

Friday 15th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really action-packed week with lots of extra-curricular activities happening, particularly in Reception. We had an excellent turn out for the last of our Maths workshops on Tuesday morning. They have been a great success so we will definitely continue to run them for Reception in the future.

Reception children were also delighted with their visit from the fire brigade on Wednesday morning. They really enjoyed climbing into the fire engine to explore inside and loved having a go at using the hose. I felt really proud when one of the team came to speak to me at the end of their visit to say how very impressed they were with the behaviour of the children and how respectful they were. Well done Reception!

This week it has also been Reception's turn to take part in Forest school over on the field. They all had an amazing time with Miss Saunders saying it was one the best days she has had in her teaching career! Now that all of the classes have been introduced to Forest school we hope to make more use of this wonderful new resource and visit the field more frequently during the winter months.

Miss Lawford and Mr. Copsey delivered a great session to Reception parents last night giving them an informative insight into Literacy and how phonics, early reading and writing are taught in the Early Years. We hope you found the evening useful.

As you will know, as a school we pride ourselves on our relational approach to developing positive behaviour and attitudes. This week has been 'Positive Noticing Day' and over the past 2 days we have been noticing all of the great things that we do on a daily basis. Yesterday classes wrote down all the positive behaviours they had noticed and today we all had the chance to write our own positive notes. We hope the practice continues at home and the children tell you all about it.

Thank you for your generous donations to GOSH today. I hope you have now all had the chance to read George's inspirational letter. He is a brave and inspirational young man. We will let you know how much he has raised as soon as we find out.

And so, we reach the end of another busy week. Have an enjoyable weekend.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates Next Week

Thursday 21 st	19:30-21:00 PTA Wine tasting evening
Saturday 23 rd	Year 2 Choir at Oatlands Winter Fair

Reading Partner Training

Thursday 21 st	2:30-3:00
Friday 22 nd	9:00-9:30

Forest School

Tuesday 19 th	Butterfly Class
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Own-Clothes Day in Support of Great Ormond Street Hospital

It was wonderful to see our children wearing their own clothes today to raise funds for GOSH. One of our former students, George is currently under the care of GOSH and we are delighted to be able to support his family and the hospital with this

fundraising. Thank you to all of you who have donated so far. If you haven't had chance to donate please click [HERE](#) [James Davey is fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity](#) for the link to George's fundraising page, set up by his dad James.

Termly Payments & Visits Consent

Thank you to all of you who have promptly given your consent for and made a financial contribution towards the planned visits and activities for this term and after Christmas. If you have not done so, please log into Arbor and give consent/make payment now so that your child can take part.

We are recruiting!

We are looking for an enthusiastic, proactive office administrator with great organisational qualities to join our school office team. As part of a team, the role will suit somebody who works well in a busy environment, is calm under pressure and is an excellent communicator. The School Office can be very fast-paced and therefore the successful applicant will need a keen eye for detail, excellent IT skills and good initiative, with an excellent ability to multitask and prioritise.

Please go to our job page on **E-Teach** to find out more.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-office-administrator-1453180>

PTA Oatlands Ball 2025 - Saturday 10th May

The Ball Committee are already hard at work planning a spectacular night, with some wonderful auction and raffle prizes. This is the most important fundraising event of the year and helps to contribute valuable resources to the school. Please save the date and follow our new Instagram page for updates, prizes and theme inspiration: <https://www.instagram.com/oatlandsball2025/>

Perform Drama Workshops

This week all the children had the opportunity to take part in a space themed drama, dance and music workshop delivered by Perform UK. Perform have asked us to inform you that they run regular weekly classes in Weybridge and Oatlands families can claim a free trial session and a special introductory discount at their weekly classes if a block is booked before Monday 3rd February.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on **020 7255 9120** quoting **AOWM030225** or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.

International Week

Unfortunately, we haven't had enough volunteers this year to run the 'Around the World in 80 Minutes' event and so have had to postpone it for this year. However, we will be still running our International Week in the Spring term, so if any parents would like to come and share about a country in their child's class in the spring, we would love to welcome you into school. Look out for more information in the new year.

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

Admissions/Reception 2025 pages have been updated.