

**Friday 19th December 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of an action-packed Autumn term! It has been a truly fabulous week at Oatlands, filled with festive spirit and celebration.

Our Reception children blew us all away with their magical performance of 'The Wiggly Nativity'. The children looked wonderful and demonstrated incredible confidence, delivering their lines clearly and singing with such gusto.

Pulling together a cast of 90 Reception children is no mean feat! A huge thank you goes to our amazing Reception team for their hard work and for giving the children such a positive start to their time at Oatlands.

The festivities continued as Mr. Copsey took a group from our choir to sing for the residents of Signature Living in Weybridge. The children were incredibly sensible and brought genuine Christmas cheer to the community with their beautiful singing.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties this week. The highlight for many was a very exciting visit from Santa Claus!

We are very grateful to the parents, grandparents, and Governors who have joined us for performances over the last few weeks. We also want to thank the parents who helped set up and clear away at our class parties—we truly appreciate your support.

As the term draws to a close, it is clear the children and staff are ready for a well-deserved break! On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you upon our return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Warm regards,

Tanya Mooney

### **Key Dates Coming Up**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Inset Day- school closed

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

8.50am School starts

### **PTA Update**

Thank you so much to our wonderful school community for all your support. So far this school year, we have held: two bake sales, a second-hand uniform sale and a nativity lending library, a Sponsored Relay, a Wine Tasting evening and a Wreath-Making Workshop, raising around £7,000 for the school! Tickets for our upcoming January events are now on sale from [www.pta-events.co.uk/oatlands](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/oatlands)

**Saturday 10th January - Oatlands Treasure Hunt** - arrive 12-2pm to stagger entries.

Follow the clues, riddles and puzzles around the school grounds. £3 per child with a small prize at the end (complimentary tickets available to any family in need). Perfect for the whole family (as usual there will be two levels of clues to give Cleves-age siblings a slightly trickier route).

**Saturday 31st January - Oatlands Mini Retreat:** choose 9:00 AM–12:45 PM or 12:15 PM–4:00 PM

New for 2026, this event is your invitation to pause, breathe, and gently align with what you want more of this year. Expect a soulful journey combining music-led yoga, conscious coaching, nervous system regulation and sound healing. No experience needed, for more detail refer to the ticketing website. £45pp (15% discount for bookings made in 2025).

### **Deadline for Infant and Junior Applications**

The deadline for Reception and Junior school applications for September 2026 is **15 January 2026**.

This means if you have a child currently in Year 2 you will need to apply for a Year 3 school place. Surrey County Council (SCC) recommend online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>.

If there is a valid reason why parents cannot apply online, they can obtain a paper application by calling SCC on 0300 200 1004. Completed paper application forms must be emailed to [schooladmissions@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@surreycc.gov.uk) or posted to the team with a postmark no later than 14 January 2026. We strongly recommend that parents send postal applications by recorded delivery as we are unable to confirm receipt.

Parents can also call 0300 200 1004 for impartial help in completing an application. Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child. SCC will **only** consider an application as on time if it has been made late if there is a genuine reason why the application could not reasonably have been made before the closing date.

### **Holiday and Food Activity Club- HAF**

If your child receives benefits related free school meals, you can book free Christmas activities. Please see the attached flyer.

### **Channel 4-The Dog House**

Channel 4's The Dog House is looking for local families to offer a loving home to a rescue dog and share their reasons why on the show! If you're interested, find out more on the attached flyer.

### **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**

School meal menu's [HERE](#)

Governors newsletter [HERE](#)