



31st January 2025

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OTTERSHAW NEWS!

Dates for your Diary:

Autumn Term 2024/2025

January

31 st	Year 4 Netball at St Dunstan's School (invited children)
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February

4 th	Junior choir to Young Voices rehearsal and performance at the O2 Arena.
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5 th	Orienteering competition at Hoebridge School (Year 5 invited children)
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	OPTA School Disco Book your tickets here
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11 th	Safer Internet Day
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13 th	3:05pm OPTA Pre Loved Uniform Sale at the Junior School
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14 th	2pm Year 5 Art Exhibition in the Junior Hall (Year 5 parents invited)
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Half – Term Holidays 17th – 21st February	
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24 th	INSET day. Both schools closed.
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25 th	Children return to school. Bikeability Week for Year 6 booked children
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28 th	Possible Year 6 Football at St Dunstons
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March

3 rd	Book Week begins Year 5 /6 Cross Country Competition at Hoebridge School @4.15pm
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6 th & 7 th	OPTA Second Hand Book Sale
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Dear Parents/Carers,

For all the adults at Ottershaw, January has felt like the longest month ever and I'm sure you feel the same! Luckily, children are far more optimistic about life and have had a lovely month of being busy and happy in school!

As I write this week, our Year 4 netballers are enjoying themselves at our local netball festival at St Dunstan's School – they are certainly living life in all its fullness today. Thank you for organising Mr Sanders.

Of course, most of you have all visited us this week for a Parent Consultation evening. We hope you left knowing your child's teacher knows them well and spoke to you about just how well they are doing at school and what they need to focus on, to improve in the coming weeks. I'm also aware that we've had a couple of evenings cancelled due to unforeseen staff absence – if this is you, we will be emailing you all with an alternative date as soon as we can.

Book Week

Mrs Jenkyn has been working with the School Council to plan this year's Book Week. The theme this year is 'snuggle up with a good book' and we are really thinking about reading and our favourite stories. I know Mrs Jenkyn will write to you all separately with more details nearer the time (our Book Week always coincides with World Book Day so this year our Book Week is 3rd – 7th March) but I am giving you the heads up that you won't need to be organising a Book Week costume, as there will be a day when we all come to school wearing our pyjamas this year!

School Disco

I'm sure you all know about the OPTA School Disco already and have bought your tickets! This is just a reminder that our annual school Disco is happening next Wednesday (5th February):

2.00 – 3.00pm Nursery and Reception children

3.15 – 4.15pm Year 1 and Year 2 children

4.30 – 5.30pm Year 3 and Year 4 children

5.45 – 6.45pm Year 5 and Year 6 children

We're looking forward to seeing them all enjoy themselves! As a reminder, the school rules with regards to mobile devices will still apply – children will not be allowed their devices at the Disco and if they do bring them, they will be expected to hand them in on arrival. Thank you.

Finally, to everyone going to the O2 Arena next Tuesday evening to see our choir perform with the Young Voices massed choir – please check your email if you ordered your tickets using the link school sent you (the one where you bought the t-shirts) as we have forwarded your ticket information to you. If you bought your tickets through the website on general release, this will not apply to you. Thank you.

Enjoy your weekend

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hastings
Headteacher