



19th December 2024

OTTERS HAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

Autumn Term 2024

December

20 th	<p>Toy Day / Mufti Day</p> <p>Toy Day for Infants and Juniors (Reception to Year 6)</p> <p>OPTA Bake sale – Junior and Infant – 1.05pm</p> <p>Term ends for Christmas holidays: 1:00pm Nursery Finishes 1:05pm Juniors Finishes 1:15pm Infant Finishes</p>
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23rd to 3rd January Both Schools Closed for Christmas Holidays

January

6 th	INSET Day Both Schools Closed
7 th	Back to School
8 th	<p>Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required) 9:30am Infants 11:00am Juniors</p>
9 th	<p>Prospective parents Mornings (pre-booking required) 9:30am Infants 11:00am Juniors</p>
17 th	2:30pm Open Classroom event for Nursery, Infant and Junior
22 nd	Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft
24 th	Year 4 home from Sayers Croft
28 th	3:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening (Face to Face) in the Infant and Junior school halls

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very close to a delightful end of a long and busy term, and I am just like the children – utterly exhausted but happy and very excited to be spending time with my family soon! I'm sure you all feel the same.

Every day this week we have enjoyed magical moments with your children and many of them have made us all very proud.

Our week started with a wonderful Nursery Christmas Assembly – some very lovely Christmas songs and a chance for parents to visit Nursery and celebrate with us. We even had a special visitor!



On Tuesday it was time for Year 3 to shine with their amazing performance and, of course, more beautiful singing.

Year 6 took the lead for us on Wednesday in our Carol Service. The church was wonderfully decorated and we filled it with poems, readings and carols. Thank you to everyone who helped us walk the children up the hill and back (and a special thank you to Mr Crichton for coming to the rescue – he knows what I mean)! By the time we got back from Church, we were ready for our Christmas Lunch!! Well done to our lovely catering team – they served over 300 Christmas dinners for all the children!! The nursery children enjoyed a fun filled day together for their Christmas party and Mrs Waters surprised the children in her amusing outfit!



Today, was Junior Pantomime Day! The children behaved so well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I love how they laughed at some of the puns and cheered their teachers on the stage (oh yes, some did get involved)!

As I write today the classrooms are full of happy children and very tired teachers – sounds just right!

Dates for your Diary continued:

January

29 th	3:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening (Face to Face) in the Infant and Junior school halls
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February

4 th	Young Voices Choir at the O2 (Juniors only)
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5 th	OPTA School Disco (Details to follow)
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**February Half Term Holidays
17th to 21st February**

24 th	INSET Day Both Schools Closed
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Diary reminders

Friday 20th

Mufti Day and Toy Day for Reception to Year 6.

Children may bring in a toy, to play with friends (no electronics or anything that can connect to the internet please).

OPTA Bake Sale- from 1.05pm at the Junior and Infant school (see attached poster)

Term ends for the Christmas Holidays:

Nursery	1pm finish
Junior	1.05pm finish
Infants	1.15pm finish

January notices:

Just so that you are prepared for the first week back – we return on Tuesday 7th January.

Our PE lessons will resume as soon as we return to school. Please check the timetable below for any changes which might affect your child:

	Infant School	Junior School
Monday		Year 3
Tuesday	Year 1	
Wednesday	Year 2	Year 6
Thursday	Reception	Year 5
Friday		Year 4

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you all for your support for what we do, your kind words and generous gifts. We love sharing our journey with you and wish you all a very Happy Christmas!!

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher