



6th June 2025

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OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

Summer Term 2025	
June	
9 th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week
11 th	Reception Trip to Christ Church (details to follow) Quad Kids Athletics Competition (invited children)
12 th	Year 2 trip to Wisley Gardens
17 th	Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral
19 th	Quad Kids Athletics Competition
20 th	MUFTI Day for OPTA donations of sweets/bottles and gift sets
23 rd	INSET Day Both Schools Closed
24 th	Year 4 invited children to Grange Park Opera
26 th	Year 5 to Fullbrook
30 th	6pm New Reception Parents' meeting in the Infant Hall 7pm New Year 3 Parents' in the Junior Hall
July	
1 st	Transition Day for all Children who will be at Ottershaw next year
4 th	Celebration of Work and Reports Home (Timing TBC)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the school year! As always, time is flying by and will continue to do so, as we have so many things planned for the children in the coming weeks! This week we started as we mean to go on with:

4 internet safety workshops for Years 4 and 5. Delivered by the charity Papaya, the children learned about the impact of screen time on their mental health and ability to learn and how to get a healthy balance of screen time in their lives. We hope this might help you in your battle to control or limit screen time at home! For those of you who may be interested to learn more, please follow this link [WORKSHOPS — Papaya Parents](#) or google 'blue light addiction' to see the impact the blue light emitted by phones and screens has on all of us. You will also see that we are sending out our monthly Online Safety Newsletter today – please read it, keeping our children safe online is so important. Papaya are a charity and kindly gave their time for the day with us for free. If you do feel able to give them a donation, please do so via the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fundstateschools?utm_medium=campaign&utm_content=campaign%2Ffundstateschools&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

2 Bumblebee conservation workshops for Year 2. Bovis homes put us in contact with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust so that Year 2 can work with them to build some environmentally friendly spaces in school and in our local area as part of their Social Action project. We absolutely loved learning about what things Bumblebees need to survive and will be working to gain the Bumblebee Friendly Schools Award over the coming weeks (even better, Bovis are going to help us with some of this work).

4 Painting workshops for Reception and Year 1. This year all the children will be working with another local artist called Al Little. Al is a painter and has been working with Year 1 and Reception this week. Today was all about vibrant colour mixing and creating a beautiful painting. Hopefully you will be able to see the final masterpiece when you visit for our celebration of work in July! Thank you so much for your time Mr Little – it was so lovely to see you again!

Year 2 parents Delight Open Classroom. The children have been wonderfully engaged in story writing through this project with Delight and Year 2 parents visited this morning to see our final work – we all had a very exciting surprise when we went into our classrooms 😊

Year 3 visit to Chobham Common. As part of their Geography, Year 3 are learning about National Parks and other protected landscapes. On Thursday they visited Chobham Common, our local SSSI and nationally rare heathland habitat, to learn more about why it is important to preserve this land. It was very soggy and we were especially grateful to all the parents helpers who came along and saved the day. Thank you also, to the parents who helped us out with the coach debacle!

Year 2 visit to the new local environment area being created by Bovis Homes. This area is not open to the public yet, but Bovis kindly let Year 2 onto the site to get a sneaky peak at what will be available for us all to enjoy soon. We are also hoping to be involved in keeping this area a great space for Bumblebees in the future too.



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1 st	Transition Day for all Children who will be at Ottershaw next year
4 th	Celebration of Work and Reports Home (Timing TBC)
7 th	Values Fortnight Begins Year 2 Lunches at the Juniors for 1 week Year 6 Residential
10 th	Nursery trip to Hobbledown 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 Nursery finishes at 1pm Juniors finish at 1:05pm Infants finish at 1:15pm

Cross Country Update

Finally, we have the results of this year's District Cross Country Competition and I have to say we have done extremely well indeed and now have 2 trophies and a winner's shield to show for the amazing team effort 😊.

20 schools took part in each of the races (so 200 runners on each event day) and the results of all the races were combined to ascertain the boys champions, girls champions, cross country champions and overall champions. I am very proud to announce our results:

Girls Competition: 2nd place

Boys Competition: 1st place

Cross Country Competition: 1st place

Overall District Champions: Ottershaw

Well done to all our runners – you are amazing!

Staffing update

We have some lovely baby news and 2 appointments to announce!

Miss Rowbottom had her baby girl over half term. Mum and daughter are both doing well and we just can't wait for her to visit so we can give them both cuddles!

Miss Parkhouse has been appointed as our new Phase Leader for Years 3 and 4 and will take over this leadership role from Miss Gamblin in September.

Mr Dennis has been appointed as a new classteacher, working at the Junior School from September and Miss McDougall (who has been working with Year 1 this year) will be staying with us, working at the Infant School from September. Congratulations to all of you!

Finally, we have 2 invitations and a thank you for you!

First, thank you to all who entered into the Ottershaw Village Fair art competition. The deadline for entries was today. Good luck to you all!

Iaonna, the Ottershaw Potter (who also runs the Art Club after school) is having some open events for you to enjoy – please see the flyer attached.

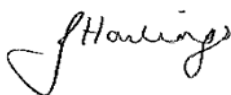
Monica would like to invite you all to Messy Church this Sunday: You are warmly invited to Messy Church on **Sunday, 8th June** at Christ Church, Guildford Road, KT16 0PB, **4pm until 5.30pm**. Suitable for all the family!

Come along and enjoy stories, songs, crafts and a hot tea.

Please email monicahallcc@gmail.com to let me know you are coming.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



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