



# OWSLEBURY NEWSLETTER



The latest news and views from our small but mighty school

## OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Respect

Nurture

Aspiration

Resilience

Collaboration

### MESSAGE FROM MRS CHAPLEN

Dear Families,

As we head into the half-term break, it feels like a good time to pause and reflect on what we have achieved, not just this half term, but across the academic year so far. There is so much to be proud of.

We have seen clear improvements in writing standards, particularly in handwriting, with children taking real pride in their presentation. Our new behaviour policy has been successfully implemented and is already having a positive impact across the school. Our maths mastery approach continues to embed, strengthening children's understanding and confidence, while our outdoor learning sessions are now running successfully across the school. Most importantly, our school community remains supportive, nurturing and fully involved in our small but mighty school.

We are continuing to refine the support we offer to ensure every child's needs are met as effectively as possible. Alongside this, we are working hard to improve attendance towards at least 95% and to strengthen communication with parents about our curriculum offer. This journey of improvement has been rapid, and our teachers and support staff deserve a huge pat-on-the-back for their dedication and commitment. The difference they are making has not gone unnoticed, not only by me as Headteacher, but also by Governors and external visitors.

Thank you to those who joined our PTA Friends Quiz Night last week, which raised just under £500. This will go directly towards developing our outdoor learning provision and edible garden project. What a fantastic show of community support.

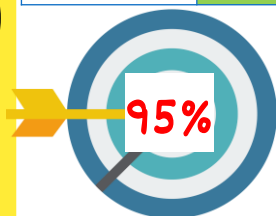
We also enjoyed another successful sporting event this week. On Tuesday evening, eleven Year 5 and 6 pupils represented Owslebury at the indoor athletics competition at King's School. Competing against ten other schools, they took part in ten running events and six field and throwing events. Their positive attitude and sportsmanship were outstanding, cheering for every competitor, even those from rival schools. Mrs K-S had almost no voice left after all that cheering! The results will be shared soon, but for me, the children's teamwork and spirit made Owslebury the real winners.

We wish you all a very happy half term and hope you enjoy this time with your families. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** (with Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February as an INSET day).

Have a lovely break x

### ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	100%	97.2%
Morestead	89.1%	93.7%
Baybridge	100%	95%
Hensting	93%	95%



Whole School Attendance this academic year: **94.2%**



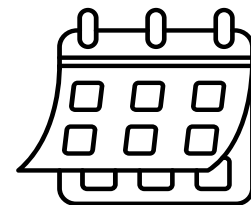
Struggling to get your child into school?

**Talk to us** – we're here to help.

Updated school guidance about attendance processes at Owslebury Primary School on our website.

<https://www.owslisbury.hants.sch.uk/attendance/>

# Diary Dates



Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February	HALF TERM
Monday 23rd February	INSET day
Friday 27th February @2:45pm	Celebration Assembly
Monday 2nd March	Catch Up Swimming sessions for contacted children in Years 5 and 6
Monday 9th March	Catch Up swimming
Friday 13th March @ 2:30pm	Mothers' Day Event
Monday 16th March pm	Catch Up Swimming
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief FRIENDS Bunny Hop Disco @ 4:30pm
Monday 23rd March pm	Catch up swimming—last session
Tuesday 24th March	Easter/ Spring Celebration at the church
Friday 27th March	End of Term. 1pm: End of Term Assembly and Trophies

## Site Manager Vacancy– Owslebury Primary School

10 hours a week, term time + 1 week in school holidays

See our school website vacancies for information about the role at [www.owslebury.hants.sch.uk](http://www.owslebury.hants.sch.uk) or call the school office on 01962 777452 to have a chat about the role.

## NOTIFICATION OF PE AND OUTDOOR LEARNING O.W.LS



**OWLS** Marwell and Morestead Class MONDAY PM wellies and waterproof coat needed

**SWIMMING:** Baybridge Class from 12th January until half term FINAL LESSON 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY. MUST have a swimming hat for long hair, swimming costume not too baggy, towel and a coat.

Catch up swimming sessions after half term – Yrs 5/6 selected children Only.

Children wear PE kit to school on PE days, except for Marwell Class. Marwell class wear uniform and change into PE clothes.

