

Friday 18th July 2025

What a phenomenal performance our Year 2 children put on this morning! They told the story of 'Pirates and Mermaids', delivering their lines with such confidence and singing as if in a West End production. The story had an underlying message about recognising and facing our fears and the value of friendship. The staff had also put together a touching video sharing some of the wonderful memories of the last three years. A huge thank you to all of our amazing year 2 staff for giving the children such a positive end to their time with us at Oatlands. We hope that parents are able to join us for our final leavers assembly on Tuesday morning at 9:15. Bring your tissues!

We had our final forest school sessions this week and Year 1 had an amazing time as always. A huge thank you to Mrs Willemse for bringing Forest School to Oatlands. I am delighted to let you know that she will be continuing with us next academic year.

We hope that those of you who attended family camping last weekend had a great time. The PTA have had another successful year fund raising for the school. A huge thank you to our Chair, Carina McKenzie and everyone who has given up their time to organise another year of fun events for families and staff. We wouldn't be the school that we are without you!

As we reach the end of term, it is time to say goodbye to some of our Oatlands family. We will be bidding farewell to the amazing Mrs Gardner, who first came to Oatlands as a parent before taking on the role of Teaching assistant in 2011. She has been travelling a long distance over the past three years and is now retiring to enjoy her home and family. Miss Rolfe joined Oatlands in 2019 as a newly qualified teacher. She has been a true asset to the Reception team and will be leaving to join a school nearer to home. We wish her every future happiness and success. Miss Clarke joined us as a volunteer this year and has also worked as a Reception TA since January. A breath of fresh air and never without a smile!

And finally, Mrs Grindle will be stepping down from her role as Oscar club manager. I am sure you will agree she has taken the club from strength to strength, increasing the capacity to meet demand, whilst maintaining a happy, safe and nurturing environment. I am pleased that she will be remaining at Oatlands to fulfil her role as Nurture lead.

We hope you enjoy reading your child's end of year report this afternoon. Please do take the time to complete the feedback slip and return to your child's class teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you on Monday for our last two days of term!

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates

Tuesday 22 nd July	9.15am - Year 2 Leavers Assembly (parents welcome to attend, please queue at Year 2 Gates)
Tuesday 22 nd July	1.00pm- School Closed- No after school or Oscar club
Thursday 4 th September	8.50am- Back to School

Oatlands Student Exhibits at the Royal Academy of Arts

An amazing well-done Lucy L of Lions class whose picture was selected by the Royal Academy of Arts to be displayed in their Young Artists Summer Show. Do go and check it out this summer!

Summer Reading Challenge

Today your child is bringing home a Summer Reading Challenge designed by the Year 2 Reading Champions! We would also encourage you to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge run by local libraries <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/children/5-to-12-year-olds/summer-reading-challenge>. Weybridge Library is closed for most of August but you can sign up before the end of the month and also visit Walton, Hersham or Addlestone. It is a great way to keep reading going over the summer. If you take part in either of the challenges, we will be having a celebration assembly in September when you can share your certificates and we will award stickers for anyone taking part. Happy Reading!

Brooklands Museum- School Travel Awards

Our Year 1 children enjoy visiting Brooklands museum every year. Brooklands Museum are thrilled to announce that they have been shortlisted as a finalist in the School Travel Awards. Brooklands say, "We thank you for all of your support in voting us to be recognised as a finalist in the **"Best Provision for SEND"** category. Please vote for Brooklands by Thursday 31st July voting only takes a couple of minutes and we would be extremely grateful if you chose to nominate us, as this would demonstrate to our extraordinary Learning and Engagement team how their efforts are valued" HERE: [School Travel Awards 2025 Finalists Voting Form](#)

Clarks (Walton on Thames) attach flyer

A message from the Store Manager of the Clarks shop in Walton-on-Thames. We are really excited to be approaching the busy Back-to-School season and are getting prepared to welcome many families into our stores, to help them find the perfect fit for the new school year.

Please find attached our flyer explaining the measure and fit service that we offer and giving parents the option to book a fitting appointment, to help them get a head start with their Back-to-School prep. We also offer Quiet Time appointments, to help those who may find shopping at busier times overwhelming. Huge thanks and we're here if you need anything at all!

Extra-Curricular Clubs & Activities – finish dates for this term

Street Dance:

Year 1 – last session Monday 21/7/25

Spanish

Year 2 – last session Monday 21/7/25

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

Please look at our Community Pages for Summer Holiday activities in the local area