Newsletter 3 — Friday 18 September 2026

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 was fantastic to see so many parents and carers attending our new Meet the Teacher events this week. These sessions were introduced in response to feedback from our parent survey, where families told us they wanted greater clarity about what children will learn throughout the year and what they are expected to know by the end of it. They also provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen links between home and school by connecting with the staff who support your children each day. Thank you to everyone who attended and for the positive feedback we have already received.

This week has also marked the first full week of school for our Reception children and what a success it has been! The children have settled remarkably well into Marwell Class, embracing the many learning opportunities within our continuous provision. We have already seen some fantastic name-writing and the confidence and enthusiasm they have shown suggests a very bright future ahead.

Across the rest of the school, learning has continued at pace. In Baybridge, Year 3 enjoyed their very first Spanish lesson, supported by Year 4 pupils. It was wonderful to hear their excellent accents as they explored Spanish phonics and noticed similarities and differences between languages. Hensting Class have been deepening their understanding of Hampshire and what makes our county so special, while Morestead have been developing their geographical knowledge through map work, compass points and map symbols.

There have also been some exciting changes to Owslebury Wild Learners this year, with Mrs Chaplen now leading the sessions. Baybridge Class have begun exploring this provision and have fully immersed themselves in imaginative outdoor learning. Ask your child which tree is protected by a dragon or where the fairies live on our school grounds! Time spent outdoors is so valuable for children's wellbeing and creativity, and we know that developing imaginations in nature often has a positive impact on learning back in the classroom too.

As the weather becomes cooler and damper, we know that coughs, colds and seasonal illnesses will begin to appear. We understand when children are genuinely too unwell to attend school; however, for mild illnesses, we can often support children in school through reasonable adjustments, whether that means administering prescribed medication, providing a warm indoor space at breaktime or offering additional care and reassurance. Children are only in school for 190 days each year, compared to 175 non-school days, making every day of learning count. Our attendance target is 95% or above, which equates to missing no more than ten days across the school year. We are determined to achieve the highest attendance figures Owslebury has seen, and we will need the support of every family to make this happen.

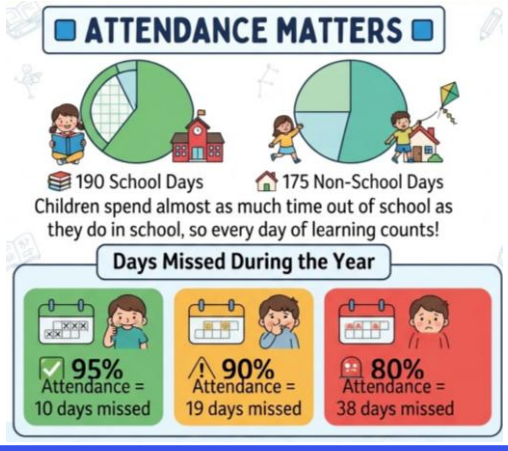
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we can ensure every child has the very best opportunity to thrive.

Warm wishes xxx

ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	84.7%	89.7%
Morestead	91.7%	88.7%
Baybridge	91.1%	92.7%
Hensting	90.3%	93.2%

Whole School Attendance this academic year: 91.8%



Diary Dates

Thursday 24 September 9am	Bag 2 School
Friday 25 September 2.45pm	Certificates Assembly – all welcome
Friday 2 October 2pm	Harvest Festival at St Andrews Church, Owslebury – All parents welcome to attend.
Monday 5 October	Flu immunisations
Friday 9 October	School Photographs
Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	Half term
Monday 2 November	Inset day
Monday 30 November	Inset day
Tuesday 8 December AM	Year R/1/2 Nativity Performance to parents
Thursday 10 December PM	Year R/1/2 Nativity Performance to parents
Friday 11 December 2pm	Christmas at St Andrew's Church, parents are invited to attend.
Friday 18 December 1pm	Carols around the Tree and End of Term Trophies, parents are invited to attend.
Friday 18 December	**Last day of the Autumn Term**
Monday 4 January 2027	**First day of the Spring Term**

NOTIFICATION OF PE AND OUTDOOR LEARNING O.W.LS

OWLS (Owslebury Wild Learners)

PE DAYS

MONDAY	*MORESTEAD*
TUESDAY	*HENSTING*
THURSDAY	*BAYBRIDGE*
WEDNESDAYS	*WHOLE SCHOOL*

Baybridge Class MONDAY PM wellies and waterproof coat needed/ hat and sun cream- weather dependent

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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School Calendar 26-27

These dates are provisional and subject to change. This will be avoided as much as possible.

