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THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.



Dear Families

Last week, I commented on not being out of school with the children too often and here we are just about to get on a coach to London as we take around 50 children to the O2 for the Young Voices concert. I know some of you will be joining us later and I am sure you are going to thoroughly enjoy it!

We will include some photos about this incredible experience next week. In the meantime, I hope you have a great weekend.

This time next week we will be getting ready for our first family quiz night. If you want to come along, the details are in the poster below.

Best wishes for a great weekend.

Mr Geraghty

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

PROVE YOU'RE THE CLEVER ONE IN THE FAMILY!
COME AND JOIN US AT OUR FIRST EVER FAMILY FRIENDLY QUIZ & BINGO NIGHT

Bring along your own snacks and we'll provide a cash/card bar.

Prizes for the winners and all money raised goes to the school.

FRIDAY 30TH JAN 26

FROM 5:30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL, QUIZ STARTS AT 6PM

TICKETS
£3 INDIVIDUAL TICKETS
£10 FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR
2 YEAR OLDS AND UNDER GO FREE

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Sporting Success

SAINTS FOUNDATION TOURNAMENT – 16/01/26

Otterbourne had an exciting day at the Southampton FC Primary School Football Tournament! We joined 15 other schools from across the Southampton area and entered two brilliant teams — one boys' team and one girls' team.

Both teams played with fantastic teamwork, skills, and enthusiasm throughout the day. The boys played brilliantly and managed to win their tournament, while the girls showed amazing determination and came a fantastic second place overall! The girls also finished the tournament with the most goals scored and the fewest goals conceded out of all teams — an incredible achievement!

Because of their great performances, both teams have now qualified for Finals Day, where they will get to play against the best teams in the Southampton area. Everyone represented the school superbly, showing respect, determination and pride. A special thank you to Mr Godfrey, who coached the girls team wonderfully.

Well done to all our players — we are very proud of you!

Mr O'Dowd



| Otterbourne Mixed | | | |
|------------------------|-----|------------------|----|
| WIDE LANE PRELIMINARY | | | |
| SCHEDULE | | STANDINGS | |
| MIXED PM | PLD | PTS | GD |
| 1 ↑ Otterbo... Mixed | 7 | 17 | 7 |
| 2 ↑ Bartley Mixed | 6 | 16 | 14 |
| 3 ↑ The Cres... xed A | 6 | 16 | 10 |
| 4 ↑ The Cres... xed B | 5 | 13 ^{*3} | 5 |
| 5 ↑ St Patric... Mixed | 6 | 13 | 5 |

| GIRLS PM | PLD | PTS | GD |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| 1 ↑ Bartley Girls | 6 | 18 | 12 |
| 2 ↑ Otterbour... Girls | 7 | 16 | 18 |
| 3 ↑ Hook- with- ... irls | 6 | 13 | 14 |
| 4 ↑ Cherbourg... rls A | 6 | 13 | 9 |
| 5 ↑ Herne Girls | 6 | 13 | 8 |

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Young Writers Competition

In the autumn term, an enthusiastic bunch of writers joined a lunchtime club with Mrs Holland to enter a creative writing competition where they could create their own adventure story but were limited to just 100 words. The children planned, drafted, edited, then published their stories which were full of creativity.

Congratulations to the following children whose titles have been selected to be published in a book called, "The adventures of – Journeys Near and Far".



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| Rory L | The Best Christmas Ever! |
| Wilfred B | The Truth |
| Emali W | The Boy and the Magic Portal |
| Florence D | The Boy Who Destroyed The School |
| Harry A | The Boy Who Found The Future |
| Arthur W-B | The Underworld |
| Rosalie R | Stargate |
| Suleman M | The Fridge Portal |
| William S | The Nightmare |
| Maya A | Star Gazing |
| Bella P | Daydreamer |
| Lauren S | The Unexpected... |
| Darcey R | The Adventures of Beanie The Cat |

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LEARNING IN ACTION PHOTOS



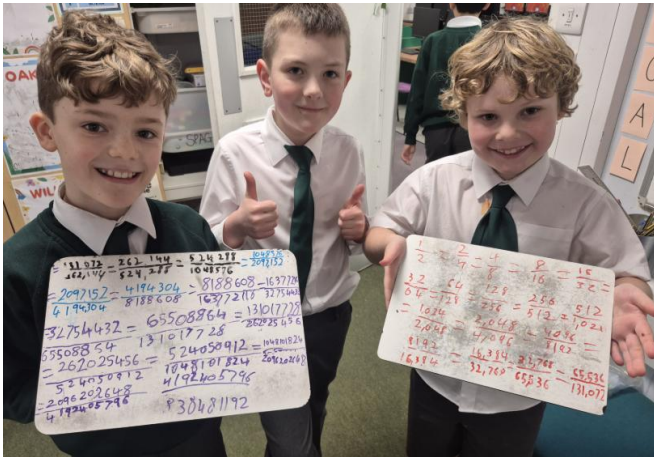
Year 2 children have been using a torch to help them sort objects into transparent, translucent or opaque.



Year 5/6 children have been dramatising electrical circuits.

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Children in year 3&4 showing off their equivalent fraction skills!



Year R children have been exploring what is heavier and lighter in maths using real scales and turning themselves into scales. They have also been learning all about owls after reading Owl Babies and loved discovering the owl box in our school grounds and retelling the story themselves using puppets.

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5th March 2026



Celebrating with

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**



This year's theme is:

Bedtime Books



Wear pyjamas, bring a favourite
bedtime book and blanket (optional)

Plus, join in our

Design a Book Mark Competition

Changing lives through a love of books
and reading