### PE DAYS

MONDAY BAYBRIDGE (swimming first half term)  
TUESDAY MORESTEAD/ HENSTING  
WEDNESDAY MARWELL, MORESTEAD, BAYBRIDGE & HENSTING

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# In the spotlight...



Drop in Parent feedback 10.2.26

Thank you for having us - lovely to see all your hard work and fun you have here.

Thank you - It was lovely to see the children's work!

GREAT TO SEE ALL THEY HAVE BEEN LEARNING.

Thank you for all the engaging interactive teaching. We'd really like about the topic and it's lovely to see it. The news report was a lovely highlight!

Lovely to be able to come in and see so much great work. The effort put in to making learning is huge. Thank you all so much!

10.2.26

Lovely to see the classroom and the fun things the children have read up to! Thank you for having us in!

It was lovely that Will was so excited to show me his work.

I love how interactive there learning is. I have heard so much about the fire of London at home. Thank you!

Lovely to see what they are up to. Good to know a video especially.

Thank you. Let me know how you get on.

I LOVED the video of the news report

Great to see how proud the children are of their work.

Morestead Parents

The Great Fire of London

The fire of London started in a bakery on Pudding Lane on the 2nd September 1666. The flames spread fast but only a few people died. Most of the people were left with their homes. London had to rebuild. They had to wait until the wind stopped that night the fire going. The great fire of London was the biggest they had. As they crossed the bridge they would be stopped. Finally the wind stopped and soon after that the fire stopped.

Eric, Morestead

Buckingham Palace

I am in London! I went on a train. Pippa

Super effort Pippa! You could hear the sounds when I said each word.

Pippa, Marwell

Rome

Look for somewhere new to visit this year? Why not try Italy? You will find Italy in the south of Europe. In Italy you will find the most delicious food, stunning scenery, incredible sandy beaches and amazing weather. Book your trip today!

Food

In Rome you will taste the most amazing foods in Italy. Lovely pizza, yummy pasta, and carbonara. Local street food like rice balls with mozzarella.

Place things to do

Italy has loads of things to do including sightseeing, relaxing walks in the parks like the Grand Canyon for example. Family fun like visiting Bioparc Zoo or the Leonardo da Vinci museum. There is also leisure like electric bike tours and local experiences like exploring markets and shops.

Eric, Baybridge

You join me at the scene of the fire, today second September. A fire monstrous in size, has broken out behind me. It all started in a bakery, when an ember floated down from the over and landed onto the floor, setting it.

Witness Samuel Pepys said the city is burning down. Luckily only six people died in it.

Georgia, Morestead

May is the month of the marble roller.

The paper will be smooth and the marble roller will be used.

The wood will be hand-drawn and...

Ruby, Baybridge

1. 36°

2. 55°

3. 125°

4. 39°

Roch, Hensting



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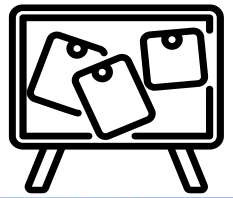
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UK Government

## Free holiday activities and meals for eligible children this February half-term!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy a variety of fun activities and healthy meals for free during the half-term break through the Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Scan the QR code below or visit the Family Information and Services Hub to check if you're eligible, find local HAF schemes, and book your child(ren)'s place.



<https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/holidayactivities>



## HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB @ OWSLEBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

TRY NEW SPORTS & ACTIVITIES & MAKE NEW FRIENDS

- ✓ SPORTS ZONE
- ✓ ACTION ZONE
- ✓ CHILL ZONE
- ✓ ART AND CRAFTS

AGES YEAR R- YEAR 7  
PRICES FROM £27  
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE  
8AM - 5PM

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Ofsted Registered  
Experienced, Qualified & Friendly Staff  
Staff DBS  
Safeguarding & First Aid Trained  
Childcare Vouchers Accepted

## Hampshire SENDIASS Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

<b>2 FEB</b> 13:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft	<b>4 FEB</b> 12:00	Considering an EHC Plan? Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process
<b>10 FEB</b> 17:30	Alternative Provision What constitutes a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act	<b>11 FEB</b> 12:00	Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP
<b>17 FEB</b> 11:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft	<b>18 FEB</b> 13:00	Appeals to SEND Tribunal A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

