

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today was a sad day for us as we bid farewell to Mrs Brittan, who has been a Teaching Assistant (TA) at Oatlands for over 13 years. She joined the Oatlands community as a parent and since then has supported so many children across the school, both as a classroom TA and in delivering reading and maths interventions. Known for her gentle nurturing manner and kindness, she will certainly be missed. We wish her every future happiness.

We have had another successful week of Year 2 Maths Workshops with a focus supporting children in their understanding of addition. A huge thank you to Mrs Nicholas who spent last weekend creating new content and resourcing the workshops. Thank you to the year 2 team for such great delivery. We hope that you enjoyed coming along and are able to utilise the ideas with your children at home.

Thank you to everyone who came to Parents' Evening this week. We hope you enjoyed hearing about how your children have settled in and are adapting to their new classes this term. We look forward to the second of our evenings next Thursday.

Year 1 have enjoyed their Forest School days this week and making their own Stick Men. Thank you to all of the parents who joined classes. Year 2 will be going to the field next week for their sessions.

This half term Year 1 have been learning all about the history of toys. On Tuesday we had an external visitor join us who shared his wealth of knowledge and extensive collection of artefacts. All 90 children were captivated for the whole day, spending the afternoon making their own toys. Thank you once again to our parent helpers. We couldn't have done it without you!

Reverend Mark from St. Mary's church joined us in our values assembly this week and as always brought awe and wonder with his puppets and guitar. He will be joining us next Thursday for our Harvest Assembly.

We hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates Coming Up

Sunday 19 th October	PTA Sponsored Relay
20 th -23 rd October	Donation boxes in both playgrounds at drop off & pick up times.
Thursday 23 rd October	9.15-10.00am Year 1 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 23 rd October	Pre-booked Parent Consultations
Thursday 23rd October Tuesday 4th November	Last Day of Term- school closes 3pm 8.50am- Return to School

Forest School

Monday 20 th October	Leopards Forest School
Tuesday 21 st October	Tigers Forest School
Wednesday 22 nd October	Lions Forest School

Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property. It will be available in the playground every day next week. Please do have a look.

Oatlands PTA Sponsored Relay - Sunday 19th October

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to run/scoot/cycle in this year's relay. You should have received all route information but please contact the PTA ASAP if you have not. Further info will be distributed via the dedicated WhatsApp group.

All routes will start from the school at 1pm. Please feel free to cheer them off if you are not participating or are running later. All routes will also end at the school and we will be offering free drinks and snacks in the playground at the finish line, if you would like to come along and cheer the runners home!

Sponsorship is gratefully received <https://justgiving.com/campaign/oatlandsrelay2025>

Many thanks, Carina

Harvest Festival Collections 20th- 23rd October

This year Oatlands are again supporting both Runnymede and Walton & Hersham Foodbanks. Foodbanks provide emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the local area. In 2024 over 50,000 meals were given to local people.

There will be donation boxes in the Main and Year 2 playgrounds from school drop off on Monday 20th October to 9am on Thursday 23rd October.

Inset Day Football and Multisports Course – Monday 3rd November 2025

Multisports Development Centres are running a Football and Multisport fun day on the inset day (3/11/2025). This fun day is only open to children who attend Oatlands, Cleves and Manby Lodge. To sign up please see the attached flyer

Cleves prospective Parents Evening- Tuesday 4th November

If you have a child in Year 2, you are welcome to visit Cleves School Open Evening on Tuesday 4th November 6pm-8pm. There is no need to book.

Tell Me a Story Reading Event

We are excited to share details of a new family event coming to Oatlands. Our new Year 2 Reading Champions are going to be helping to organise 'Tell Me a Story', an after-school event to celebrate reading.

We are inviting children to come back in their pyjamas, onesies or dressing gowns with a teddy to snuggle down and enjoy a range of stories in cosy corners across the school. Teachers will be reading stories in their classroom every 15 minutes and there will be baskets of stories available across the school to explore as a family.

You are welcome to come at any time during the event for a little bit or for the whole hour. We hope it will be a lovely time to enjoy reading. Pop Monday 17th November from 4.15pm-5.15pm in your diaries, and we hope to see you there.

PTA Wine Tasting Event: Thursday 13th November

Join Oatlands PTA and Valentina for a delightful evening of wine tasting! Please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/oatlands to buy a ticket (£25pp) to include a welcome

cocktail, wine tastings and tasty treats supplied by Valentina. After booking, please email table requests to ptachair@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk, there can be 4-10 people per table grouping.

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

Half term events have been added to the Charity & Community pages of the website