



25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

# OTTERS HAW NEWS!

**Dates for your Diary:**

**Summer Term 2025**

**April**

29 <sup>th</sup>	3:15pm Year 6 PGL Parent/Carer Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup>	OPTA Quiz Night <a href="#">Book Here</a>

**May**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mufti Day for the Easter Fun Run winner TBC
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday – Schools Closed</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	VE Day Celebrations!
12 <sup>th</sup>	SATs Week
15 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Traffic and Parking meeting for parents and residents in the Junior Hall.
16 <sup>th</sup>	OPTA Crazy Hair Mufti Day (details to follow)
20 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos for both schools
	Year 6 Globe Theatre Trip (Year 6 to be at school at 8:15am)
	4.15pm Year 3 and 4 Rescheduled Cross Country Event at Hoe bridge
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day and Family Picnic Day (details to follow)
	Last Day

**May Half Term Holidays  
26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**June**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term and how lovely to see that the weather is going to warm up next week!

Most of you are already aware, but this has been an exceptionally busy 4 days for us as Ofsted inspected the Junior School on Wednesday and Thursday! As you know, we do have to wait several weeks for the report but I can tell you that the children and staff were amazing and I am very proud of them all!

At the start of every term I do usually give you a full breakdown of events in the diary, but of our inspection this will be coming home next week instead. However key dates you need to know for the next 4 weeks are as follows:

**29<sup>th</sup> April**      **Year 6 Residential Meeting** for parents in the 6I classroom straight after school.

**30<sup>th</sup> April**      **OPTA Quiz Night** ([tickets available](#) to purchase until 27<sup>th</sup> April)

**2<sup>nd</sup> May**          **Mufti Day for the Easter Fun Run winners**

**8<sup>th</sup> May**          **VE Day Celebrations!**

All children to wear clothes with red, white and blue in them. Our choir will be performing to Cameo about 10.30am and then the Mayor of Runnymede, Cllr Elaine Gill, together with Mayor’s from our town twins in Germany & France, will be visiting us, to congratulate us for winning the Mayor’s VE Day Art Competition. Our caterers will be providing a special VE Day picnic lunch and all the children will be enjoying a picnic on the field to celebrate this momentous national event.

**12<sup>th</sup> May**          **Year 6 SATs Week.**

All Year 6 children are invited to arrive at school at 8.15am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week to enjoy some breakfast (toast with tea/hot chocolate/coffee/squash/water) as a special treat.

**15<sup>th</sup> May**          **7pm Traffic and Parking meeting** for parents and residents in the Junior Hall. We have been waiting for local election confirmation and Police availability to hold this much delayed meeting to explore solutions to our local problems. I am pleased to advise that we will be joined by our local Runnymede Borough Councillor, Carl Mans; our Surrey County Councillor, Jonathan Smalley and our local Police Representative, Ian Nash. Unfortunately no-one is available from the Enforcement Department to join us but we have decided to go ahead with this meeting rather than delay it further.

**16<sup>th</sup> May**          **OPTA Crazy Hair Mufti Day**

**20<sup>th</sup> May**          **Year 6 visit to The Globe Theatre in London**  
**Years 3 and 4 Cross Country** race at Hoebridge School @ 4.15pm (this is a rescheduled event so if you received a team letter before Easter your child is still included).

**23<sup>rd</sup> May**          **Sports Day and Family Picnic.** The Junior events will be in the morning and the Infants in the afternoon. Parents from both schools are invited to join us on the field for a family picnic at lunchtime. Full details will be explained in a separate letter as this involves some logistics and fine detail to keep the children and the site safe.

As you can see, it is going to be a busy 4 weeks before half term!

## Dates for your Diary continued

### June

3rd Papaya Workshop Year 5 and 6 (details to follow)

5th Year 3 Chobham Common Trip (details to follow)

6th Reserve Sports Day

17th Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral

23rd **INSET Day Both Schools Closed**

26th Year 5 to Fullbrook (details to follow)

### July

4th Celebration of Work and Reports Home (Timing TBC)

7th Values Fortnight Begins

Year 6 Residential

10th Nursery trip to Hobbledown

11th Year 6 Return Home from Residential

17th 1:30pm Year 6 Production  
Last day for afternoon nursery children

18th Last Day  
Nursery finishes at 1pm  
Juniors finish at 1:05pm  
Infants finish at 1:15pm

**Summer Holidays**  
**21<sup>st</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> August**

### Term Dates for next academic year

We are attaching our term dates for next year as I know some of you like to plan your family holidays well in advance. The eagle-eyed among you will spot that I have reduced this summer holiday by 2 days (and replaced these 2 days with INSET days) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of September and have added the 2 days onto the beginning of next summer's holidays instead.

We always need 2 days of INSET at the start of a school year to complete Safeguarding Training and I didn't want to delay the children's return until later in September (especially those just starting in Nursery and Reception) as I'm sure you and the children will be ready to get back by the end of August! To confirm, children in Years 1 – 6 next year will return to school on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** and we will be in contact with new Nursery and Reception parents to confirm their adjusted arrangements (but both these year groups will be in full-time by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**).

Finally, please bear with us next Tuesday (29<sup>th</sup> April) and the following Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup> May) as we are having new telephone systems installed at the Juniors and Infants respectively. We are not expecting any disruption but please bear with us if this isn't the case.

Enjoy your weekend!  
Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



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