

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,

Thank you once again for your generosity. On Wednesday, the Winchester Basics Bank came to collect our Harvest donations and were so pleased to receive such kindness from our Owslebury Primary family.

Across the school, it's been another week full of creativity, curiosity and pride in learning. **Hensting** Class have been channelling their imaginations through clay, sculpting incredible dragon creations in art. **Baybridge** Class have been developing their design and technology skills as they work on clever pop-up book mechanisms. **Morestead** Class have been studying plants and their features, showing great curiosity and demonstrating real aspiration to become budding botanists. Meanwhile, **Marwell** Class have been embracing the outdoors, exploring the changing signs of autumn and using their discoveries to create beautiful, nature-inspired pictures of their families.

The standards of work across the school have been fantastic, with children showing such pride in their presentation, handwriting and use of new vocabulary. Their resilience and determination to achieve their very best has been inspiring, and I couldn't be prouder of how much effort everyone is putting into their learning.

Next week brings two exciting events! On Monday morning, we will host our first open morning for prospective new parents. We can't wait to showcase our warm, nurturing and inspirational school. Also on Monday, we are thrilled to be officially launching Owslebury Wild Learners (OWLS) with some very special guests from Liberty's Owl and Raptor Centre. It promises to be a memorable event that celebrates our love of outdoor learning, supporting wellbeing and care for the natural world.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and encouragement. Owslebury is a truly special place because of the way we all work together and it should never be underestimated.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

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ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	100%	99.3%
Morestead	97.01%	95.4%
Baybridge	94.81%	95.7%
Hensting	88.9%	94.5%

Each day missed...

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and connections to friends
- Makes school completion less likely
- Makes the transition into the workforce or tertiary education, post school, less likely to be successful

What families can do...

- Be firm: send your child to school every day, all day, unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments and extra-curricular activities outside of school
- Avoid taking holidays during term time
- Seek help early before your concerns become serious

Dates for the diary



Monday 13th October	OPEN MORNING—YrR 2026
Monday 13th October 2:30pm	OWLS Launch event—all welcome
Friday 17th October am	Collection of Rotary Club Shoeboxes
Tuesday 21st October	Baybridge Class trip to Butser Farm
Thursday 23rd October	Morestead Fairy Tale Celebration Day– dress-up
Friday 24th October @2.45pm	Celebration Assembly
Friday 24th October	Marwell Fairy Tale dress up day
Friday 24th October	Halloween Disco
Friday 7th November- 8.45-9.30am	Morestead PLT Open Class – Drop-in
Monday 10th November	OPEN MORNING—Yr R 2026
Tuesday 11th November	Bags 2 School collection
Monday 17th November	Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 20th November	FLU immunisations (whole school—see email sent out earlier this week) 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
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 1 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.

INFORMATION



Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, applications for children transferring to secondary school in September 2026 are now open.

Applications can be submitted [online](#) or parents can request a form by email-ing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2025.

- Name three schools on your application to maximise your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.
 - Submit your application on-time, before the 31 October deadline.
- Use the County Council's [school catchment area finder](#) to check the catchment school for your address
- Read the school's admission policies to find out how many places are available and what criteria will be used to allocate places if the school is oversubscribed.
- Think about how your child will get to school. See [travel to school](#) to help plan your journey and find out if you are eligible for help with transport. You must name your catchment school(s) if you have one, as a preference if you wish to apply for travel assistance.

Owslebury School HOLIDAY CLUB

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

Early Bird 15% off
Code: Autumn15
Expires 3rd October

AGES YEAR R- YEAR 7
PRICES FROM £27
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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

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

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Wrap Around Care contact de-



THE FRIENDS
of Owslebury School

Friends of Owslebury School

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.



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.

Georgia
Morestead
Class

Class Page In the Spotlight!

Hubey
Marwell Class

Word Bank

roots leaves fruit flowers stem

How does the plant get nutrients?

Hubey was reluctant to write his numbers UNTIL his hand started moving. He was AMAZING! He then moved onto choosing a number and collecting the right amount of items in the classroom. A superstar!

