

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,

Christmas has officially arrived at Owslebury, with Nativity rehearsals underway, decorations brightening our classrooms and the sound of carol singing filling our assemblies. There is a lovely buzz around school as the children get into the festive spirit.

This week, I've noticed a real increase in children's confidence and pride in their learning. From writing detailed instructions on how to catch a star, to crafting narrative stories with accurately punctuated dialogue, their writing has been impressive. In maths, children have been exploring how numbers are formed, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, multiplying fractions and solving increasingly challenging problems. Their determination to achieve their best has shone through in every year group.

On Monday, staff took part in a very productive INSET day, focusing on how we can make our curriculum more interconnected while ensuring key knowledge is "sticky" and memorable for all learners. We also revisited feedback from the summer parent survey, particularly around behaviour. In response, we have written a draft of our new behaviour policy, which we will be sharing soon for your feedback. It is important to us as a school that we remain *curious, not furious* and ensure children experience *connection before correction*. Behaviour is communication, and understanding the underlying causes helps us support every child effectively and compassionately.

We've also begun thinking ahead to our Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church next Friday. The children have been learning about what the Christingle represents, and we've reflected on how its light reminds us of the kindness we can spread throughout the world- something our Owslebury community demonstrates so beautifully each day.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Fair this weekend, organised by our fantastic PTA Friends who are working hard to raise funds for an edible garden. Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful community event.

A gentle reminder to please complete the parent survey using the link below. Thank you to those who have already shared their feedback – it is incredibly valuable to us. <https://forms.office.com/e/dCHShLtR1d>

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

x

ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	100%	98.8%
Morestead	96.6%	95.1%
Baybridge	94.2%	95.9%
Hensting	98%	94.9%



Updated school guidance about attendance processes at Owslebury Primary School on the following page.

You can access the more information via our website:

www.owslebury.hants.sch.uk/attendance

Attendance Update

Attendance Concerns Flowchart



Children's attendance to school is monitored on a case by case basis and actions and interventions are carried out as required. We want to work with you and your child in a supportive manner to improve and maintain good attendance

IF A CHILDS ATTENDANCE FALLS BELOW 95%

If there are emerging concerns about attendance, a letter will be sent out outlining our concerns and reminding parent/carers of the importance of good attendance and encourage parents/carers to seek support and advice.

DOES CHILDS ATTENDANCE IMPROVE?

YES

No further action. Child's attendance is monitored in line with school policy.

NO

A second letter will be sent home to parents. Where appropriate, medical evidence will be requested to authorise additional absences.

YES

No further action. Child's attendance is monitored in line with school policy.

DOES A CHILDS ATTENDANCE IMPROVE?

NO

- Parent/Carers will be invited into school for a meeting with Attendance Lead. Attendance action plan will be agreed
- Fixed Penalty Notice warning letter will be sent if there are further sessions of unauthorised absences.

YES

Child's attendance is closely monitored in line with school policy. Medical evidence will still be requested to authorise additional absences.

DOES CHILDS ATTENDANCE IMPROVE?

NO

- Fixed Penalty Notice will be requested
- or
- A referral will be made to the Educational Welfare Service

Why is regular attendance so important?

Being in school every day that it is open, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development.

Our focus is on maximising pupils' time in the classroom, as evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results. (his may seem a long way off but good habits start now!)

Here's what the data shows:

- Pupils with higher attainment at KS2 and KS4 had lower levels of absence over the key stage compared to those with lower attainment.
- Pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in had an overall absence rate of 4.7% over the key stage, compared with 3.5% among pupils who achieved the expected standard and 2.7% among those who achieved the higher standard.
- Generally, the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage at KS2 and KS4, the lower the level of attainment at the end of the key stage.
- Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS2, 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent.
- Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS4, 83.7% achieved grades 9 to 4 in English and maths compared to 35.6% of pupils who were persistently absent.

Attendance Ladder



Dates for the diary



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.
Wednesday 17th December	Fundraising event in school for Naomi House. Details to come next week. Donation link : Owslebury Primary School Owslebury is fundraising for Naomi House & Jacksplace
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Lunch in school
Friday 19th December 1.15pm	Celebration Assembly & Carols around the tree
Monday 5th January 2026	Beginning of term

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Job Vacancy Advert

Our cleaning company, Atlas Cleaners, are trying to recruit a cleaner for 15 hours a week to clean our school each evening. Please see the job advert included in the link below.

[School Cleaner in Winchester - Atlas FM](#)

December 2025



Get Togethers

4th December, 10-12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet GU51 5FA -

10th December, 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viabes Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ

16th December, 10-12pm: Eastleigh - St Francis Hall, Nightingale Avenue SO50 9JH - ****SENDIASS ATTENDING to offer 1:1 support****

17th December, 8-9pm: online Evening - Meeting ID: 890 6612 2644 Passcode: GT

19th December, 10-12pm: Alresford Get Together - The Swan Hotel, Alresford, SO24 9AD

Join us

- 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

Hampshire SENDIASS

This month

Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the **Eastleigh** 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



Understanding Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) in the 14-25 Transition Years

Free online session : 19th December , 12.30pm

Language helps young people grow and become independent. But when understanding or expressing words is hard, life gets tougher.

DLD is lifelong, and its effects continue into adulthood.



Join Claire a parent engagement officer with Afasic and Ineke a help line volunteer as they share a parent's perspective on:

- What DLD can look like in teenagers
- The challenges young people face as they transition into adulthood
- The impacts it can have, both within the classroom and in wider life
- How parents and carers can better understand and support them

Book your tickets now for this free Event : <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>



BURNOUT IN THE LEAD-UP TO CHRISTMAS

with a guest speaker Ellie - Lived Experience Trainer | Autism & ADHD

17th December - 11am - online Session

Join Ellie as she shares her lived experience of autism, ADHD, and navigating the pressures of the festive season.

Ellie brings honest insight as an ADHD, Autistic adult, and mum to two autistic teenagers.

A supportive, relatable session to help you make the festive period more manageable.

This session will explore:

- What burnout can look and feel like in the run-up to Christmas
- Why the festive period can be particularly challenging for autistic and ADHD individuals
- Practical techniques and preparation strategies from Ellie's lived experience
- How parents and caregivers can support autistic or ADHD young people during this time
- Ways to reduce overwhelm and create a more manageable, meaningful holiday season



To book onto this session please use our Ticket tailor link : <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>

