

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another action-packed week across the school! Year 1 hosted our first maths workshops of the year, and we were delighted with the turnout. The children thoroughly enjoyed working alongside you, and a huge thank you goes to the Year 1 staff for all of their hard work, preparation, and delivery! Earlier this week, we also held the first of our parents' evenings. We were thrilled with how positively the sessions went and hope you enjoyed hearing about how well your children are settling into their new year groups and the progress they are making. It was lovely to see so many proud faces!

It is hard to believe we only have one week left until half term! Year 2 pupils will be participating in Forest School sessions throughout the week. In history, Year 1 has been learning about the history of toys, and on Tuesday, an external company will be visiting to deliver an interactive Toy Workshop to immerse the children in their learning.

To end the half term, we will be holding our special Harvest Assembly, which Year 1 parents are invited to attend. Thank you all so much for your generous donations to support local food banks.

Finally, good luck to everyone taking part in the PTA sponsored relay this Sunday! We hope you have a wonderful time while raising valuable funds for our school.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates for Next 2 Weeks

Sunday 11 th October	PTA Sponsored Relay
Tuesday 13 th October	Year 1 Toy workshop in school
Thursday 15 th October	Year 1 Parents & Carers- Harvest Assembly
Friday 16 th October	2027 Prospective parent meetings start

Parent Consultations

Thursday 15 th October	5.00-7.30 Pre-booked appointments
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Forest School

Monday 12 th October	Leopard Class
Tuesday 13 th October	Tiger Class
Friday 16 th October	Lion Class

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Last Day of Half Term 3pm finish

Monday 2nd November

Inset Day- Please note Cleves have decided not to have an inset day on 2nd November this year.

Tuesday 3rd November

8.50am Back to School

You can also see a full list of key dates for the year so far, on the Term Dates & Calendar pages of the school website [HERE](#)

Oatlands PTA Sponsored Relay 2026 - Sunday 11th October

This Sunday, over 70 Oatlands pupils and their families will participate in 5 simultaneous relay events between their houses. The first students will set off from the

school gates at 1pm, and everyone is invited back to the school playground to cheer the final runners home, enjoy some celebratory refreshments and plant some spring daffodil bulbs (kindly donated by WAHGA)!

The event is to raise money for the PTA; in addition to our usual budget contributions this year we are hoping to fund air conditioning and a new Trim Trail in the playground. Please give generously if you are able:

www.JustGiving.com/campaign/oatlandsrelay2026 and also investigate if your employer offers to match charitable donations which can significantly boost our fundraising.

Please contact ptachair@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk with any queries or on-the-day illness.

Harvest Appeal-Monday 12th-Wednesday 14th October

This year we will again be collecting food items for both Walton & Hersham and Runnymede foodbanks. In 2025 Walton & Hersham Foodbank provided 5,465 emergency food parcels to families helping over 2,300 local children.

From Monday 12th October crates will be available outside every classroom for you to donate an item or two from the Foodbank list:

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.