Magic

skipped to her house. She had lots of food in her basket the wolf was hiding in the woods.

Malachy
Morestead Class

Isaac
Hensting Class

LO: I can write an entertaining narrative / narrative build

DRP: ~~construct~~ ~~construct~~ ~~construct~~ instruct

is there a full stop here?

It was a quiet, misty night. Monsters circled over-head. ~~There~~ ^{this} demon had ~~dark~~ ^{black} hair, leathery wings, massive, scaly bodies and mouths with teeth as big as a full-grown man's and they were aiming for the lonely village on the Isle of Berk. Suddenly, more and more of these blood-thirsty beasts started arriving, all eager to kill. Then there was a howl of what the norwigans call... dragons! Their ~~fire~~ ^{fire} ~~to~~ ^{Three} mouths opened ready to bite!

All at once, the dragons swooped down like a bird of prey, their mouths opening to burn down the tiny village. As the monsters started beating fire the villagers were still unaware. The ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~hotter~~ ^{hotter} than the core of the sun. As each flame the fire was as hot as the core of the sun. As the flames ~~trapped~~ ^{trapped} hopped from house to house the villagers were still fast asleep. Then the snatching began, innocent sheep were lifted up and away.

Villagers left from their beds, they grabbed their weapons and ~~stood~~ ^{stood} their ground. As one monster was killed they lit massive torches.

Wilf
Hensting Class

Year 5 Homework, Autumn Term Week 3

Maths: Speedy Six

2297
+2211

4510
11

336
198
1

458
x 7
3206
45

- What is 5432 rounded to the nearest hundred?
- What is $32.1 \div 10$?
- What is the value of the underlined digit? 5433?
- $2299 + 2211 =$
- $877 - 688 =$
- $33 \times 6 =$

1. What is 76991 rounded to the nearest ten thousand?

2. What is $9873.2 \div 1000$?

3. What is the value of the underlined digit? 4,543,221?

4. $334 + 32.77 =$

5. $7554.2 - 544.6 =$

6. $458 \times 7 =$

Spellings
Practise your spellings on EdShed in preparation for the test next week

Optional SPAG question (1 housepoint if completed)

In which sentence is lock a verb?

Tick one.

Aisha closed the box and fastened the lock.

Make sure you lock the gate before you leave. ✓

I think I need to buy a new bike lock.

The lock can only be opened with this special key.

1. 5400 ✓	6. 198 ✓	11. 1009.6 ✓
2. 3.21 ✓	7. 80000 ✓	12. 3206 ✓
3. 400 ✓	8. 7.8732 ✓	
4. 4510 ✓	9. 4000000 ✓	
5. 109 ✓	10. 1009.6 ✓	

National Parenting week- October 20th 2025

Parenting is a privileged position- but that doesn't always mean that it's easy! Across the week of **October 20th**, parents of children in Winchester Primary Schools are invited to access free advice from a variety of experts. Some of the sessions are in person, some will take place online and all of them are **FREE**. We hope that you will find the information relevant and useful. Information about booking onto each session will be sent to you in mid-October unless it is already included in the following information.

Monday 20 th	Online: 8-9 p.m. The Digital Dilemma- Keeping Safe Online		
Tuesday 21 st	Online: 10.30-11.30 The Digital Dilemma- Keeping Safe Online	Online: 7-9 Youth Options – Introduction to Non-Violent Resistance Training	
Wednesday 22 nd	In Person (St Peter's Catholic Primary School):9.30-11.00 Sacha Welch Citizens Advice- Developing financial resilience	Online: 8-9 p.m. The Digital Dilemma- Keeping Safe Online	Online: 8-8.45 p.m. Lorraine Lee- Helping children to thrive at school and home
Thursday 23 rd	In Person at Westgate Sports Hall 10.30-11.00 and 1.30-2.00 Dr Sarah Coles (EMTAS) Multilingual children and families in Hampshire schools	Online: 7.30-8.30 p.m. The Digital Dilemma- Keeping Safe Online	In Person 7.30 at St Bede: Smart Phone Free Childhood with Clare Fernyhough

Information about each session from the Providers:

Monday 20th (and through the week)

The Digital Dilemma- Regional Cyber Crime Team

Whilst many other crimes types are declining, in our digital age Cyber Crime is on the rise and is frequently cited as a top concern amongst our communities.

