

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 celebrations are now in full swing across the school, and what a joyful week it has been. We kicked off the festive season with an incredible Christmas Fair, thanks to our wonderful PTA, the Friends of Owslebury. A huge congratulations to Joey for winning the Gingerbread House competition, and a special thank you to Mrs Cope for leading not one, but two fabulous choir performances filled with festive cheer. We were even treated to a special visit from Father Christmas himself! The staff enjoyed their own audience with him too, making sure they were firmly on the nice list. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, whether by attending, helping or contributing; it truly brought our community together.



Throughout the week, we've also enjoyed beautiful Nativity performances from Marwell and Morestead Classes, including a special showing for some of our governors and volunteers. The feedback has been wonderful (even for the snoring sheep!). I am immensely proud of the children, whose confidence and resilience shone through in every song and line. A huge thank you to our incredible staff - Mrs KS, Mrs Aylward, Mrs Kenth, Ms Weston and Miss Amey - for their patience, creativity and dedication. It may have been a "bumpy journey", but the destination was most definitely worth it!

Hensting Class rounded off their topic with an exciting trip to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium. They represented the school beautifully and enjoyed discovering new scientific facts while proudly sharing the knowledge they've gained in school. Meanwhile, Baybridge have been busy putting the finishing touches to their stop-motion animations in computing. From stick-man flip books to frame-by-frame photography, they have shown true creativity and enthusiasm. We can't wait to see the final results.

This afternoon, we look forward to welcoming you to our Christingle and Carol Service at St Andrew's Church, Owslebury, at 2pm. The children have worked incredibly hard in their house teams and classes to prepare for this special celebration, thinking carefully about the meaning of the Christingle and how its light represents the kindness we can share with others.

Thank you to all parents who have already completed the parent survey. Your input is invaluable in shaping and celebrating our small school. To ensure as many voices as possible are heard, we have extended the closing date to Friday 19th December 2025. Your support and feedback are truly appreciated. Link to survey: [Owslebury Parent Survey – Fill out form](#)

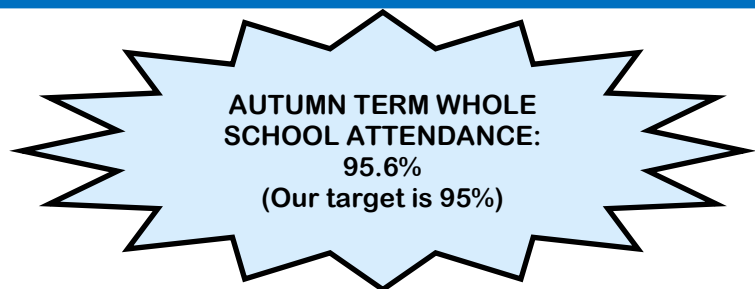
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and a continued festive season. xXx

ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	100%	98.9%
Morestead	95.5%	95.1%
Baybridge	96.3%	96%
Hensting	97.5%	95.2%

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



95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Attendance

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.

- 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

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

DOES A CHILDS ATTENDANCE IMPROVE?

NO

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YES

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

NO

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

Nativity Highlights



Dates for the diary



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

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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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NOTIFICATION OF PE and FOREST SCHOOL Spring Term 1

OWLS Morestead Class MONDAY PM wellies and waterproof coat needed

PE DAYS
 MONDAY BAYBRIDGE
 TUESDAY MORESTEAD/ 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.

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>

