

# Otterbourne Church of England Primary School

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## Year R Newsletter 1 - September 2023

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we want to say how proud we are of the children for settling in so well. They have loved exploring their new school. Also, a big well done to you - you managed to send your child off to school without too many of your own tears...!



These newsletters will give you useful information and reminders, as well as letting you know what themes we will follow.

What are we learning in the Autumn term?

**Who am I?** To develop my own personality, recognising what makes me special. Appreciate that everyone is unique and their differences and similarities can be celebrated.



**How do we celebrate?**

To develop my knowledge and sense of the world by talking about events and celebrations which are important to me and my community.

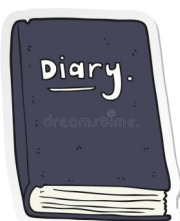
Phonics and Reading



This week, the children will be starting our school phonics scheme "Bug Club". We have already done a revision week on Phase 1 which introduces books and encourages careful listening and attention - these are the critical building blocks when learning to blend and segment words for reading and writing.

Today we began introducing Phase 2 initial sounds week. We will be holding a Bug Club phonics and reading information session on Thursday 5th October after school at 3.30pm. Your child can stay at school with a member of staff if you can't make other arrangements. Notes and slides will be available on the school website Year R pages following the event.

We have just a few outstanding puddle suits, so can they be in school by Thursday, if they are not already here. The children have enjoyed forest school already but the woods were nice and dry! The wellies and waterproofs will stay in school all year. PE kit will go home for a wash each half term.



Dates for your diary (if **bold**, then parents are invited). There will be more information about these events in other letters which will be emailed to you and put on the website:

**Thursday 5th October at 3.30pm Phonics and Reading information session**

Friday 6th October Harvest Service in church

**Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th October Parents Evening (more info will follow)**

Monday 16th INSET Day - school closed to children

Half term Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October

Friday 10th November Remembrance Service

Friday 1st December Advent Service

**Wed 6th December Year R Nativity in church pm**

Tuesday 12th December Panto in Village Hall

Thursday 14th December School Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December is the last school day before Christmas

