

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious week for visits! It has been wonderful to see the children embracing the outdoors and enjoying the sunshine. On Monday, Year 2 had a fantastic time at Nower Wood, where they fully immersed themselves in nature through pond dipping, navigating a sensory trail, exploring the maze, and even creating their own "magic potions."

The excitement continued on Wednesday as Reception set off for their very first school visit to Bocketts Farm. The children were delighted to meet Finn the horse, handle the animals, and take a tractor ride, ending the day with plenty of cheering during the pig race. It was clearly a successful trip, as we had many very tired children on the journey home who needed a gentle wake-up call upon our return to school!

Year 2 also enjoyed perfect weather for Forest School this week. It is a joy to see them so engaged in the creative outdoor activities facilitated by Mrs Willemse. A huge thank you goes to the parents who joined us for these visits and Forest School sessions; these experiences are made possible by your support and the hard work of our staff in organising them.

In addition to the children's adventures, there has been great excitement among our staff. After recently changing our staff insurance providers, the school was entered into a prize draw and we are thrilled to announce that we won 1st prize! This provides us with an incredible £5,000 to invest in staff wellbeing. The prize money will be awarded during Monday's assembly, which is perfectly timed as we begin "Appreciation Week." We will be introducing the week with a focus on how we can show gratitude and perform kind acts for others.

Finally, we are looking forward to our Mini Marathon next Friday. For any of you running in the London Marathon this Sunday, we wish you the very best of luck!

Enjoy a sunny weekend,

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates in the Next 2 Weeks

Friday 1 st May	3pm PTA-Reception bake sale
Monday 4th May	School Closed-Bank Holiday
Thursday 7th May	School Closed to Children- Polling Day
Friday 8 th May	Year 1 Space Workshop in school

Friday 1st May Whole School dress up for Mini Marathon

9.15	Reception
9.30	Year 1
9.45	Year 2

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](#)

Mobile Phones & Air Pods- Oscar

Thank you for embracing our new mobile phone & air pod rule. As a reminder, this policy, which aims to keep our environment focused and safe, also applies to Oscar Club drop off's and pick up's.

Reminder- Mini Marathon- Friday 1st May- Parents Welcome

We are pleased to announce that on Friday 1st May our school is taking part in the 2026 TCS Mini London Marathon in Schools. Children are invited to dress up for this nationwide event which promotes fitness, teamwork and fun.

Parents are invited to support children on the school field.

Reminder-PTA Camping Sign up- Friday 24th April

For more information & to sign up for this year's family camping trip, please click the link below. Sign up for will go live on the **24th April at**

7pm. <https://sites.google.com/view/oatlandscampingtrip/home>

PTA Reception Bake Sale- Friday 1st May

The Reception bake sale will be held on Friday 1st May at 3pm in the main playground. Sweet treats will be on sale for a suggested donation of £1 each, with proceeds going to the PTA. Cash is preferable.

PTA Festival Friday- 2nd July

We are hoping to replace this year's Fun Day with a 'Festival Friday' on Friday 2nd July 6-8pm with live music, food, stalls and fun. If you have a business or talent and would like to be a part of this wonderful marketing opportunity, or if you would like to join the planning committee, please email ptachair@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk. In the absence of support from the school community before we approach local businesses, we may choose to cancel this event, so please do get in touch if you like the sound of it!

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

Updates have been made to the Inclusion pages of the school website [HERE](#)