



5th December 2025

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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:	
Autumn Term 2025	
December	
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
Christmas Holidays 22 nd December to 2 nd January 2026.	
Both Schools re open 5 th January 2026	

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the joy and excitement of Ottershaw Christmas!

Our Christmas trees are up (they are stunning – we are very grateful to our friends at the Christmas Tree Farm who kindly donated them to our schools), children are singing songs in classrooms, costumes are arriving, the stages are up at both schools and we can't wait to perform to you all next week! The children are excited, the teachers are nervous and I can't wait!

Just as we thought all was going smoothly and we were on track with all our preparations, we had a suspected gas leak at the Infants on Thursday! I have to say, I was so proud of our whole community – the adults in school were efficient and calm and that helped us safely evacuate everyone to the Juniors and parents did an amazing job of rescheduling their day to come and collect their children as quickly as possible. I was so grateful to you all. Thank you. I can confirm that we were given the 'all clear' by 4pm and could open safely again today.

Despite the disruption at the Infant School on Thursday, our main event this week was the Christmas Fair! Year 6 planned and delivered a lovely day for everyone and all the visitors to the fair loved using their tokens to win bundles of prizes. Well done Year 6 for giving us such a happy fair 😊. I hope you enjoy the photos!

Attached to this email is our latest online safety newsletter. I know many of our children will be lucky enough to receive some form of electric device over Christmas. If it has internet connectivity then parental controls are a must. Please don't assume that your child is sensible and you don't need them – it's like the Wild West out there! I hope this newsletter provides you with some helpful guidance to get you started.

OPTA Raffle ticket sales close at 8pm on Saturday 6th Dec. [Purchase tickets here](#)

Finally, thank you so much for all your toy donations for the Salvation Army. We always support them with toys at this time of the year as there are many local families in need and our help makes the world of difference.

Enjoy your weekend and I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you at our performances next week.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

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



Year 3 Salvation Army Toy Donations

Just a few of the OPTA Christmas Hamper Prizes for 2025

£1.00 per ticket

You've got to be in it to win it!

See all available prizes and buy your tickets here!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/opta>



Year 6 Christmas Fair!

