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,

This week has been full of exciting learning opportunities beyond the classroom, including the very first school trip for our Reception children. Educational visits are such an important part of school life, helping to make learning memorable, purposeful and inspiring. By experiencing things first-hand, children return to school motivated to ask questions, deepen their understanding and apply their learning in meaningful ways. As always, the children were a credit to Owslebury, demonstrating our values and school expectations wherever they went.Marwell and Morestead Classes enjoyed a village walk, collecting data and exploring the local area. A particular highlight was visiting the oldest house in the village, which just so happens to be owned by our Chair of Governors! Meanwhile, Year 4, 5 and 6 visited Winchester College for a fascinating wildlife workshop and talk, which linked perfectly with their Rivers and Heavenly Hampshire learning. The children represented the school brilliantly and returned full of interesting facts and thoughtful questions.

We also enjoyed another successful morning welcome, in what is quickly becoming known as our "Themed Thursdays." It has been wonderful to see families and staff coming together to start the day with joy, laughter and connection. Before children can learn successfully, we must first build positive relationships, and these events are helping us to do exactly that. We have been particularly impressed with how calmly and sensibly the children transition into class afterwards, demonstrating once again the high standards of behaviour we are so proud of at Owslebury.

Today, the children had their school photographs taken and will be bringing home ordering cards over the coming days. We look forward to seeing the finished results! A reminder too that Rotary Club shoeboxes are still available from the school office. Alternatively, you can email the office and we will ensure a box is sent home with your child.

As a school, we continue to reach for the stars and unlock every child's potential. Over the past few weeks, staff have completed baseline assessments, identified target pupils and carefully planned the support needed to help every child make strong progress. This is our responsibility in school, and your role at home is equally important, ensuring children attend regularly so they can benefit fully from the teaching, support and opportunities available to them. We appreciate everything you are doing to promote good attendance and help us give every child the very best chance of success.

Finally, don't forget that next Thursday morning from 8.45am to 9.00am sees the return of our disco-dancing start to the day! Children, families and staff are all welcome to join in. Song requests can once again be sent to Mrs Chaplen, although I'm not sure we can cope with another two rounds of Rick Astley!

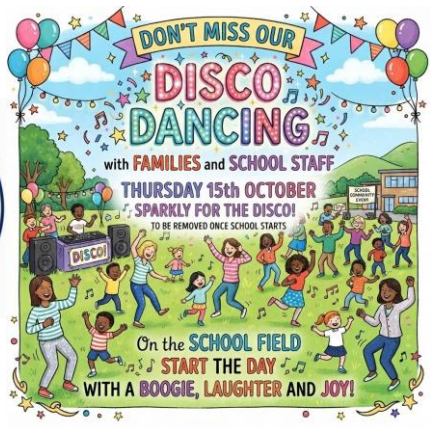
Have a wonderful weekend.
Warm wishes xxx

ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	90.6%	88.0%
Morestead	93.5%	91.2%
Baybridge	93.7%	92.9%
Hensting	96.0%	94.9%

Whole School Attendance this academic year: 92.7%





Diary Dates

Thursday 15 October 8:45 – 9am	Early morning disco – all welcome to join in, children, parents and staff
Thursday 22 October	Crumble Day & Parent afternoon - Year 5 & 6 parents are invited into class to see work and books, and sample delicious crumbles!
Friday 23 October 2:45pm	Celebration Assembly
Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	Half term
Monday 2 November	Inset day
Tuesday 3 November	Hensting – Ancient Greek Hook Day. Year 5 & 6 children are invited to dree up as an Ancient Greek
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 – Marwell, Morestead and Baybridge
Tuesday 17 November	Parents Evening – Whole school
Thursday 19 November	Parents Evening – Hensting
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.

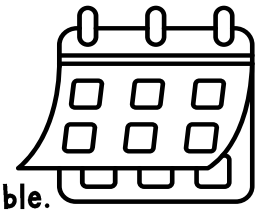
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School Calendar 26-27



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

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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

Spread the Story – Book Trust

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BookTrust is currently running its **Spread the Story Competition for children in Years 3 to 8**.

The competition encourages children to share, in 350 words or fewer, who they would most like to share a story with and how they would share it. Entries can be written or presented as annotated drawings or in a graphic novel style.The competition celebrates the importance of diverse stories and voices in children's literature. The winning school will receive £3,000 worth of inclusive books as well as an author visit.

All entries should be returned to school by
Tuesday 20th October via class teachers.

For more information and details on how to enter, please visit the BookTrust website:Spread the Story Competition | BookTrust
https://www.booktrust.org.uk/resources/find-resources/spread-the-story-competition/

We wish any children who choose to enter
the very best of luck! 🍀

Noticeboard



We are looking for a new **parent governor**- please get in touch with the school office or Mrs Chaplen to express your interest.





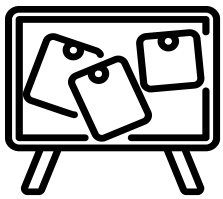
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Hampshire SENDIASS Online Workshops

- 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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