



4th July 2025

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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Summer Term 2025	
July	
7 th	Values Fortnight Begins Year 2 Lunches at the Juniors for 1 week Year 6 Residential
9 th	Reception to The Look Out Year 4 to Juniper Hall
10 th	Nursery trip to Hobbledown Meet at 10am at the farm
11 th	Year 6 Return Home from Residential New Robins children to lunch
14 th	New Sparrows children to lunch
15 th	Nursery End of Year Assembly 11am (details to follow)
17 th	9am Year 2 Leaver' Assembly in the Infant Hall 1:30pm Year 6 Production Last day for afternoon Nursery children
18 th	Last Day Year 6 – Shirt and Leavers Yearbooks signing Nursery finishes at 1pm Juniors finish at 1:05pm Infants finish at 1:15pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all so much for coming to see your child's work this afternoon. I hope you were thrilled to see the progress they have made this year and have enjoyed reading their end of year report. We are so proud of the effort the children have put in to all they've done (and I'm so proud of my staff for their continued dedication – they are an amazing bunch)!

If you are a Year 4 parent, we hope you particularly enjoyed the artwork on display today – the children completed it as part of their Delight in Art project this term 😊.

If you are a Year 6 parent, please don't worry that you have not seen your child's SAT results – they haven't been published yet! We will let you know the good news when everyone is back and rested from the Year 6 residential next week. For now, enjoy packing the kit list over the weekend, this much-longed for residential is actually happening and Mrs Ikin is well enough to go (thank you to Mr Sanders for being on standby just in case she wasn't).

Of course, our other big event this week was Transition Day. We are so pleased that our Transition Day went so smoothly and all the children went home happy and with a smile at the end of the day. It is always important that they've had a great day with their new teacher so that any summer holiday worries about September are lessened.

We will be having another 'Belonging' theme to our learning as we return in September. This year we are asking that children bring a special photograph which is important to them to share with the class as part of our 'getting to know you' early learning. The photo can be of a favourite place, an award, friends, pets, family....anything they would like to share with their class in September.

Date for the Diary

For those of you with children in Years 1 – 6 next year, we will be inviting you all in on **Friday 19th September** to see your child's new classroom and meet their new teacher.

For Junior School children the Meet the Teacher event will be 8.25am – 8.55am.

For Infant School children (Years 1 and 2 only) the Meet the Teacher event will be 2.45pm – 3.15pm.

Please put the date in your diary (we know how helpful advance warning can be).

You might have spotted Year 5 out and about in the village on Thursday. They have been monitoring local air quality and will be completing 'spot checks' next week and looking out for people who are sat in cars with idling engines, polluting the atmosphere. This was something our local residents raised as a concern and when we told the children, they were concerned too. Beware – Year 5 will be out and about next week!

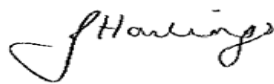
For now, enjoy the selection of posters Year 1 have created to remind you how to park and drive safely. I hope those in our community who are naughty parkers and speedy drivers listen more to the children than you do me about your selfish behaviour! The Year 1 campaign has also been supported by the local police who are completing weekly monitoring checks around the area to help keep our village safe.

Ottershaw Village Fete

OPTA raised a fantastic £670 at the Ottershaw Village Fete last weekend. Thank you for all the donations and it was great to see so many Ottershaw families there.

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported our ice pop sale after school on Thursday – we were grateful to the Team for organising and to all of you for buying!

Enjoy your weekend!



Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher



Year 4 Delight in Art



Nursery’s Caterpillar that evolved into a beautiful butterfly

