



4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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# OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

<b>Dates for your Diary:</b>	
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
<b>April</b>	
<b>Easter Holidays 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to School
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Eikon/Mindworks Parent Group
29 <sup>th</sup>	3:15pm Year 6 PGL Parent/Carer Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup>	OPTA Quiz Night <a href="#">Book Here</a>
<b>May</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday – Schools Closed</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	SATs Week
20 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos for both schools
	Year 6 Globe Theatre Trip (Year 6 to be at school at 8:15am)
	4pm Year 3 and 4 Rescheduled Cross Country Event at Hoe bridge
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day and Family Picnic Day (details to follow)
	Last Day
<b>May Half Term Holidays 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>June</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to School
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Chobham Common Trip
6 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral
23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET DAY Both Schools Closed

Dear Parents/Carers,

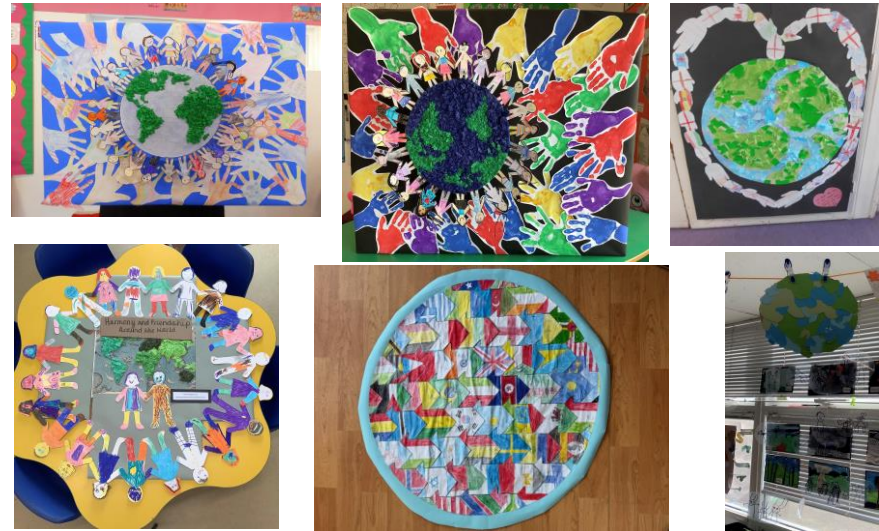
What a glorious last week of term we have had! The children have really embraced Easter and our Pause Week theme of 'living hope'. I'm sure the children have shared bits with you and, if you've been waiting outside the Reception and Nursery classes you'll have seen our prayer additions to the trees sparkling away in the sunshine!

### Year 5 Production

Year 5 really excelled themselves and have been performing beautifully all week. They led our Easter Services, sang their hearts out when we visited Cameo and then finished with an amazing Easter production. A great job all round (thank you team for working so hard to make the magic happen). Well done Year 5 – you are all suddenly looking very grown up and rightly very pleased with yourselves!

### Pause Week

As part of our Pause Week each class has also created a piece of collaborative art along the theme of 'Harmony and Friendship with other countries'. We will be sending these to the Mayor of Runnymede as our entries to his VE Day Art Competition and will have them on display for you all to see at our own VE Day Celebrations next term (watch this space, but likely to be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May in the afternoon).



### Delight in Dance Year 3

It really has been a week of performances – Year 3 performed their Heroes and Villains dances to parents on Tuesday afternoon. This was the culmination of 6 weeks of work with Delight and to see the children perform so confidently was lovely. A special thank you to Miss Parkhouse who made sure that both classes were ready to perform so well for us 😊.

### OPTA Fun Run and Quiz Night

After such an exciting week we all loved taking part in the OPTA Easter Fun Run today. The sun shone and it felt good to run around our track and blow off some last bits of energy before we break for the Easter holidays. Thank you all for your support and sponsorship. Can we remind you that the last day to return sponsorship forms and donations is 25<sup>th</sup> April and the winning classes (those returning the most forms) will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, OPTA's Quiz Night will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please see OPTA website [Link Here](#) for further information and for booking your space!

Finally, we have a change to Year 1 Forest Schools and a Junior School dinners message to give you all: Year 1 Forest School has really been successful and we know the children love it. As always, we've reviewed the first 6 weeks and have decided to run the sessions for both classes on a Thursday now. From Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April both Year 1 classes will need to wear their Forest School clothes to school every Thursday and these sessions will continue for the whole of next term.



### School Lunches – Juniors

We have been running our new 'order and pay in advance' school dinner system at the Juniors for nearly a year now and we are pleased that everyone has really started to get in the routine of things. Can I please remind you all to make sure that you have ordered your meals for after Easter – it could come as an unexpected surprise otherwise that we are ringing you and asking you to bring an emergency packed lunch to school for your child as they don't have a lunch ordered!

Enjoy your Easter holidays – we look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'J Hastings'.

Mrs J Hastings  
Headteacher

