



16th January 2026

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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

January

21st – 23rd	Year 4 residential – Sayers Croft
21 st	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.
22 nd	Kurling Event (invited children)
23 rd	Otters Forest School Year 4 Return from Sayers Croft
28 th	Squirrels Forest School
29 th	Year 5 Debating Cup at Fullbrook (invited children TBC)
30 th	Badgers Forest School Panathlon Sporting Event (invited children)

February

4 th	OPTA Disco Tickets Here
6 th	Year 1 visit to Weybridge Synagogue Trials for Cross Country - Juniors
10 th	Safer Internet Day for all children Chinese New Year Lunch
12 th	1:45pm Year 5 Art Exhibition in the Junior Hall

16th – 20th 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

March

2 nd	Book Week begins (more details to follow) Year 5 / 6 Cross Country at Hoe Bridge
4 th and 5 th	Second Hand Book Sale after school (donations needed after half term)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for meeting with us at one of our Parent Consultation Evenings this week – we hope you found the update useful!

Every year we work with a charity called Delight to enrich our Arts education programme. Year 5 have started their art project, Year 3 will begin their dance project after half term and Year 2 have a story telling project in the summer term. This week Year 6 started their Delight in Shakespeare project and what a joy it was! The Guildford Shakespeare Company spent a day in school to share the story of Macbeth with all the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and then worked on performance skills with Year 6. How lucky are we? Year 6 will now work on their own Macbeth performance and we would like to invite all Year 6 parents to join us in the Junior Hall on Friday 6th March at 1.30 to see their children in our own telling of Macbeth. I'm looking forward to it already!

Chalking the Door

Rev'd Mark visited all the classrooms individually on Monday morning to wish everyone a Happy New Year and Chalk the Door with a blessing for us as we begin our journey through 2026.

Netball

As I write, children in Years 3 and 4 are at St Dunstan's School with Mr Sanders taking part in a netball festival. We are so lucky to be part of an active sports association with other Woking Schools and I am always grateful to all the teachers in that group (including Mr Sanders) who volunteer to organise and run a wide range of sport festivals and competitions for children throughout the year. I'm sure the children from Ottershaw have enjoyed the whole afternoon and feel very proud of themselves!

Cross Country Competition

Cross Country is a much-loved Spring Term sporting event at the Juniors. This year we will be holding trials for our team on **Friday 6th February**. Any child at the Juniors is allowed to try for the team and can come to school in their PE kit on this day.

For the competition itself, we have a Year 3 and 4 team comprising 5 boys and 5 girls, a Year 5 and 6 team comprising 5 boys and 5 girls and a relay team consisting of a mix of children from the teams above (they need to have already run in a year group competition to be selected – the relay team gets selected once both teams have run their individual events).

The dates for the competitions themselves are:

Monday 2nd March - Years 5 and 6 competition 4pm at Hoebridge School

Tuesday 17th March - Years 3 and 4 competition 4pm at Hoebridge School

Monday 23rd March - Relay competition 4pm at Hoebridge School

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Dates for your Diary continued...

March

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
24 th	Year 4 Last Swimming Lesson
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

13th Back to School

Finally, can I please remind you all that the children do need a change of clothes in school every day in case they get wet at playtime. We only carry a very limited spare stock and even this is depleted as, once borrowed, they need washing and returning please.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher

Photos of the Week!

Year 1's first Forest School sessions



Delight – Shakespeare



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