

Owslebury News

The latest news and views from our small but mighty school

Collaboration

Aspiration

Resilience

Respect

Nurture



Message from Mrs Chaplen

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half term! I hope you all managed to enjoy a well-deserved rest and perhaps even dodged a few of the rain showers to spend some quality time together as families.

In assembly this week, we have begun preparing for our village-wide Remembrance Celebration taking place next week. This is such a special moment for our community, and we hope you can join us as we come together to remember and reflect.

In classrooms, we've jumped straight back into learning with plenty of excitement and creativity. Hensting Class have blasted off to space and produced some incredible artwork inspired by their new topic. Baybridge Class have been immersed in their English lessons around the book Flood, carefully crafting their own writing (and thankfully staying drier than the story itself!). Morestead Class have jetted off to the Frozen Lands to become explorers, while Marwell Class have been busy creating colourful marble firework paintings inspired by Bonfire Night.

I often find myself wishing I could come to school again and experience such a wide range of inspiring opportunities. A child said to me this week, "It's always fun to learn when the teachers are so excited about the topic." I couldn't agree more. I'm sure we can all remember a teacher from our own school days who brought a subject to life — and without a doubt, our staff here at Owslebury bring that same passion and enthusiasm in bucketloads every single day.

As we look ahead, this half term is always a busy one, but it's also filled with magic and memory-making. From festive celebrations to special learning moments, there's so much to enjoy together. I can already feel the excitement building across the school, and I know it's going to be a wonderful few weeks ahead.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

x

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters



CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	98.15%	99.32%
Morestead	96.38%	95.47%
Baybridge	97.78%	96.5%
Hensting	94.82%	94.56%

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

BE AT THE CLASSROOM ON TIME AND READY TO LEARN!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned
5 days absence over the whole year	97% - 100%	Good chance of success and progress
20 days absence over the whole year	90%	Less chance of success. Harder to make progress
20+ days absence over the whole year	Under 90%	Detrimental to success and progress

Dates for the diary



Monday 10th November	OPEN MORNING—Yr R 2026
Tuesday 11th November	Bags 2 School collection Please drop off bags before 9:30am
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance at Glebe Field. Meet at school at 10:20 at the village hall gate
Friday 14th November 8:45-9:30am	Morestead PLT Open Class – Drop-in DATE CHANGE
Monday 17th November	Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Wednesday 19th November— Monday 24th November	Scholastic Book Fair in the hall 3:30—4:30
Thursday 20th November	FLU immunisations (whole school—see email sent out earlier this term) Parents Evening 3:30pm—5:30pm
Friday 28th November @2.45pm	Celebration Assembly
Monday 1st December	INSET DAY CLOSURE
Friday 5th December	School Christmas Fair
Thursday 9th December	Hensting class trip to the Planetarium
Wednesday 10th December 9:30am	Nativity Performance
Thursday 11th December 2:15pm	Nativity Performance Choir to sing carols in the village after school—all invited
Friday 12th December 2pm	Christmas Carols at St Andrews Church—all welcome
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Lunch in school
Friday 19th December 1.15pm	Celebration Assembly & Carols around the tree

NOTIFICATION OF PE and FOREST SCHOOL Autumn Term 2 2025

OWLS Baybridge Class MONDAY PM wellies and waterproof coat needed

PE DAYS

MONDAY MORESTEAD
TUESDAY BAYBRIDGE/ 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.

Remembrance

This November, our village will come together to remember those who gave their lives in service. On Sunday 9th November, St Andrew's Church will hold the annual Remembrance Service, led by Barbara Crabbe. This cherished occasion remains at the heart of Owslebury's remembrance, honouring our fallen with readings, prayers and the Act of Remembrance.

Then, on Tuesday 11th November at 10:45am, the village will gather at the Glebe Field for a special Armistice Day service. This short outdoor ceremony will include the dedication of two new "Tommy" silhouettes provided by Owslebury Parish Council, readings by school pupils, a recording of the Last Post, and the scattering of poppy seeds as a living act of remembrance. Children from Owslebury School will also contribute, artwork, and handmade poppies to mark the day. In addition, the new Owslebury Stitchers group will be making poppies to be placed around the village.

Both services are open to everyone in the village, and all are warmly invited to join us in remembrance.



Class Page In the Spotlight!

Harley
Baybridge Class

A first quest for sir lancelot

In the wonderful land of Camelot, lived Sir Lancelot, the bravest knight in Britain as fast as a running horse. Sir Lancelot set off on his first quest. In the distance, he could see a dark tower that was in the clouds. Inside the tower was princess Elaine, was trapped in a boiling hot bath water by the evil witch Morgan le Fay because she was jealous about her beauty.