SEPTEMBER

1st- INSET Day

9th- Teddy Bear Picnic- bring a teddy to join you at lunch

WB 14th- Meet the Teacher 3-3.45pm

- 14th- Baybridge
- 15th – Hensting
- 16th – Marwell
- 17th - Morestead

25th – Certificates Assembly 2.45pm

OCTOBER

2nd - Harvest Festival @ Church 2pm

5th – Flu immunisations

9th- Individual portrait photos

13th & 22nd - Open Morning 27/28 cohort

23rd – Certificates Assembly 2.45pm

26th- 30th- HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

2nd – INSET Day

9th - Open Morning 27/28 cohort

12th - Open Afternoon 27/28 cohort

13th- Children in Need- dress up & bake sale

16th & 17th- Parents Evening

16th- Wear Odd Socks- Antibullying Week

27th- Certificates Assembly 2.45pm

30th- INSET Day

DECEMBER

8th – Year R/1/2 Nativity Performance AM

10th – Year R/1/2 Nativity Performance PM

11th – Christmas @ Church 2pm

18th – End of Term Trophies Assembly 1pm

21st- 1st January- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

JANUARY 2027

4th January- Return to school

Wb 11th- STEM Week

29th- Certificates Assembly 2.45pm

FEBRUARY

Wb 1st- Children's Mental Health Week

5th- NSPCC Number Day

10th- Year 3 /4 Performance PM

11th - Year 3 /4 Performance After School

15th- 19th - HALF TERM

26th - Certificates Assembly 2.45pm

MARCH

Wb 1st- Reading Week including Family Reading Mornings from 8.30am

4th – World Book Day

5th- Mother's Day Event from 2.45pm

19th- Red Nose Day

19th – Easter/ Spring @ Church 2pm

22nd & 23rd - Parents Evening

THURS 25th-End of Term Trophies Assembly 1pm

26th March- 12th April- EASTER HOLIDAYS

APRIL

12th – Return to school

19th- Allergy Awareness Week

THURS 29th - Certificates Assembly 2.45pm

30th- INSET DAY

MAY

3rd- MAY BANK HOLIDAY

4th – May Day Event 3- 4.30pm

Wb 10th – SATS Week

Wb 24th – Sports Week

24th- Class Photos

25th- Sports Day

27th- Reserve Sports Day

28th - Certificates Assembly 2.45pm

JUNE

1st- 4th – HALF TERM

7th – INSET Day

Wb 8th- Multiplication Check Year 4

Wb 14th- Phonic Screening Check Year 1 and 2

18th- Fathers Day Event from 2.45pm

25th- Certificates Assembly 2.45pm

Wb 28th- Creative Arts Week

JULY

2nd- Owslebury's Got Talent

9th – Transition AM (In School)

13th- Year 5/6 Production PM

14th – Year 5/6 Production EVENING

20th- Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm and Year 6 Camp

21st - End of Term Trophies Assembly 1pm

AUGUST

22nd July – 31st August SUMMER HOLIDAYS

1st September 2027- INSET Day (TBC)



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Music Lessons at Owslebury

Sal Wright has been teaching music at Owslebury School for over 20 years and whatever the reason for learning, she aims to make the lessons fun. If you are interested in your child progressing formally and entering exams, she uses several exam boards; if focus is more on progressing using familiar music, she teaches a variety of genres and can also arrange music if there are specific pieces your child would like to learn.

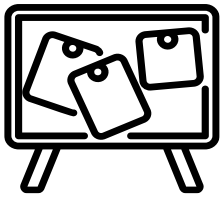
Sal includes theory and aural training as part of lessons, cunningly disguised as games! She teaches several different instruments including recorder, flute, clarinet, piano, violin, keyboard and guitar. Lessons take place in school on Fridays and they rotate each week so that children don't miss the same lesson/playtime every week.

For more information, or to book an introductory lesson, please contact Sal direct:
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🚲 Bikeability This October Half Term

Missed out on Bikeability training this term? Hampshire Outdoors is offering additional Bikeability Level 2 sessions during the October half term at a location close to Owslebury.

🗓️ **Dates**: 27 & 28 October 2026
📍 **Location**: Weeke Primary School, Winchester

These sessions are ideal for children who were unable to attend their school's Level 2 training and would still like to gain this important cycling qualification.

🔗 **To book a place**: Visit the Hampshire Outdoors Bikeability booking page.

Please note that places for Level 2 training are limited. If your child missed their school-based Level 2 course and you would like to enquire about a place, please contact the Bikeability team directly at bikeability.enquiries@hants.gov.uk.

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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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Owslebury Wraparound Care and Sport Sessions

DAYS & TIMES & COSTS

Monday - Friday
Breakfast Club 7:30am - 8:45am - £5.50, 8:15am - 8:45am £2.50
After-school Club 3.20pm - 4:30pm - £6.50
3:20pm - 6pm - £12
Sport sessions - 3:20pm - 4:30pm - £6.50

CLUB MANAGER Ben **CONTACT NUMBER** 07599379889

TIMETABLE

Monday - Dodgeball, arts and crafts and board games
Tuesday - Football, arts and crafts and board games
Wednesday - Tennis, arts and crafts and board games
Thursday - Tag rugby, arts and crafts and board games
Friday - Netball, arts and crafts and board games



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