



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,

It's been a jam-packed week full of new experiences and the joys of springtime.

On Wednesday, every class took part in a Pickleball Workshop, and what a hit it was! We are excited to see this up-and-coming sport begin to feature in our curriculum. It promotes resilience and aspiration, and we are grateful to **Mrs Cope** for organising such a fantastic opportunity.



On Monday evening, we welcomed colleagues from other local small schools to Owslebury to share our work around teaching writing in mixed-age classes. There was a real buzz in the room as staff discussed both the challenges and the many positives of working in a small school. It felt like the beginning of a strong collaborative relationship, and we were proud to showcase the high standards we offer our pupils.

Tuesday was another outdoor learning day, always a favourite for both children and staff. The sunshine certainly helped, and it was wonderful to see the children embracing learning in nature, with creativity flowing, even in subjects like maths.

As we approach the end of term and see spring in full swing, it also brings some changes for our school community. At the end of this term, Mrs Saxby will be leaving her role in the school office to take on a new challenge. She will be greatly missed, from her warm welcome at the gate to her friendly voice on the phone, and the invaluable support she provides to keep the school running smoothly. We wish her every success in her new role.

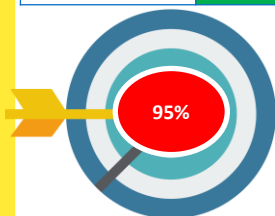
We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Bates (Colin), our site manager. With life's changes come new opportunities, and we hope he enjoys more time tending to his allotment and perhaps a little sunshine in Cyprus! He too will be very much missed.

While we are sad to see them go, we are also looking ahead to new beginnings. We will be welcoming Mrs Newport to the office from Tuesday 14th April. Please do say hello if you see her, and thank you in advance for your patience during this transition.

Long may the sunshine continue, and I hope you all have the chance to enjoy it with your families this weekend. x

ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	97.9%	97.5%
Morestead	91.4%	93.3%
Baybridge	96.8%	95.3%
Hensting	95.6%	95.2%



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

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

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

Attendance Top tips for parents

TOP TIP 1



Complete a holiday request form before any planned time off

If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, always complete the school's holiday or leave-of-absence request form well in advance of the dates, but these will be classed as unauthorised absence and may incur a fine.

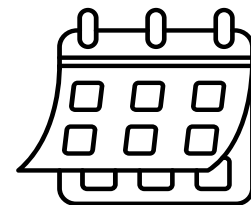
TOP TIP 2



Report absence every day by 9:00am

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, make sure you contact the school office each day of the absence, ideally by 9.00am.

Diary Dates



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 26th March	Morestead Class – Knight School
Friday 27th March	End of Term. National Skipping Day 1pm: End of Term Assembly and Trophies

Monday 13th April	Beginning of term. Children return to school
Thursday 23rd April	Bags2School Collection. Bags available to collect from the school office.
Thursday 23rd April 9:30-12:00	Year 5 children to The Gregg school (information to follow)
Thursday 23rd April	Marwell and Morestead Class visit to Portchester Castle
Friday 24th April – 2:45pm	Celebration Assembly – all families invited
Thursday 30th April	Whole School Visit to the Gurdwara, Southampton (information to follow)
Friday 1st May 1:15pm	May Day Celebration (information to follow)
Monday 11th – 14th May	Y6 SATs
Monday 18th – 22nd May	Sports Week
Tuesday 19th May	Sports Day (Reserve Sports Day 21st May, if wet)
Friday 22nd May 2:45pm	Celebration Assembly – all families invited
Monday 25th May – 29th May	Half Term Break

NOTIFICATION OF PE AND OUTDOOR LEARNING O.W.LS

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



Swimming Catch Up: Monday 23rd March – Last Session

PE DAYS
MONDAY BAYBRIDGE
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.

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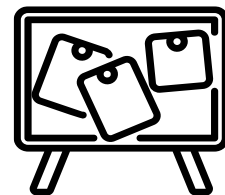


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Noticeboard



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**.



THE GREGG
Discover The Gregg School
From September, our Prep School is moving to join our Senior students at Townhill Park House near West End, Southampton.
Visit us to find out more
Open Mornings
Prep Wednesday 22nd April
Senior Wednesday 29th April

We also run
Parent and Pre-School Activity Sessions
For children starting The Gregg School in Reception this September
Friday 17th April
Friday 24th April



Our school bus service covers a 15 mile radius around the school, collecting from the New Forest to Fareham, Totton to Winchester.

To book your place visit www.thegreggschool.org



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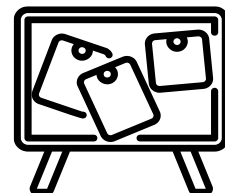
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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB @ Owslebury

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

AGES YEAR R - YEAR 7
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE
8AM - 5PM



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

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