Courageously, he scrambled up the tower with his brave heart he shattered Morgan le Fays evil curse. The villagers were very happy but they asked for more help. They needed some help to get rid of the fierce dragon which was stealing there sheep and children! Lifting his sword and shield, he saw the dragons lair. Bravely, using all his strength, he lifted the dragons lair. As he went in the lair out leapt a big fierce orange beast. It was as big as a engine spitting fire but like King kong vs godzilla sir lancelot and the dragon fought, the dragon spat a flaming fire ball (almost) sir lancelot died but with one powerfull blow of his sword as he slayed the dragon, it roared like a grizzly bear. He returned and King peles ask for him to stay with them while he recovered, Sir Lancelot accepted his request.

Betsy
Hensting Class

can round number

11,929 → 11,992 → 12,478 → 12,578 → 12,590 ✓

98,230 → 89,632 → 88,342 → 88,341 → 83,440 ✓

125 ✓ 133 ✓
32 ✓ 60 ✓
355 ✓ 120 ✓
30 ✓ 72 ✓
518 ✓ 1036 ✓

E 73,645
nearest 10

73,640
nearest 100

72,600
nearest 1,000

72,000

37,630 ✓ 37,640
nearest 100

37,600 ✓ 37,670
nearest 1,000

37,800 ✓ 37,800

342,684
nearest 10

72,650 ✓ 72,700
342,600 ✓ 342,700
nearest 100

342,000 ✓ 342,000
nearest 1,000

Emma
Morestead Class

what if you had 15 blocks?

$15 \div 3 = 5$ ✓

Millie
Baybridge Class

Large, clear title.

Colorful Pictures.

The story is told in small sections.

KING ARTHUR

Each part is in a box.

The writing is next to each picture.

The story is split into parts.

Arthur
Hensting Class

Viking Weapons

Bow and arrow

A bow and arrow was an amazing ~~was an~~ amazing weapon for Vikings to use with an array of benefits. The bow and arrow was used for hunting deer and other animals - which would later be eaten by the Vikings generously. They were an awesome weapon in the battle fields, gruesomely murdering dozens of people. They were long range with weapons with some Vikings shooting from 650 feet away! The Vikings manufactured different arrows for different purposes making it easy for the operator. In overall, a bow and arrow was an incredible weapon for living and battling.

INFORMATION



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Come to our **BOOK FAIR**

to spot the books you'll LOVE to read!

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

Come and find me!

My brand new book!

DOG MAN: BIG JIM BEGINS
by Dav Pilkey

NORA NIGHTSKY
by Rebecca Lewis-Oakes

BLUEY
AMAZING STORIES!

TOM GATES PESKY PETS AND PARTIES
by Liz Pichon

DATE: 19.11.2025 **TIME:** 3:30 - 4:15

LOCATION: Owslebury School Hall

MORE NEW BOOKS to look out for!

Books from **£2.99**

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- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

Christmas Holiday Lunch Scheme

We are inviting families with school-aged children (who live or attend a school in the city of Winchester and some surrounding areas, including Alresford) who feel they need some extra help over the school holidays to register for our Holiday Lunch Scheme.

The aim of the scheme is to provide food to cover 5 lunches per child per week. Please note that the holiday lunch scheme is in addition to our normal operation, and does not count towards the number of standard vouchers you can receive. However, we ask that you don't claim both during the same period of time. If you need more support, please register for a full food parcel for all the family – www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/get-help Please be aware that the food supplied is designed to replace the hot meal and will be tinned/dried; we do not have food items suitable for packed lunch style meals. We can offer food suitable for most dietary requirements.

This year we have 5 locations for you to collect from; Badger Farm, Bar End, Highcliffe, New Alresford, Weeke, – operating on specific days (Mon – Fri). You will be asked to nominate which location you will be collecting your food from – please choose carefully. The location cannot be changed.

- Badger Farm** (Community Centre, SO22 4QB) – Monday 15th December, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
- Bar End** (The Vineyard Church, SO23 9NR) – Monday 15th and Thursday 18th December, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.;
- Highcliffe** (21a Penton Place, Milland Road, SO23 0PZ) – Tuesday 16th and Friday 19th December, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- New Alresford** (St Gregory's Church, SO24 9HD) – Wednesday 17th December, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.;
- Weeke** (St Barnabas Church, SO22 6DS) – Thursday 18th December, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. You will be asked to nominate which location you will be collecting your food from – please think carefully about this as we cannot change it! Those who need a delivery can apply online.

