

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,

What a wonderful week it has been at Owslebury! Our Open Morning on Monday was a roaring success, with most of our visitors saying they came after hearing recommendations from our current families - thank you so much for spreading the word and helping us share what makes our school so special. Please do keep it up!

Tuesday morning was one of the proudest moments of my teaching career. Taking the whole school to St. Andrew's Church for the village Remembrance Service was truly moving. It was a poignant and beautiful occasion, and the children were incredibly respectful throughout. Many people commented on their wonderful singing and how much their presence added to such a special event.

This week has also seen our dedicated staff continue their own learning and professional growth. Our latest Continuous Professional Development focused on raising attainment further, deepening our understanding of maths mastery, and embedding the new EYFS changes in practice. It's inspiring to see staff modelling lifelong learning so that our children benefit from the very best teaching every day.

Today, we've had lots of bright colours, spots and pyjamas around school as we marked Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who donated and joined in the fun - every contribution makes a difference. If you'd still like to donate, the link was shared by email and can also be found in our Instagram bio.

A gentle reminder to all our parents and carers: if an incident ever occurs at drop-off, collection, or any other time around school, please avoid any confrontations or raised voices where children might overhear. It's always best to share any concerns directly with the school through the office, so we can help resolve matters swiftly and appropriately. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining the calm, respectful environment that makes our school such a positive place for everyone.

This week has really shown the strength of our community and how powerful collaboration can be when we come together to support others. It provides our children with real-life examples of kindness, respect and responsibility, values that are at the heart of Owslebury's ethos.

Have a lovely weekend x

ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	94.4%	98.6%
Morestead	91.9%	95%
Baybridge	94.8%	96.3%
Hensting	91.8%	94.2%



Running Late?

If you are delayed for drop-off or collection, please let the school office know as soon as possible. This helps us keep children safe and reassured, and ensures staff can make the right arrangements. Thank you.



Dates for the diary



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
Friday 28th November	Non-Uniform Day—Bottle Tombola
Monday 1st December	INSET DAY CLOSURE
Friday 5th December	Non-Uniform day—Chocolate Tombola
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
Tuesday 16th December	Secret Santa Shopping Event. Volunteers needed for Wrapping.
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.

Bags2School

Thank you to all those who donated for Bags 2 School. The collection raised **£171** for the FRIENDS and will be put towards the school.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to all those who have donated. We have smashed our target of £100 and currently have raised **£126**

Wrap Around Care contact details

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INFORMATION



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!

DATE: 19.11.2025 **TIME:** 3:30 - 4:15

LOCATION: Owslebury School Hall

MORE NEW BOOKS to look out for!

Books from **£2.99**

DISCOVER MORE BOOKS ONLINE!

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases

All books subject to availability.

Payment at our Book Fair

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 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 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.

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 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](#)



THE FRIENDS
of Owslebury School

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<p>Kids Disco</p> <p>HALLOWEEN DISCO 4.30-5pm</p> <p>24 OCTOBER</p>	<p>Family Event</p> <p>CHRISTMAS FAIR 3.30-6pm</p> <p>5 DECEMBER</p>
<p>Adult Social</p> <p>QUIZ NIGHT</p> <p>6 FEBRUARY</p>	<p>Kids Event</p> <p>MOVIE NIGHT</p> <p>20 MARCH</p>
<p>Family Event</p> <p>MAY DAY FUN</p> <p>1 MAY</p>	<p>Family Event</p> <p>SUMMER FAIR</p> <p>SATURDAY IN JULY TBC</p>

FAMILY

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

PRE ORDER YOUR READY BAKED KIT
BY 12 NOON 21ST NOVEMBER
£10 ENTRY

COLLECT FRIDAY 21ST AFTER SCHOOL

BRING YOUR DECORATED MASTERPIECE TO
THE CHRISTMAS FAIR ON DECEMBER 5TH
FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE

EMAIL: FRIENDSOFOWSLEBURY@GMAIL.COM TO ENTER

2025

CHRISTMAS FAIR

5TH DEC. (AFTER SCHOOL) 2025

THE WINTER TERM IS IN FULL SWING AND IT WILL SOON BE TIME FOR US TO CELEBRATE AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR. HERE BE OUR ANNUAL CALL OUT FOR SUPPORT AND KIND DONATIONS - ALL DETAILED BELOW...

NON UNIFORM DAYS

In exchange for your generous (voluntary) donations.

- **FRIDAY 28th Nov** - Please bring in a bottle for our **BOTTLE** tombola. A bottle of anything please!
- **FRIDAY 5th Dec (Christmas fair day)**- Please bring in a chocolate donation for our **CHOCOLATE** tombola. A selection box, sweets or wrapped chocolate. No nuts please!

FILL A STRIPEY TREAT BAGS - We are asking families to please fill these with little treats for children to win. e.g little toys /stationery /stickers/ sweets and/or chocolates. They will be in your child's book bag this weeks. Please make sure any food is pre-wrapped with no nut products!! Return day is 21st Nov. If you are feeling extra generous there are spare bags in the school office.

BAKE OR MAKE for the Friends cafe - Would you be able to donate a cake or treat for the fair? If YES then please contact Anna Knight on 07971839308

VOLUNTEER TO HELP- If you have an hour or two to spare helping set up/ pack down or helping in a stall then please let Kate know on 07775332649, be great to have you for any time you have to spare!

THANK YOU

WE NEED YOUR
HELP!

£2 entry per family

THE FRIENDS OF OWSLEBURY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 3.30-6PM

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

SANTAS WAGON & GROTTO

HOT FOOD

MULLED WINE

GAMES

FRIENDS CAFE

FACE PAINTING

OWSLEBURY SCHOOL CHOIR

BOTTLE & CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

ACTIVE 8 MINDS

ROMSEY 'LETS SING' CHOIR

OWLS CHRISTMAS CRAFT

& THE RAFFLE

The Friends of Owslebury are raising money to support our small but MIGHTY school - with a particular focus on the new OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA FOR 2026 & BEYOND

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 Viables 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



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!



Active8 Minds Sport & childcare specialists

OWSLEBURY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER & TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER
MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER & TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER

- ✓ SPORTS ZONE
- ✓ ACTION ZONE
- ✓ CHILL ZONE
- ✓ ART AND CRAFTS
- ✓ FESTIVE FUN



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On behalf of Winchester Rotary may I take this opportunity to thank the pupils and staff of Owlesbury Primary School for their contribution to this year's Rotary Wessex's Christmas Shoebox appeal. We have delivered 719 boxes this year to our District depot in Boscombe which have helped make up a total of over 19,000 boxes collected from some 50 Rotary clubs in our Wessex District for disadvantaged children in Montenegro,

Moldova, Romania and Ukraine.

They are now on their way to their various destinations to bring joy at this festive time. We do so much appreciate your school's ongoing support for this worthwhile cause.

