

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an enormous success this year's Spring ball was last Saturday evening! It was the perfect night with the sun shining and everyone looking so very glamorous! It is at events like these that I feel so privileged to be part of such a wonderful community who work together to ensure the best for our children. I have heard that an amazing £18,000 was raised, which is why as I said on the night we are able to continue to be so well resourced at Oatlands. Thank you so much to this year's ball committee who quietly worked behind the scenes to organise the venue, a delicious menu, to secure sponsors, auction prizes, fantastic auctioneers and I'm sure so much more. Thank you to Mrs Carter and Mrs Donovan for creating the beautiful video 'Ruby's Day at School', which we hope to share with you all soon. Thank you to all of you for sponsoring the staff tables and making us feel so welcome and appreciated. Indeed, a night to remember!

A slow Sunday for many but everyone was bright and ready for the school run on Monday and another busy week at Oatlands. We have been so pleased with the response to our 'Walk to Kenya' initiative and I know lots of you have ditched your cars and been cycling, scooting and walking to school this week. The children have been so enthusiastic and mounting up their steps through the week driven to win the ultimate prize of 'The Golden Boot'! I hope you are enjoying tracking our progress and appreciate your donations to the 'Happy House'. Keep it up next week.

We ended the week with a real treat when Seahorse class shared their class assembly. The children shared their learning from throughout the year impressing us with their creativity and knowledge from every area of the curriculum. They performed with such confidence and looked so happy and proud of their achievements. Thank you to Miss Ahmed, Mrs Rodo and Mrs Brittan for supporting the children to put on such a wonderful assembly and to all of the parents and grandparents who joined us this morning.

We are looking forward to Music week next week and will be starting the week with a number of performances from children who are learning to play an instrument outside of school. Mr Copsey has lots of musical experiences planned throughout the week and we are looking forward to welcoming Ugandan music group, 'The Ganda Boys' to school on Tuesday.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates Next 2 Weeks

Tuesday 20 th	Whole school- African music workshop Lions Forest school
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Friday 23 rd May	9.15-10.00 – Lion class assembly Tigers Forest school
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Monday 26th- Friday 30th	Half Term- School closed
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Monday 2nd June	Inset day- School closed
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Tuesday 3rd June

8.50- Back to School

Tuesday 3rd June

Leopards Forest school

Friday 6th June

Y2 Sports morning at Cleves

PTA Spring Ball 2025

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Ball, bought raffle tickets or participated in our auctions, and to the myriad of local businesses who supported us. I am also immensely grateful to the ball committee who volunteered their time to make the event a success: Emma, Hannah, Laura E, Laura R, Michaela D, Michaela P, Sam, Simonetta, Vasti, Vicky and Zoe.

The PTA are delighted to announce that the event made an incredible **£18,000** including £8,000 from the live auction and over £4,000 from our first ever online auction. We have pencilled in Saturday 16th May 2026 for next year - save the date!

PTA Oatlands Family Fun Day

Please save the date for the annual Fun Day on Sunday 29th June 1-4pm. Further detail to follow.

Walk to Kenya Fundraiser

To raise money for our friends at the Happy House we are aiming as a school community to walk the 7,186km from Weybridge to Watamu, Kenya between 12th and 23rd May.

We are challenging all children and staff to walk at least 2.5km each school day during this period and to donate 10p per kilometre walked (£2.50 total). This coincides with Walk to School Week so this is a great chance to park and stride, scoot, cycle or walk to school.

To donate visit our Just Giving page [here](#). We hope your child enjoys taking part in this event and also learns about the benefits of walking to school in an environmentally friendly way!

Inconsiderate Parking

We have again had numerous complaints from the Oatlands community regarding the poor parking of our Oatlands Parents. We again ask that you park respectfully and if necessary arrive a little earlier to park further away and walk. Please do not park across residents drives or across the school gates at any time.

There is 30 minutes free parking in the car park in Oatlands village, which is just a short walk from the school. We hope that parents will use this so that there is less parking outside school.

Safe the Date- SEND Coffee Morning

At 9.15 on 9th July Parents & Carers are welcome to Oatlands School for a talk from Tracy Playfoot who is a Surrey Neurodiversity Advisor. She will be talking to parents about supporting neurodiversity at home.

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

Vacancy- Wraparound Care Manager