Closing date will be Sunday 7th December 2025. [Holiday Lunch Scheme - Christmas 2025](#)



THE FRIENDS
of Owslebury School

Friends of Owslebury School



Please take a look through your homes and donate And unwanted items of clothing, bags or shoes to Bags2School.

Bags can be collected from the school office or you can use any black bin bags from home.

Please bring your filled bags to the school car park on 11th November before 10am.

This is a popular fundraiser for the school and we appreciate any support for this.

FAMILY
**GINGERBREAD
HOUSE
COMPETITION**

PRE ORDER YOUR READY BAKED KIT
BY 12 NOON 21ST NOVEMBER
£10 ENTRY

COLLECT FRIDAY 21ST AFTER SCHOOL

BRING YOUR DECORATED MASTERPIECE TO
THE CHRISTMAS FAIR ON DECEMBER 5TH
FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE

2025

EMAIL: FRIENDSOFOWSLEBURY@GMAIL.COM TO ENTER

CHRISTMAS FAIR

5TH DEC (AFTER SCHOOL) 2025

THE WINTER TERM IS IN FULL SWING AND IT WILL SOON BE TIME FOR US TO CELEBRATE AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR. HERE BE OUR ANNUAL CALL OUT FOR SUPPORT AND KIND DONATIONS - ALL DETAILED BELOW...

NON UNIFORM DAYS

In exchange for your generous (voluntary) donations.

- **FRIDAY 28th Nov** - Please bring in a bottle for our **BOTTLE** tombola. A bottle of anything please!
- **FRIDAY 5th Dec (Christmas fair day)**- Please bring in a chocolate donation for our **CHOCOLATE** tombola. A selection box, sweets or wrapped chocolate. No nuts please!

FILL A STRIPEY TREAT BAGS – We are asking families to please fill these with little treats for children to win. e.g little toys /stationery /stickers/ sweets and/or chocolates. They will be in your child's book bag this weeks. Please make sure any food is pre-wrapped with no nut products!! Return day is 21st Nov. If you are feeling extra generous there are spare bags in the school office.

BAKE OR MAKE for the Friends cafe - Would you be able to donate a cake or treat for the fair? If YES then please contact Anna Knight on 07971839308

VOLUNTEER TO HELP- If you have an hour or two to spare helping set up/ pack down or helping in a stall then please let Kate know on 07775332649, be great to have you for any time you have to spare!

THANK YOU



£2 entry per family

THE FRIENDS OF OWSLEBURY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 3.30-6PM

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

SANTAS WAGON & GROTTO

HOT FOOD

MULLED WINE

GAMES

FRIENDS CAFE

FACE PAINTING

OWSLEBURY SCHOOL CHOIR

BOTTLE & CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

ACTIVE 8 MINDS

ROMSEY 'LETS SING' CHOIR

OWLS CHRISTMAS CRAFT

& THE RAFFLE

The Friends of Owslebury are raising money to support our small but MIGHTY school - with a particular focus on the new OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA FOR 2026 & BEYOND

November 2025

Get Togethers



6th November, 10 -12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet GU51 5FA - ****SENDIASS ATTENDING to offer 1:1 support****

11th November, 12-1pm: online Lunchtime Get Together - Meeting ID: 835 1332 0196 Passcode: GT

12th November, 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viables Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ

19th November, 10-12pm: Winchester Get Together - Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester, SO22 4QB

28th November, 10-12pm: Alresford Get Together - The Swan Hotel, Alresford, SO24 9AD

- Connect with other parent carers
- Relax over a cuppa in a friendly, non-judgemental space
- Share experiences & local issues
- Give feedback on services supporting your children & young people

This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the **Fleet** session. They will be available to offer 1:1 time to discuss your personal journey and will offer in the moment guidance to help your young person 0-25.



For more information please contact: participation@hpcn.org.uk



HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARER NETWORK enabling voices to be heard

MYSTERY VISITS



Visit leisure centers & culture providers, report back in secret, to help improve send accessibility.

We will cover the cost of the visit!*

MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON OUR MAILING LIST TO BE PART OF THIS PROGRAMME!

Become a Parent Representative!

Join Hampshire Parent Carer Network and help shape better services for families.

Your Role

- Share your experiences as a parent carer to help shape children's services.
- Ensure parents' voices influence key decisions.
- Work with professionals to improve services for children with disabilities.

What's Involved

- Attend relevant meetings or events (with another HPCN member if possible).
- Share short written feedback within 2 weeks.
- Respond to topic-related requests and help at events.
- Join training sessions and promote our work



Time Commitment

Flexible – even one hour a month can make a difference!
Training and support provided.

We'll Support You

Advice, guidance, and training
Reimbursement for travel and related expenses.



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Are you interested?
For more information
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