



9th January 2026

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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

January

12th 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening

14th Squirrels Forest School
Delight in Shakespeare project for Year 6 begins
3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening

15th Closing date for Reception and Year 3 applications via [Surrey County Council](#)

16th Badgers Forest School
Junior Netball Skills Event

21st – 23rd Year 4 residential – Sayers Croft

21st Hedgehogs Forest School
Supporting Neurodiversity at home and Introduction to ND Padlet Coffee Morning – 9am-10.30a at the Infant Hall. Please email the school if you are interested in joining this.

22nd Kurling Event (invited children)

23rd Otters Forest School
Year 4 Return from Sayers Croft

28th Squirrels Forest School

30th Badgers Forest School
Panathlon Sporting Event (invited children)

February

4th OPTA Disco (details to follow)

6th Year 1 visit to Weybridge Synagogue

10th Safer Internet Day for all children

12th 1:45pm Year 5 Art Exhibition in the Junior Hall

16th – 20th February – Half term

23rd INSET Day. Both schools closed

24th Junior Choir to the Young Voices performance at the O2 Arena

25th Ash Wednesday services in school

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I do hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and the return to routine hasn't been too brutal for you. It's hard to believe with the weather we've seen this week that we are at the start of our Spring Term, with the promise of our evenings gradually getting lighter and our weather gradually getting warmer! Until those warmer temperatures appear, do please keep sending your children in with coats to keep them warm on the playground every day.

If your child is in Years 1 – 6, they should have arrived home with a short Mid-Year Report so that you can see their assessment results in Maths and English from the Autumn Term. We hope this helps you prepare ahead for the meetings you will all have next week with the teachers at one of our Parent Consultation evenings, we are looking forward to seeing you all.

This term is short (12 weeks) but we have plenty planned, so do please make a notes of the dates below to make sure your children have everything they need:

January

12th 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent Consultation Evenings at both schools

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Delight in Shakespeare project for Year 6 begins
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15th Closing date for Reception and Year 3 applications via [Surrey County Council](#)

16th Years 3 and 4 Netball Festival (selected children only)
Badgers Forest School

21st Year 4 leave for Sayers Croft Residential Visit
Hedgehogs Forest School

9am – 10.30am Supporting Neurodiversity at home and Introduction to ND Padlet Coffee Morning at the Infant Hall – Please email the school if you are interested in joining this. (see invitation attached)

22nd Years 3 and 4 New Age Kurling Festival (selected children only)
Otters Forest School

23rd Year 4 return from Sayers Croft

28th Squirrels Forest School

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Panathlon Sporting Event (selected children only)

February

4th OPTA School Disco

6th Year 1 visit to Weybridge Synagogue

10th Safer Internet Day for all children
Delight in Dance project for Year 3 begins

12th Year 5 Art Exhibition in the school hall – parents invited from 1.45pm

16th – 20th Half Term

23rd INSET Day. Both schools closed.

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25th Ash Wednesday services in school

Dates for your Diary continued...

March

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2 nd	Book Week begins (more details to follow) Year 5 /6 Cross Country at Hoe Bridge
4 th	Second Hand Book Sale after school (donations needed)
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11 th	Year 5 to visit Fullbrook to see their production of Oliver! Year 4 Bikeability begins
13 th	OPTA Break the Rules Day
17 th	Year 3 / 4 Cross Country at Hoe Bridge
18 th	Year 2 visit to Wisley
23 rd	Easter Pause Week begins Relays Cross Country at Hoe Bridge
25 th	Easter Church Services. Juniors leave school at 8.45am, return at 10.15am. Years 1 and 2 leave school at 10.30am and return in time for lunch. Junior Volunteer Sign Up Here Infant Volunteer Sign Up Here
26 th	1.30pm Year 5 Easter Production in the Junior Hall Nursery Afternoon Children Last Day
27 th	OPTA Fun Run End of Term. Nursery closes at 1.00pm. Junior School closes at 1.05pm. Infant School closes at 1.15pm.
30th March to 10th April – Easter Holidays	
April	
13 th	Back to School

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23rd Easter Pause Week begins

25th Relays Cross Country at Hoe Bridge
Easter Church Services.

Juniors leave school at 8.45am, return at 10.15am.
Years 1 and 2 leave school at 10.30am and return in time for lunch.
Volunteers needed to walk to church and back with us please.
Junior Volunteer Sign Up [Here](#)
Infant Volunteer Sign Up [Here](#)
Year 5 Easter Production 1.30pm in the Junior Hall

26th OPTA Fun Run.

27th End of Term.

Nursery closes at 12.00pm.
Junior School closes at 1.05pm.
Infant School closes at 1.15pm.

As ever, we hope to keep the children very busy over the next few weeks!

Term Dates 26/27

We have attached our Term dates for 26/27. Please be aware we still have an additional 4 INSET days to add, once we have confirmation of these from the Trust we will send out an updated version. In the meantime this will allow you to see our school holiday dates.

Finally, we have an invite from Monica for you all to attend Messy Church this weekend:

Sunday 11th January

4pm until 5.30pm

We're looking forward to welcoming you to Messy Church this Sunday at Christ Church Ottershaw!

Come and enjoy an afternoon of crafts, stories, songs, and a shared meal - perfect for families and children of all ages.

If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please drop Monica a quick email at monicahallcc@gmail.com.

Suggested donation: £2 per person

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher



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