Newsletter 5 — Friday 2 October 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,

What a wonderful week it has been at Owslebury! Thursday morning saw some fantastic disco moves on the field as children, families and staff came together to start the day with smiles, music and plenty of energy. It was a truly joyful way to begin the morning, and it was lovely to see the positive impact it had as children entered school calmly and ready to learn. Thank you to everyone who joined us. Keep an eye out for details of the next one and don't forget to send your song requests to Mrs Chaplen... otherwise we may end up with Rick Astley on repeat again!

I would also like to share some important staffing news. At the end of this half term, Miss Amey, one of our wonderful Learning Support Assistants, will be leaving Owslebury and will begin reducing her hours from next week. Miss Amey has made a tremendous contribution to our school community and will be greatly missed by both children and staff. Alongside her classroom support, she has been instrumental in developing sporting opportunities across the school, helping children to grow in confidence, resilience and teamwork. Her work with our Sports Crew has been particularly impactful, empowering pupils to take on leadership roles, organise activities and become positive role models for healthy, active lifestyles. Her enthusiasm, encouragement and genuine care for our children have left a lasting legacy, and we thank her sincerely for everything she has done for Owslebury. We wish her every success and happiness in the future.

On a happier note, congratulations are in order for Mrs Phillips, who is expecting her second baby in December. Mrs Phillips' last day in school will be 17th November 2026. To provide continuity and consistency for Marwell Class, her absence will be covered by existing school staff until Mrs Aylward returns from maternity leave in March 2027.

This week has also marked a busy start to October. Baybridge Class enjoyed a visit to Winchester College to explore the River Itchen, taking water samples and investigating local wildlife and river features. It was wonderful to see the children applying their classroom learning in a real-world context and asking thoughtful questions throughout the day.

Today, children represented the school superbly during our Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church. Thanks to your generosity, the altar was filled with donations for Winchester Basics Bank. The children demonstrated great respect and understanding as they reflected on the importance of harvest, farmers, food producers and the changing seasons. We were incredibly proud of their conduct and would like to thank all the families who joined us for this special celebration.

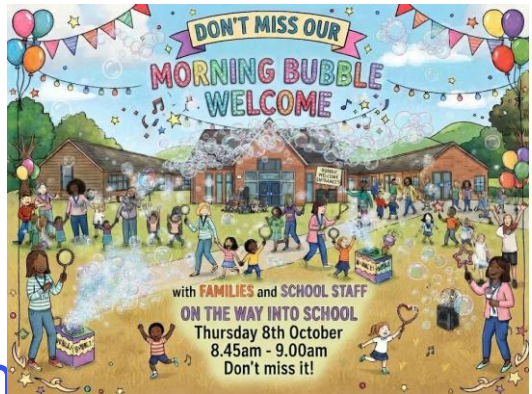
Coming up next week, we have the children's portrait photos on Friday. Make sure they are in full school uniform and wearing their best smiles. On Thursday, children will be welcomed into school with bubbles from 8.45-9am- don't miss it!

Have a wonderful weekend. Warm wishes xxx

ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	94.9%	87.2%
Morestead	90.7%	90.7%
Baybridge	95.8%	92.7%
Hensting	97.3%	94.5%

Whole School Attendance this academic year: 92.3%



Diary Dates

Monday 5 October	Flu immunisations
Thursday 8 October	Morning Bubble Welcome- 8.45-9am
Friday 9 October	School Photographs
Friday 23 October 2:45pm	Celebration Assembly
Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	Half term
Monday 2 November	Inset day
Friday 13 November	Children in Need - TBC
Monday 16 November	To commence anti bullying week, children are asked to come to school wearing odd socks.
Monday 16 November	Parents Evening
Tuesday 17 November	Parents Evening
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.

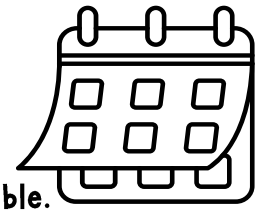
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School Calendar 26-27



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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Noticeboard

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:

Email: **smileymusic@hotmail.co.uk**

Telephone: 07825 704074

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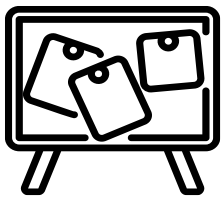
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Hampshire SENDIASS Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

9 OCT 13:00	Considering an EHC Plan? Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process
13 OCT 13:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft
14 OCT 17:30	Appeals to SEND Tribunal A step-by-step guide through the appeals process
20 OCT 13:00	Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP
28 OCT 10:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft
21 OCT 16:00	Alternative Provision What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

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