



24th April 2026

OTTERS Shaw NEWS!

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Dates for your Diary:

May	
8 th	1.15pm-2.45pm Year 3/4- selected children - Try Golf at St Dunstons
11 th	Year 6 SATs Week
15 th	OPTA Crazy Hair MUFTI 8.45am Meeting for parents to explain Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – Junior Hall
18 th	Class Photos Infant and Juniors
21 st	Morning - selected boys Year 4/5 for 6 a-side football. Afternoon- selected girls Year4/5 at Woking Leisure Centre
22 nd	Sports Day / Family Picnic: Juniors 9.15am/ Infant 1.15pm
Half term 25 th -29 th May	
June	
1 st	Year 4 Multiplications Week
5 th	Year 1 Phonics screen check week. Reserve Sports Day / Family Picnic
8 th	Selected Year 5/6 children for Quad Kids at Sports Box – TBC timings
12 th	MUFTI for Ottershaw Village Fair 9am OPAL Stay and Play for Year 1-6 parents in the Junior Hall
15 th	Selected Year 3/4 children for Quad kids at Sports Box –TBC timings
16 th	Year 6 leavers service at Guildford Cathedral (children only)
17 th	Brickies Workshop in school for Year 2 and 3. 8.45am Relationship and sex education briefing for all parents of both schools
18 th	Nursery Visit to Hobbledown.
22 nd	Selected children for SEN Multi skills at Hoe Bridge –TBC timings Year 3 Visit to Chobham Common
26 th	INSET DAY
29 th	INSET DAY
Return to school on Tuesday 30 th June	
30 th	6pm New Reception parents Induction evening. 7pm New Year 3 Parent Induction evening.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the cold wind, we have loved seeing the sunshine this week! Let's hope the fine weather holds now (and the temperature warms up a bit more).

Of course, the highlight this week was the OPTA Quiz on Wednesday evening. Many thanks to the committee as ever for giving up their time and to all who joined us – it was a lovely atmosphere and we all had a lot of laughs (and delicious pizza) along the way. Embarrassingly, the staff team won (unheard of, we've never got close before) and I cannot say we were flying with the answers – it really was a few lucky guesses on bonus questions that made the difference. All the same, we enjoyed holding the trophy (and feel certain we'll be handing it back next year)!

This term we have several events planned where we invite parents in to school to join us. Do please take the time to read about the events and join us if you can!

Sports Day: Friday 22nd May

We are continuing with the same structure we have used successfully for several years now, with the Junior event taking place in the morning and the Infant event in the afternoon. Whilst we will send a detailed, separate letter soon (with exact arrangements for collecting your child at lunchtime if you are joining us for the picnic and how to arrive, sign in and join us for events) I just wanted everyone to know what to expect in terms of organisation this year, especially if you are new to Ottershaw!

Please can all pupils attend school for the whole day in their summer PE kit - shorts, t-shirt and trainers. Junior children are asked to wear a coloured t-shirt to reflect the colour of their house (if you have one available, otherwise their normal white T-shirt is fine).

Children in the Infant school will be allocated teams by their class teachers, but are asked to come in their usual white t-shirt and we will give them a colour sticker to wear.

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us, so please ensure your child is wearing sun cream, has a sun hat and also has a water bottle. In the event of inclement weather, a text cancelling the event will be issued as soon as possible and the event re-scheduled (our reserve day is as published at the start of the year – Friday 5th June).

The Junior event is in the morning (we aim for a 9.15am start). All Junior children are expected to stay in school for the whole day as they have normal lessons with their class in the afternoon.

The Infant event is in the afternoon (we aim for a 1.15pm start).

All parents are invited to bring a picnic to share as a family (including children). Please note, we will not be offering hot school dinners to any child on this day. Children who currently have a school dinner at either school will have the option to order a school packed lunch if parents are not joining for the picnic (as the only option). Because we now only offer pre-ordered meals, please make sure you have ordered this in advance (Junior parents, please order via SCOPAY, Infant parents please let the school office know by Wednesday 13th May).

Any children who do not have a parent attending the picnic will be supervised as normal by our lunchtime staff. We will signal the end of lunch break for all children with a ringing of the bell in the usual way. All children will be expected to line up and return to class for registration.

OPAL Stay and Play invitation for parents with children in Years 1 – 6: Friday 12th June at 9am in the Junior Hall

We would like to give all parents the opportunity to meet with us to hear briefly about our OPAL journey and then stay to enjoy an OPAL play session on the Junior playground and field.

We are inviting one parent per family (NB not per child) to join us for the play session (we know your children will love you to see what they do and join in with their play).

We will start together in the Junior Hall and then the children will join us outside for a play session until 10.15am. At the end of the session, the children will go back to their classrooms in the usual way and we ask all parents to sign out and leave via the Junior Hall. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the play, we are unable to welcome any younger or older siblings to this event.

Dates for your Diary:

July

1 st	Transition Day
3 rd	2-4pm Celebration of Work 1.30pm-2.45pm selected children to do Archery at St Dunstans
6 th	Year 6 residential to PGL – all week (return on 10 th July) Year 2 to visit the Junior School for lunch all week.
14 th	Nursery end of year assembly followed by treats – times tbc
16 th	9am Year 2 leavers assembly – Infant hall. 1.30pm Year 6 leavers production – Junior hall. Last day for Nursery afternoon children
17 th	End of Term Nursery closes at 1.00pm. Junior School closes at 1.05pm. Infant School closes at 1.15pm.

Relationship and Sex Education briefing for all parents of both schools: Wednesday 17th June 8.45am in the Junior School Hall

Within our annual cycle of Personal, Social and Health Education we spend the final half term of the summer term thinking about relationships as our main focus.

If you would be interested in seeing what we focus on in each year group or would like to ask any questions, please join me in the Junior hall on Wednesday 17th June at 8.45am

Celebration of Work: Friday 3rd July from 2pm

All classrooms will be open for parents to visit and see their child's work over the year from 2pm. Teachers will also be handing you their child's annual report at this event. For those of you with multiple children at the school, we recommend starting with your youngest child and then signing them out and taking them with you to your next child's class (younger children can be less patient waiting for a parent to arrive when they see that other parents are arriving at their classroom door).

The gate between both schools will be open to enable parents with children at both schools to easily reach all their children.

So long as parents sign children out at the classroom door, you are free to take children home once you have finished looking at everything.

Fun Run

Thank you to everyone who sponsored children for our Easter Fun Run, we raised an incredible total of £3,076.31!!! Well done to Robins and 5G for returning the most sponsor forms- both classes enjoyed a special mufti day treat.

Ottershaw Village Fete

The Ottershaw Village Fete is being held on Saturday 20th June at the Memorial Fields and we are once again doing the art competition for children to enter. There will be four age categories - the shortlisted entries will be printed in the fete programme and displayed at the fete with the Mayor selecting a winner from each category - and a £50 cinema ticket for each winner! We have printed out a selection of the images and these will be distributed to classrooms Friday 1st May for children to pick from, as we are aware not everyone has easy access to a printer. All images are also available to download on the website www.ottershawvillagefete.com

Once the art is created, please take a photo and email across to ottershawvillagefete@gmail.com with the title of the email as Art Competition. Closing date is Sunday 10th May - happy creating!

Finally, I have 2 lovely pieces of staff news to share:

Our lovely Miss Holland got engaged over Easter – congratulations Carly!

Mrs Partridge has asked me to thank you all once again for your kind donations towards her leaving gift – we met up with her recently (she looks 20 years younger already) and has been enjoying her treats!

Enjoy your weekend!
Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher

Photos of the Week! The OPTA quiz winners.

