

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,

As we come to the end of the autumn term, and my first term as Headteacher, I want to take a moment to reflect. It has been a real learning curve, filled with memorable moments, from launching our OWLS outdoor learning provision, to standing alongside the village community at the Remembrance Service, and sharing daily pride as pupils showed me their learning. Standards are rising, staff are growing in strength, and the school continues to move forward. It remains a truly special place to work, and I am excited about the journey ahead.



In school, the hard work has continued right up until the final days of term. Across all classes, children have been editing and publishing their writing, with Marwell showing increasing confidence in handwriting. I have loved reading imaginative planets from Hensting, engaging narratives from Baybridge, and poems from Morestead rich in thoughtful vocabulary. The children have immersed themselves in inspiring topics and consistently demonstrated our school values, so it is no surprise they are ready for a well earned rest.

Of course, it hasn't all been hard work. We have also enjoyed festive moments with Christmas Jumper Day and our Christmas lunch. Thank you to the PTA for the crackers and to our wonderful kitchen staff for another outstanding meal. PTA Christmas Shopping brought lots of excitement, with children carefully choosing gifts for loved ones. The reindeer run raised money for Naomi House and Jack's Place, and it was wonderful to see the children taking part with such enthusiasm. There is still time to donate via JustGiving if you would like to support this cause.

Finally, thank you to our whole community. Our staff have worked tirelessly to support the children, our parents and carers have been patient and supportive, and our village residents have generously given their time and involvement. Together, we are building something very special.

This time of year is not always joyous for everyone, but it does offer us a chance to pause, rest and reflect. I hope the coming weeks bring moments of calm, connection and happiness with those you love.



I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2026. x

ATTENDANCE

CLASS	Weekly Attendance	Average This Year
Marwell	100%	98.9%
Morestead	82%	94.2%
Baybridge	94%	95.9%
Hensting	94.4%	95.2%

AUTUMN TERM WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:
95.3%
(Our target is 95%)

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

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



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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](#)

Dates for the diary



Monday 5th January 2026	Beginning of term—children return to school
Thursday 8th January 1:30pm	Sleeping Beauty pantomime in school for all children
Monday 12th January pm	Years 3 and 4 swimming—please have swimming hat, goggles if needed, no baggy swimming costumes. Packed lunch this day please.
Monday 19th January pm	Years 3 and 4 swimming
Monday 26th January pm	Years 3 and 4 swimming
Wednesday 28th January	Badminton Event at Kings School (info to come)
Thursday 29th January	Cross Country @ The Greggs School (info to come)
Friday 30th January @ 2:45pm	Celebration Assembly
Monday 2nd February	Years 3 and 4 swimming
Friday 6th February pm	FRIENDS Quiz night
Monday 9th February pm	Years 3/4 swimming (last session)
Tuesday 10th February 3:45pm	Athletics event at Kings School
Friday 13th February	Bikeability—Year 6 Children. Information to come next term.
Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February	HALF TERM
Monday 23rd February	INSET day
Friday 27th February @2:45pm	Celebration Assembly
Monday 2nd March	Catch Up Swimming sessions (more information to come for those involved)
Monday 9th March	Catch Up swimming
Friday 13th March @ 2:30pm	Mothers' Day Event
Monday 16th March pm	Catch Up Swimming
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief FRIENDS Bunny Hop Disco @ 4:30pm
Monday 23rd March pm	Catch up swimming—last session
Tuesday 24th March	Easter/ Spring Celebration at the church
Friday 27th March	End of Term. 1pm: End of Term Assembly and Trophies

NOTIFICATION OF PE and FOREST SCHOOL Spring Term 1

OWLS Morestead Class MONDAY PM wellies and waterproof coat needed

SWIMMING: Baybridge Class from 12th January until half term. MUST have a swimming hat for long hair, swimming costume not too baggy, towel and a coat.

PE DAYS

MONDAY BAYBRIDGE (swimming first half term)

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.