

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families had a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas break and have had a wonderful start to 2026. It has been a joy to welcome everyone back.

Our value for this month is 'Hope'. In our assemblies this week, we have been discussing how hope is that "happy feeling inside that tells us something good will happen". It has been lovely sharing our hopes for the year ahead with the children.

We have been incredibly impressed with how the children have settled back into school life. They have done a fantastic job re-establishing their routines following the excitement of the Christmas holidays. We have also spent time revisiting our golden rules: **Ready, Respectful, and Safe**, reminding ourselves what these look like in practice.

As part of our PSHE programme, we are excited to announce that the **Life Base** will be coming to Oatlands starting this Monday. They will be delivering engaging workshops to all classes focused on health and wellbeing throughout the week.

We appreciate that due to the adverse weather conditions there has been some lateness this week. From Monday however when the weather is set to change, we will be **closing gates promptly at 8:50am**. Please ensure that you bring children to school on time. Please also remember our rule of **children staying with adults in the morning**. This is to ensure the children are safe and have a calm start to their day.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and those of you attending the PTA treasure hunt tomorrow have a great time.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates Coming Up

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| Saturday 10 th | 12.00-2.00pm PTA Treasure Hunt |
| Monday 12 th | Whole School-Life Base |
| Tuesday 13 th | Whole School-Life Base |
| Wednesday 14 th | Whole School- Life Base |
| Thursday 15 th | 2.45-3.15- PTA 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale-outside school office |

Year 2 Forest School

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| Tuesday 20 th | Lion Class |
| Thursday 22 nd | Tiger Class |
| Friday 23 rd | Leopard Class |

Year 2 Maths Workshops

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| Tuesday 20 th | 9.15-10.00 Leopards Maths Workshop |
| Wednesday 21 st | 9.15-10.00 Tigers Maths Workshop |
| Friday 23 rd | 9.15-10.00 Lion Maths Workshop |

PTA Update

We are looking forward to a busy Spring Term including tomorrow's Treasure Hunt, and a Wellness Event, Sponsored Bounce and parent Quiz Night.

Treasure Hunt: Saturday 10th January

Arrive 12-2pm (to stagger start times) then enjoy a trail around the school grounds with

riddles, codes and other clues. As usual the whole family can get involved (more challenging options for older siblings) and the whole trail should just under an hour. Tickets £3 per child - purchase online from www.pta-events.co.uk/oatlands or at the gates. Free entry available to any family in need.

PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale-Thursday 15th January

Our next Second-hand Uniform Sale will take place at 2.45pm - 3.15pm on Thursday 15th January, outside the school office. As always, the sale is weather dependent. Due to the cold weather, uniform will be stored in boxes to allow for a faster set up and tidy. We would be really grateful if care could be taken not to mix up the sizes too much, as our team works hard to get the uniform all in order for parents. If you are looking for something specific, we are always very happy to help. Cash or card payments will be available.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to remind parents you can order name labels from our fundraising partners Stikins and My Name Tags.

Many items from secondhand uniform sales are ending up in lost property with names from students who no longer attended Oatlands, which means the office cannot get them back to you.

It will not cost you anything extra but the PTA will earn a 24-30% commission on any sales if you enter our fundraising ID during the checkout process.

Stikins <https://www.stikins.co.uk> - ID 14825

My Name Tags <http://www.mynametags.com> - ID 37152

PTA Wellness Event: Saturday 31st January

Tickets are still available for our NEW wellness event including gentle yoga flow, somatic coaching, sound healing and a mug of cacao. Full details and ticket sales on www.pta-events.co.uk/oatlands

PTA Regular Donations

Many parents choose to donate a regular monthly sum of £5-50 to the PTA. If you are able to participate in this scheme, every donation helps the school to better plan their spending and ensures that the PTA can run inclusive events for our whole school community such as the Treasure Hunt, to complement our more profitable events.

Please visit www.JustGiving.com/oatlandsschoolpta or speak to your employer about joining their GAYE scheme to donate directly from your salary (our charity number is 802535). Many employers will also match charitable donations on a pound for pound basis; we are currently registered with Cybergrants, Benevity, GivingForce and Neighbourly who administer many of these schemes. Thank you

Life Base

We are looking forward to welcoming back Life Base who deliver health & wellbeing workshops to empower children to identify & articulate their needs and feelings and make healthy choices. Children meet Harold the Giraffe and learn about personal hygiene, key internal organs & healthy habits through interactive play & movement.

Deadline for Infant and Junior Applications

The deadline for Reception and Junior school applications for September 2026 is **15 January 2026**.

This means if you have a child currently in Year 2 you will need to apply for a Year 3 school place. Surrey County Council (SCC) recommend online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>.

If there is a valid reason why parents cannot apply online, they 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 2026. We strongly recommend that parents send postal applications by recorded delivery as we are unable to confirm receipt.

Parents can also call 0300 200 1004 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. SCC 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.

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, Nurture Lead.

Updates to the Website

We have a new Vacancy for a Lunchtime Assistant [HERE](#)