[www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops](http://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops)

## Hampshire SENDIASS Y6 SECONDARY TRANSITION

Join Lisa for our SEN Support Workshop

- Learn what a smooth transition looks like
- Explore practical SEN strategies
- Make the most of the time before September
- Get signposted to extra guidance



March 2026  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 13:00  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 17:00  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30

JOIN US VIA TEAMS



[WWW.HAMPSHIRESENDIASS.CO.UK/WORKSHOPS](http://WWW.HAMPSHIRESENDIASS.CO.UK/WORKSHOPS)



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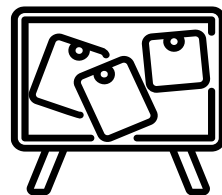
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## PARENT FORUM



WEDNESDAY  
**25**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**5-6PM**

Understanding Our  
Curriculum and Expectations

We would like to invite parents and carers to join an online forum with the Headteacher and senior staff.

JOINING LINK:

[Owslebury Primary Parent Forum \(Online\)- LCh | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Following recent parent survey feedback, this session will focus on:

- What your child is learning in school
- How learning builds across the year
- What we mean by having high expectations for all children
- How we can communicate learning more clearly with parents

### Why attend?

This is an opportunity to:

- Hear how learning is planned and delivered across the school
- Ask questions about curriculum and expectations
- Share constructive feedback about school communication
- Help us improve how we work in partnership with families



### Important information

This is a whole-school discussion, not a forum for individual pupil concerns  
Individual issues can be followed up separately through usual channels  
The session will be respectful, supportive, and solution-focused



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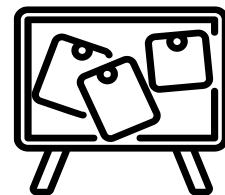
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Hampshire Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Services

## New Strategy Based Films for parents/carers and Professionals New for 2026

What is Emotionally  
Based School  
Avoidance



Risk factors for  
Emotionally Based  
School Avoidance



Tips for Emotionally  
Based School  
Avoidance



Thriving with  
ADHD in school



ADHD  
and sleep



Reframing  
ADHD



Girls and ADHD



ADHD – order out of  
chaos



Growing older and  
changing ADHD  
symptoms



The importance of  
sleep



Tips to support sleep  
optimisation



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codes



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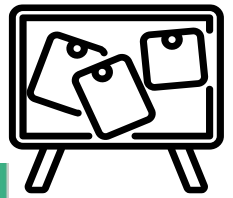
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## P.A.C.E. 2026 PARENT & CARER EVENTS

Free health & wellbeing events for all parents & carers who support or work with young people

DATE	LOCATION
26 February	Basingstoke
16 April	Eastleigh
8 May	Lyndhurst
25 June	Andover
5 October	Havant
23 October	Waterlooville



Scan this QR code to view our session itinerary for the day

## EMBRACING AUTISM

Three days that focus on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism

- 4 February Havant
- 9 July Eastleigh
- 17 November Andover

## UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Three days that focus on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with ADHD

- 5 March Eastleigh
- 16 September Havant
- 3 November Andover

## Stopping Avoidable Suicides Initiative SASI

Hampshire CAMHS are offering a one-day training event on suicide prevention across three different locations in Hampshire

- 27 February Andover
- 11 June Waterlooville
- 2 October Eastleigh

## HOW TO COPE WHEN YOUR CHILD CANT

Three one-day events focused on parents/carers understanding their own needs, and learning strategies to look after themselves as they support a young person with their own mental health needs.

- 22 January Winchester
- 15 May Eastleigh
- 30 September Basingstoke

## Trauma

Understanding the impact of trauma on a young person's brain, body and behaviour and how we can guide them from surviving to thriving

- 4 June Basingstoke
- 7 October Havant

## Anxiety

Understanding & strategies to support young people

- 28 January Basingstoke
- 11 November Havant

## CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION & ADVICE SESSIONS



The first Wednesday of every month

10am - 2pm

The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB



You can book an appointment on our website



Or just drop in and see us

**NHS**  
Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

## PARENTS, CARERS AND PROFESSIONALS EVENTS 2026



BOOK YOUR SESSION SPACES AT:

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