on Thursday to see a sarcophagus and learn more about the mummification process. What a great way to end their topic this term!



Christmas Art for the Cathedral

I had the very great pleasure of delivering our Christmas Art to Guildford Cathedral today. Every year, each year group creates collaborative art pieces which I take to Guildford Cathedral to be displayed over the Christmas period, along with art from other church schools in our Diocese. This year’s theme is ‘Joy to the World’ and I love that every year group has created something beautiful with a different interpretation of the bible passage: ‘Don’t be afraid, because I am bringing you some good news. It will be a joy to all the people.’ Luke 2:10. If you would like to see the display for yourselves please do visit Guildford Cathedral between Sunday 30th November and Monday 2nd January – it is a beautiful thing!

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December

Christmas Holidays 22nd December to 2nd January 2026.

Both Schools re open 5th January 2026

January

8 th	Open Morning – Infants 9.15am Juniors – 10.30am
12 th	Parents Evening
14 th	Parents Evening
15 th	Closing date for Reception and Year 3 applications via Surrey County Council
21 st – 23 rd	Year 4 residential – Sayers Croft
21 st	Supporting Neurodiversity at home and Introduction to ND Padlet Coffee Morning – 9am- 10.30am

Parent Volunteers Needed!

As always when planning trips or
events we need plenty of parent
helpers to make the events
successful, please consider
volunteering at any of our up and
coming events using the links below

17th December

[Junior Carol Service Volunteers](#)

OPAL Update

Our mud kitchen and water play areas are open (along with a cunning outside sink for hand washing afterwards, thanks to Mr Lock and Mr Tom). Thank you to everyone whose donations made it possible to create these areas (especially our friends at Longacres for the compost and A Cut Above for the bark).

The next things we are getting resources for are:

- a performing area (with a stage)
- music (we need a weatherproof outdoor speaker and musical instruments)
- a bikes and trikes area (any donations would be very gratefully received, especially scooters please)

If you have anything on the list we would be very glad to receive it – especially as OPTA have just ordered us another shed to keep resources in!

Enjoy your weekend (especially if you are putting your Christmas decorations up early)!

Yours sincerely


Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher

Photos of the Week!

Cathedral Art



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