The Regional Police Cyber Crime team are running webinars to help you, as parents and carers, to keep you and your family safe in today's cyber landscape. We'll equip you with easy-to-implement steps to protect your loved ones in the digital age, while mitigating online harm. What you need to know, without the technical jargon.

There will be two different topics covered across these webinars:

Cyber Protect sessions focus on cyber security best practice for you and your family, social media safety, gaming risks and highlights some of the parental controls you can put in place to minimise online harm for your children.

The Cyber Choices webinar will explain the Cyber Choices intervention programme, which aims to support you in safeguarding against the risks of your children from becoming involved in committing computer misuse crimes, and will teach you some of the signs and symptoms to look out for as well as giving an understanding of the legal boundaries surrounding computer misuse.

Each session will have an interactive Q&A at the end.

Tuesday 21st

Introduction to- Non- Violent Resistance (NVR) Training. Youth Options- Vikki Hill

Our bespoke support for families across Hampshire experiencing challenging behaviours including violence, school refusal, self-harm and risk taking. During the two-hour taster session, you will gain an understanding of what NVR is and how it can be adapted to all ages and needs of individual young people.

We will look at a brief history of NVR how it can be adapted for individuals or family specific needs. We will introduce you to some of the 'tools' of NVR.

You will get to hear 'honest' messages from parents who have completed the course and will hopefully be able to learn a little about yourself and take away a 'new' technique to try at home. NVR works on the principle that old authority is no longer working with many of our young people but that does not mean no authority, or not addressing challenging behaviour that is affecting your family. Instead NVR promotes a new kind of authority.

Our session will be led by one of our accredited practitioners who has been working with NVR principles for over 7 years.

Wednesday 22nd

Take Control of Your Money: Simple Skills for Everyday Life- Sacha Welch, Citizens Advice

Money worries affect many of us, but with a few simple money management skills, it's possible to stay in control and reduce the stress of making ends meet. Our interactive and engaging workshop will look at some simple steps you can take such as creating—and sticking to—a monthly budget, finding ways to cut everyday costs (for food and household bills), and being aware of possible financial support that you could be entitled to. These simple steps can all make a real difference.

In the workshop, you'll also learn tips on how to make smart decisions about your money, avoid debt, and work towards your personal goals—whether that's saving for something important or preparing for an unexpected expense.

Helping children to thrive at School and Home – Lorraine Lee

A 45 minute online workshop exploring specific, practical tools and strategies parents can use to help their children succeed at school and home.

The tools support children to feel capable and confident, follow instructions, manage boundaries, interact with others, try new things, and recover from setbacks.

The session will be led by Lorraine Lee, a professional parenting practitioner with a background in child development and psychology.

The session is free to attend. Please use this link to register

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/k9O48lKrTgesLG2i-E11DA>



Thursday 23rd

Dr Sarah Coles Team Leader: Hampshire Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS) Multilingual children and families in Hampshire schools

Altogether, over 160 different languages are spoken by Hampshire children and their families. This often leads to questions. Knowing their child is taught in English at school, some parents wonder if they should switch to English at home too; others worry that speaking other languages will slow their child's progress or confuse their child. Many feel they can't help their child with school work because they don't know what is being taught at school.

If you have questions like these, or if you just want to know more about the benefits of bringing up your child in more than one language, come and learn more about how EMTAS can support your family.



Clare Fernyhough is a Hampshire mum and co-founder of **Smartphone Free Childhood** - a movement on a mission to change the culture around children and smartphones, and protect childhood for longer.

She'll talk about the problem with smartphones, and what parents can do to protect their children in the digital age.

Come and join other parents finding out more.



Look out for how to book onto the sessions- additional information will be sent out soon.

We do hope these sessions are helpful and interesting and thank you for engaging in this offer.

