



18th September 2026

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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:	
September	
21 st	Year 6 Sports Captains briefings
24 th	Reading and Phonics workshop for all parents- Infant hall – 9am and 5.30pm OPTA AGM Meeting – 6pm
25 th	Year 6 Dodgeball – Invited children
28 th	Year 6 Prefect Letter deadline
29 th	Maths workshop with Miss Philbey – all parents- Infant Hall- 9am
30 th	Year 1 Toy Workshop with Chertsey Museum
October	
2 nd	Head Student Team and Junior School Council visit to the Houses of Parliament Year 5/6 Netball at St Dunstons – Invites to follow
6 th	Year 5 visit to ‘The Museum of Rural Life’ Open Morning – Infants 9.30am /Junior 11am.
9 th	Reception Tea Party with parents- 2.15pm
13 th	Open Morning – Infant 9.30am /Junior 11am. Parent Consultation at both schools for all parents – 3.30pm- 6.30pm
14 th	School Harvest Celebrations
15 th	Year 1 visit to Milestones Museum. Year 4 Harvest production to parents – Junior hall – 2pm Year 6 Girls and Boys football at Woking – Invites to follow Parent Consultation at both schools for all parents – 3.30pm- 6.30pm
19 th October – 30 th October- Half Term	

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very democratic feel to school this week as our children have been voting for their School Council representatives and, at the Juniors, our Head Boy and Head Girl. It takes a huge amount of courage to stand up in front of your peers and ask them to vote for you, well done to everyone who stood and tried their best (and a particular well done to those who won – your class must trust you to do a great job)!

We also had our first school trip of the year as Year 3 visited church for a Welcome Service on Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents who helped us walk there and back – we know the children enjoyed their belonging activities and we couldn’t have done it without your help.

Benedict’s Law

In line with Benedict’s Law we have carefully reviewed all our allergy and food policies and procedures across both schools. I can confirm that both schools now have emergency ‘epipen’ devices and that all staff have been trained in their use. We have always been careful with our food service arrangements and children with food allergies have always had a Healthcare Plan so nothing in this regard has changed for us. We have also always asked that Infant children do not bring any snacks from home to eat at playtime and that Juniors only bring fruit and vegetable snacks. In line with our food safety procedures, we will keep any Infant snacks or Junior snacks that our not just fruit or vegetables until the end of the day, the children will not be allowed to eat these in school.

If your child has **any** allergy including food, milk, animals, this must be recorded on your child's profile. You can add this information by going on to your ‘Arbor Parent Portal’, scroll down to where is says medical and click on the add button on the right hand side.

We will continue to monitor this closely and ask for your support with this please.

Reminders about parent workshops in school:

Thursday 24th September: Reading and Phonics workshop for all parents in the Infant Hall at 9am and 5.30pm – Mrs Jenkyn is running 2 identical sessions to help you support your child’s early reading skills at home and understand how we teach reading in school.

Tuesday 29th September: Miss Philbey is running a ‘how we teach maths at Ottershaw’ workshop for all parents at 9am in the Infant Hall.

Enjoy your weekend!
 Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings
 Headteacher