

# Owslebury News

The latest news and views from our small but mighty school

Collaboration

Aspiration

Resilience

Respect

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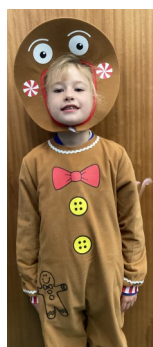


## Message from Mrs Chaplen

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a half term it has been! Full of exciting, engaging learning, enrichment and adventures, it's certainly been a busy whirlwind that has led to great progress and, most importantly, children who are happy and enjoying being in school.

Today we say a fond farewell to Mr Brown, our calm LSA and playtime football coach, whose dad-joke humour has kept us smiling. He'll be missed by children and staff alike, and we wish him every success in his new adventure as a driving instructor.



Down in the lower school, mysterious fairytale creatures have appeared! Morestead Class have been sewing their own sock puppets, while Marwell Class have been learning through fairytale-themed play. I tried to catch the Gingerbread Man for more details, but he was far too quick!

Baybridge Class braved a soggy but fascinating visit to Butser Ancient Farm, exploring Anglo-Saxon life through crafts and reconstructed buildings. Meanwhile, Hensting Class have been channelling their inner authors, producing beautifully presented stories with ambitious vocabulary.

As we end the half term, I want to thank our amazing staff for their creativity, care and commitment. I feel privileged to lead such a wonderful school community and can't wait to see what the next chapter brings.



Over the break, I hope you all find time to enjoy the outdoors : read, climb, play, walk, and make sure there's time to rest and recharge too.

Wishing you a fantastic half-term holiday with your families, and I look forward to seeing you all in November. x



## ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	100%	99.5%
Morestead	95.02%	94.8%
Baybridge	99.26%	96.3%
Hensting	93.23%	93.2%

ATTEND TODAY  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS

When you're in school you...

- Have fun
- Make new friends
- Gain qualifications
- Develop new skills
- Experience new things
- Achieve
- Build your confidence
- Develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences
- self esteem

Have the best possible start in life!

A big well done and thank you for supporting your child's regular attendance. It really does make a huge difference to their learning and confidence.

# Dates for the diary



Monday 3rd November 9:30am	Deadline for returning Christmas Card Designs
Monday 10th November	OPEN MORNING—Yr R 2026
Tuesday 11th November	Bags 2 School collection
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance at Glebe Field
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.

# INFORMATION



## Year 5/6 Football Tournament

Written by Arthur and Isaac



On Tuesday, the Owslebury football team played an exciting tournament at Wyvern School. The players were Ezra in goal, Arthur and Gergo in defence, Isaac in the middle with Wilf as a sub for Peter, Jack and Joey on the wing and Josh upfront. We played 6 out of 10 games and came 5th in the tournament. We won 1 game, drew 2 games and lost 3 games. The referees were kind and the whole experience was a lot of fun.

## BRIGADE CLOTHING HALLOWEEN PROMOTION

 Promotion Details:

- Discount: 10% off
- Promo Code: PUMPKIN10
- Live From: Friday 31st October at 12am

Ends: Sunday 2nd November at 11:59pm



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Sport & childcare specialists

## Owslebury School HOLIDAY CLUB

SPORTS ZONE | ACTION ZONE | CHILL ZONE | ART AND CRAFTS

Early Bird 15% off  
Code: Autumn15  
Expires 3<sup>rd</sup> October

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

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Ofsted Registered  
Friendly & Qualified Staff  
Staff DBS  
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Childcare Vouchers Accepted

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## Would you like to be a school governor?



Hi

Everyone,

At our school, there are many ways to get involved and make a real impact. One of the most rewarding ways to contribute is by joining our School Governing Body. Currently, we have a fantastic team of 7 governors, but we have space for two more passionate individuals who want to help shape the future of our school.

Being a governor is a fulfilling and impactful way to be an active part of our school community. Your insights, skills, and support could make a big difference to the children and staff. If you are interested in joining us, we would love to hear from you!

More info is available [here](#) on the Hampshire County Council website, including a short video.

If you would like to have a chat with one of the current team, please contact the office at [adminoffice@owslebury.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@owslebury.hants.sch.uk)

Thanks,  
Allison, Isobel, Trevor, Nicky, Adrian, Brigid and Amy  
(Owslebury Primary's Governing Body)

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Wrap Around Care contact details



THE FRIENDS  
of Owslebury School

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Our Fantastic PTA are preparing a year of fun events to raise money for the school.

Our next event is the Halloween Disco and we hope to see as many children there as possible.

Thank you for supporting the PTA events.


OWSLEBURY SCHOOL FRIENDS OF OWSLEBURY HELPING RAISE FUNDS FOR OWSLEBURY SCHOOL

FANCY DRESS

**HALLOWEEN DISCO**

4.30PM TO 6PM **24 OCTOBER 2025** £3

SCHOOL HALL

INCLUDED: GHOSTLY HOT CHOC, JUICE AND SPOOKY COOKIE

MUSIC GAMES CHILL OUT ROOM

TO BUY YOUR TICKETS  
BANK TRANSFER TO: FRIENDS OF OWSLEBURY 55-81-26 88383148  
OR PAY ON THE DOOR



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.

**SCHOLASTIC** TRAVELLING BOOKS

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!

**BLUEY**  
AMAZING STORIES!

**NORA NIGHTSKY**  
REBECCA LEWIS-OAKES

**DOG MAN**  
BIG JIM BEGINS  
DAR PILESKY

**TOM GATES**  
PESKY PETS AND PARTIES  
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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Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay) and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers](http://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.

**WINCHESTER**  
**FOOD & BASICS BANK**

## 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](http://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](#)

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 Viabes 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](mailto: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  
Contact : [Participation@hpcn.org.uk](mailto:Participation@hpcn.org.uk)

