



# OWSLEBURY NEWSLETTER



The latest news and views from our small but mighty school

## MESSAGE FROM MRS CHAPLEN

Dear Families,

Following the roaring success of Reading Week, which ended with the rather raucous reveal of our masked readers, we have continued to build on the children's love of reading and their enthusiasm for learning.

I had the pleasure of teaching Baybridge Class Spanish this week and was incredibly impressed by their spoken accents, recall of vocabulary and confidence when listening to another language. In Hensting, I observed some thoughtful PSHE learning based on The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse, where children reflected deeply on the messages within the story and shared their own responses.

We have also collated the surveys completed during Parents' Evenings, and I am delighted to share some of the feedback. 100% of parents said their child feels happy and safe at this school and would recommend us. In addition, 100% of parents said that the school ensures pupils are well behaved. Thank you for sharing such positive feedback.

We are continuing to focus on two areas raised through the survey. Firstly, ensuring the school communicates clearly with families about the information you need. We have already taken steps by improving the weekly newsletter, updating our school website and hosting parent information events. Secondly, ensuring parents feel confident that when concerns are raised they are dealt with properly. This usually involves face-to-face meetings, emails, written communication or telephone conversations with staff, while always maintaining appropriate levels of confidentiality.

We also have some exciting personal news to share. Mrs Aylward, who teaches Marwell Class from Monday to Wednesday, is expecting a baby boy and will begin her maternity leave at the end of this term. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Phillips back to Owslebury, who will be teaching Marwell on Mondays and Tuesdays, while Mrs Kenth continues to teach later in the week. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Aylward huge congratulations and the very best for her growing family.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Mother's Day event this week. We hope you enjoyed spending some special "Mummy and Me" time together. Do keep an eye out in the Hampshire Chronicle for some lovely messages that were published on Thursday 12th March.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy celebrating Mothering Sunday. x

## OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Respect

Nurture

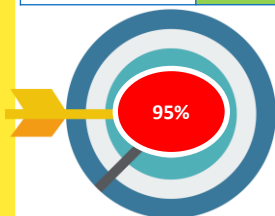
Aspiration

Resilience

Collaboration

## ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	89.6%	97.1%
Morestead	92.4%	93.4%
Baybridge	98.4%	95.2%
Hensting	94.1%	95.2%

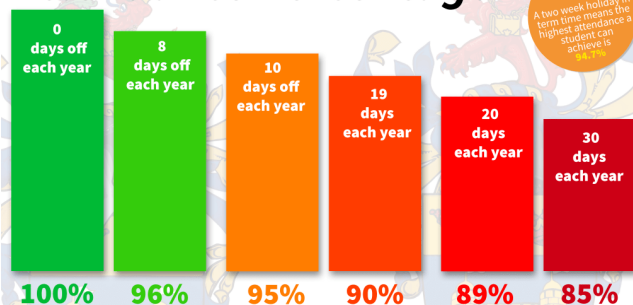


Whole School Attendance this academic year: 94.7%

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

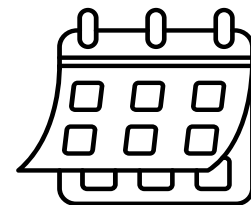
<https://www.owslebury.hants.sch.uk/attendance/>

## Attendance Percentage



Did you know? A two week holiday in term time means the highest attendance a student can achieve is 94.7%

# Diary Dates



Monday 16th March pm	Catch Up Swimming
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30-5:30pm	FRIENDS Pyjama Afternoon and movie night – see flyer in newsletter for information
Monday 23rd March pm	Catch up swimming—last session
Tuesday 24th March	9:30am - Easter/ Spring Celebration at the church  3pm – Marwell Topic Celebration
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Morestead Class – Knight School
Friday 27th March	End of Term. National Skipping Day 1pm: End of Term Assembly and Trophies

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Beginning of term. Children return to school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Bags2School Collection. Bags available to collect from the school office.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 9:30-12:00	Year 5 children to The Gregg school (information to follow)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Marwell and Morestead Class visit to Portchester Castle
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April – 2:45pm	Celebration Assembly
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Visit to the Gurdwara, Southampton (information to follow)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 1:15pm	May Day Celebration (information to follow)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs

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



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

**SWIMMING:** Catch Up swimming starts Monday afternoons from 2<sup>nd</sup> March for those Year 5/6 children who need it.. **MUST** have a swimming hat for long hair, swimming costume not too baggy, towel and a coat. Only.

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

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

## Contact Details

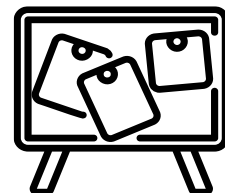
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# Noticeboard



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Contact Details for Wraparound Care with Active8Minds in our school hall and playground. From 7:30am until 6pm daily.

**Henrietta Brandford Writing Competition 2026** - open to anyone under the age of 19. The theme this year is 'A place or a person I know very well'

**[The Henrietta Branford Writing Competition 2026 – The Branford Boase Award and The Henrietta Branford Writing Competition](#)**

You may choose whatever you want to write from the following:

- Ideas from your imagination or something that really happened.
- A short story or a description (no more than 600 words).
- A poem or song lyric (no more than 40 lines).

You can write less than 600 words or 40 lines but not more.

Closing date is Friday 29 May 2026.

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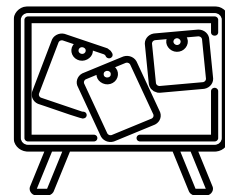
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# Noticeboard



Friday 2nd March 2026

Dear Parents,

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March is **Red Nose Day**. We are very excited to be joining in with others around the UK to participate in fundraising for this good cause.

To make this a memorable event, and to raise as much money as possible we will be holding a non-uniform day. The school council have voted for the children to come in wearing their own clothes (red if possible) with a red nose, silly hat or headpiece. We have set up a page for donations to go straight to Comic Relief here [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-owslebury-primary-school?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=BCJ\\_CR\\_RNDPS\\_26\\_Activate\\_Day1](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-owslebury-primary-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=BCJ_CR_RNDPS_26_Activate_Day1)

School council have also planned an obstacle course for any children who want to take part. This will happen on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March on the field (as long as the weather is on our side).

Finally, as Red Nose Day is all about making people laugh, we are inviting the children to bring in their favourite joke on a piece of paper. In classes we will then vote for our favourite jokes.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Mrs Aylward and The School Council



This is a Reminder of the letter sent out via email earlier this week.

[Cara Aylward is fundraising for Comic Relief](#)

This is the link to the Just Giving Page created by Mrs Aylward.



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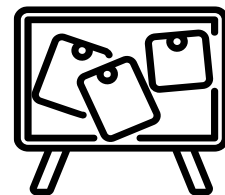
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Hampshire Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Services

## 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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