

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, we have just about survived another week of extreme heat! A huge thank you to the amazing Oatlands team for pulling together, supporting one another, and keeping the children as settled as possible.

We were so pleased that Sports Day fell earlier in the week when it was slightly cooler! I am sure you will all agree that the sports coaches did an amazingly slick job with seamless organisation. The children all did so well and it was lovely to have so many families join us.

A huge thank you to Miss Ella Speller and Miss Charlotte Claxton for running the school on Wednesday. They did an amazing job and were very entertaining company! Miss Bridge and Mrs Nicholas also ran the ball prize of an after-school playdate, which they all enjoyed.

On Saturday, the PTA hosted the annual Reception welcome picnic. We were so delighted with the turnout and it was lovely to meet our new families. Thank you to the Reception team for coming to meet their new classes and to Mr Norris and the PTA for setting up the gazebos.

We bid farewell to our adventurous campers this afternoon as they set off for the annual PTA camping trip. Stay cool and safe!

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates in the Next 2 Weeks

Year 2 Leavers Show- The Lion King

Wednesday 15 th July	9.15-10.00 Year 2 parents & carers
Friday 17 th July	9.15-10.00 Year 2 parents & carers

Year 2 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 22 nd July	9.15- Year 2 parents & carers
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Year 1 Forest School

Tuesday 14 th July	Seahorse Class
Wednesday 15 th July	Starfish Class
Thursday 16 th July	Jellyfish Class

Wednesday 22 nd July	Last Day of term-school closes 1pm No after school clubs or Oscar.
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Tuesday 1 st September	INSET DAY school closed to Children
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET DAY school closed to Children
Thursday 3 rd September	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**

School Uniform Adjustments- Until the End of Term

Due to the ongoing hot weather, for the remainder of this term children do not need to wear their standard school uniform. They are highly encouraged to wear their school PE kit (plain shorts and a T-shirt).

Year 2 Leavers Show- The Lion King- 15th or 17th July

We can't wait to welcome Year 2 parents & carers to the Year 2 performance of The Lion King. A lot of time & effort has been put into costumes & rehearsals and we expect the event to be more popular than the west end show!

We kindly ask for health, safety & heat reasons, that only 2 adults per child attends ONE of the performances. You can both attend the same show, or one parent attend each show. Siblings are welcome but will need to sit on laps.
Hakuna Matata!

Year 2 Leavers Assembly-Wednesday 22nd July

As your wonderful children prepare to leave Year 2, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible journey they have been on. Parents & Carers are invited to this final leaver's assembly on Wednesday 22nd July at 9.15.

We kindly ask for health, safety & heat reasons, that only 2 adults per child attends the assembly. Siblings are welcome but will need to sit on laps.

Fantastic News for Otlands School!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that on Thursday evening, Otlands School was successful in our CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) bid to Elmbridge Borough Council. We have secured the funding needed to completely refurbish our Year 2 toilets!

Competition for the funding was incredibly fierce this year, with over £850,000 in total bids competing for a pool of just over £246,000. Because of this, we want to extend a massive thank you to Mrs. Paisley, our Business Manager, and Charlie Langley, our Chair of Governors who put a lot of time and effort into preparing both the bid and the presentation.

We are now hoping to have the refurbishment completed during the October half-term holiday.

Second Hand Uniform

As we near the end of the school year, we are looking for donations of school uniform.

If you have any branded school uniform that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful to receive it. At this time, we are particularly looking for branded items.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office on the last day of term if possible. We appreciate that many families will want to keep hold of their uniform until the last day of term, so we would also like to invite you to bring any donations to the school office on **Tuesday 28th July between 10.00am and 12.00pm**, when collection boxes will be available outside the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Your donations will help support other families within our school community.

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.