

Friday 10th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and managed to avoid the many bugs that seem to have been making the rounds.

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school on Tuesday and I would like to thank you for taking note of our correspondence regarding attendance and punctuality. It has been positive for the children to be able to start learning promptly together in the mornings.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Attwood to the Admin team, who will be working in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays. I am sure you will get to know her over the coming weeks.

Mrs Mansell is enjoying her last few days at Oatlands before starting her maternity leave. She will be working on Monday and Friday next week with her last day being Friday 17th January. Mrs Taylor will be in school for a hand over next week to ensure a smooth transition for Bumblebee class.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mark and Gerald the Giraffe to Oatlands next week. They will be delivering interactive health and well-being workshops which will be delivered in the very exciting Life Education tent!

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates Next Week

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

All Year Groups- Life Base

Tuesday 14th

7.30-9.00- PTA Meeting, all welcome

Thursday 16th

2.45-3.15- PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

September 2025 Reception Applications

To minimise the number of late applications received, Surrey County Council have asked us to remind parents with pre-school siblings, that the closing date for Reception applications for September 2025 entry is **15 January 2025**.

Surrey County Council recommend online applications via:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>.

If there is a valid reason why parents cannot apply online, you can obtain a paper application by calling SCC on 0300 200 1004. Completed paper application forms must be emailed to schooladmissions@surreycc.gov.uk or posted to the team with a postmark no later than 14 January 2025. We strongly recommend that parents send postal applications by recorded delivery as Surrey County Council to confirm receipt. Parents can also call this number for impartial help in completing an application.

Full information is available on Surrey's website at:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed.

This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child. They will **only** consider an application as on time if it has been made late if there is a genuine reason why the application could not reasonably have been made before the closing date.

If the child lives in another local authority, parents must apply to **that** authority, i.e. the home local authority, even if you wish to name Surrey schools. If you know you will be moving in the future, you should still apply by 15 January to your home local authority at that time, and then notify that authority of the move.

Royal Academy of Arts – Young Artists' Summer Show

Now in its seventh year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Oatlands School has now registered and artwork can be submitted until 5th March 2025. More information can be found here: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

PTA Update

PTA meeting - Tuesday 14th January 7.30pm

The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and hear about our fundraising so far this year and plans for the Spring and Summer terms. We also particularly welcome new attendees who have ideas and/or time to contribute.

PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale- Thursday 16th January

'The next second-hand uniform sale will take place 2.45-3.15pm outside the office on Thursday 16th January, weather permitting. Cash or card payment accepted.'

Oatlands PTA Treasure Hunt - Saturday 18th January

Tickets are now on sale! You are welcome to arrive any time 12-2pm to receive your first clue (to stagger the start times). This trail around the school grounds will include lots of puzzles and riddles to solve - as last year there will be two options of difficulty to hopefully allow the whole family to have fun!

Tickets are priced at £3 per child from www.pta-events.co.uk/oatlands. However we do not wish to exclude any child from participating so free entry is available to any family that needs it - please speak to or email the school office in confidence.

Considerate Parking

We have already received concerns from local residents regarding unsafe and inconsiderate parking. Please can we remind you to always park safely, in particular the corner of St Mary's Rd and Beechwood Avenue. Thank you.

Vacancy at Manby Lodge

Please click on the following link if you are interested in applying for a wrap around care vacancy at Manby Lodge.

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/manbylodge/job/wrap-around-care-assistant-breakfast-andor-afterschool-club-1460876>

Safeguarding Notice

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing in the school or community, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL). DSL- Tanya Mooney, Head Teacher. DSL- Phil Copsey, Deputy Head Teacher or DSL-Kelly Grindle, Oscar Manager and Nurture Lead.

Updates to the Website

Attendance Policy which can be found [HERE](#)