



9th January 2026

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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:	
January	
12 th	3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening
14 th	Squirrels Forest School Delight in Shakespeare project for Year 6 begins 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening
15 th	Closing date for Reception and Year 3 applications via Surrey County Council
16 th	Badgers Forest School Junior Netball Skills Event
21 st – 23 rd	Year 4 residential – Sayers Croft
21 st	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.
22 nd	Kurling Event (invited children)
23 rd	Otters Forest School Year 4 Return from Sayers Croft
28 th	Squirrels Forest School
30 th	Badgers Forest School Panathlon Sporting Event (invited children)
February	
4 th	OPTA Disco (details to follow)
6 th	Year 1 visit to Weybridge Synagogue
10 th	Safer Internet Day for all children
12 th	1:45pm Year 5 Art Exhibition in the Junior Hall
16 th – 20 th February – Half term	
23 rd	INSET Day. Both schools closed
24 th	Junior Choir to the Young Voices performance at the O2 Arena
25 th	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

12 th	3.30 – 6.30pm Parent Consultation Evenings at both schools
14 th	Squirrels Forest School Delight in Shakespeare project for Year 6 begins 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent Consultation Evenings at both schools
15 th	Closing date for Reception and Year 3 applications via Surrey County Council
16 th	Years 3 and 4 Netball Festival (selected children only) Badgers Forest School
21 st	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)
22 nd	Years 3 and 4 New Age Kurling Festival (selected children only)
23 rd	Otters Forest School Year 4 return from Sayers Croft
28 th	Squirrels Forest School
30 th	Badgers Forest School Panathlon Sporting Event (selected children only)

February

4 th	OPTA School Disco
6 th	Year 1 visit to Weybridge Synagogue
10 th	Safer Internet Day for all children Delight in Dance project for Year 3 begins
12 th	Year 5 Art Exhibition in the school hall – parents invited from 1.45pm
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Dates for your Diary continued...

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

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25th 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](#)

26th Year 5 Easter Production 1.30pm in the Junior Hall

27th OPTA Fun Run.
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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