

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a wonderful end to the week with Lion Class's assembly. It was a truly action-packed performance, and the children did a fantastic job sharing their learning from across the curriculum. I was particularly impressed by their geographical knowledge, their skill on the djembe drums, and the beautiful Kenyan-inspired clay tiles they created. It was lovely to receive such positive feedback from the other children and to welcome so many Lion families into school—well done, Lion Class!

Our Reception children were also full of excitement earlier this week following a visit from the fire brigade. They had a brilliant time exploring the fire engine and hearing the siren, and they certainly kept our visitors busy with plenty of fabulous questions. The crew left us with an exciting box of props, which has sparked some wonderful role-play in the classes throughout the week.

This afternoon, I was delighted to meet with our new School Councillors. We took a tour of the playground together to discuss how we might best utilize our PTA funds this term to improve our outdoor space. It is always inspiring to hear the children's perspective on how we can make our school even better.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to the PTA Spring Ball tomorrow. We hope to see many of you there for what promises to be a great evening, raising money for our amazing school.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Tanya Mooney

### **Key Dates in the Next 2 Weeks**

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 visit to Shah Jahan Mosque
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>3.00pm-School Closes for Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day-School Closed for Children</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>8.50am- Back to School</b>

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](#)

### **PTA- Online Auction**

The PTA Ball online auction is now live! There are amazing experiences to bid for:

<https://tinyurl.com/OatlandsBallAuction>

Happy Bidding- PTA Oatlands Ball Team

### **Year Group Tea Towels Fundraiser**

We are delighted to announce a special creative fundraising project for this term! The children have been busy at work drawing self-portraits to create a wonderful Year Group Tea Towel. Every child in the year group will be featured on the design, making it a lovely, lasting memento of their time and friendships at school this year.

These tea towels make fantastic keepsakes and are perfect easy-to-post gifts for grandparents and extended family.

### **How to Order**

- **Via a web browser:** Click onto 'school shop products' in the middle of the page, click on the line of the tea towel, select the quantity you wish to order and then proceed to payment.
- **Vis the Arbor App:** Ignore the payment section at the top and scroll right to the bottom to 'school shop products', click on the line of the tea towel, select the quantity you wish to order and then proceed to payment.

The school shop is now open and the deadline for ordering is **22.00 on Thursday 21st May**. All orders placed by the deadline will be delivered to the school for free and distributed via your child's class after half term.

### **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.