

THE OTTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.



Dear Families

We've had fun today! Some of the children really went to town with their ideas to make us laugh and it was a lovely way to recognise Comic Relief 2026. Well done to all involved.

I hope you have an equally fun weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Geraghty

School Reminder – snack time

Most children will benefit from a snack during the morning break to keep them going until lunchtime. We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks that contain no added salt, fat or sugar. Sweets and chocolate are not allowed in school for snack time. Healthy snacks can contribute towards their five daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert, and help them concentrate. We know that it can be hard to always think of suitable items for children to bring in to school, but I'm sure we all want the children to learn to make healthy choices regarding snacks. We can also help to reduce food packaging and waste by choosing fruit as the daily snack.

School Library Service Visit

On Monday, a representative from each KS2 class visited the School Library Service in Fareham to collect new books for the class book corners. The children regularly make book recommendations to each other and, based on these, each class created a shopping list for their representative. The six children we took listened very carefully during their tour of the library and worked meticulously to locate books that offered something to meet everyone's reading appetite. The school library staff offered lots of suggestions and we wish we could have brought back more! There was much anticipation on our return to school to see what the children had brought back, and our book corners are now refreshed with new reads ahead of the summer term.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...



FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

You are invited to design and make your very own spring garden inspired by nature and Easter.

Please bring your miniature garden to school on this date to create a spring garden parade which will be enjoyed by children from across the school.



THE OTTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.



★ Otterbourne's Got Talent! ★

One of the highlights of the year is back... Otterbourne's Got Talent!

Children are invited to take part and showcase their amazing talents. They can audition on their own, in pairs, or in small groups. In the past, we have had singing, dancing, acting, comedy, magic, music and much more!

Auditions

20th & 21st April

Please note, there will be a maximum 1 minute per act for the auditions.

Final

Around 10 finalists will be chosen to perform in front of the school on 24th April.

We can't wait to see the incredible talents our children bring this year!

THE MAY FAYRE IS COMING – SATURDAY 15th MAY 2026

WATCH THIS SPACE AND YOUR SCHOOL/FOS WHATSAPP GROUPS FOR MORE INFORMATION OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH SETTING UP, GIVING SOME TIME TO RUN A STALL, OR BEING PART OF THE CLEAN-UP CREW – THANK YOU!

Summer Swap at the May Fayre

Following the success of our Winter Swap Shop, we're excited to be holding our first Summer Swap at this year's May Fayre.

If you are having a Spring clear out of any good quality, old or outgrown summer clothes and would like us to help them find a new home, please bring them into school in the next few weeks. We will display them at a Summer Swap stall at the May Fayre where families can then pick up some great pre-loved items.

Donations are welcome for things such as t-shirts, shorts, swimming costumes, sandals and any other summer clothing. This initiative supports our school sustainability message by giving clothes a second life and reducing waste. Any items left over after the event will be donated to a clothing bank or Emmaus Hampshire in Winchester.

Thank you for your support!

THE OTTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.



Comic Relief – Make Someone Laugh



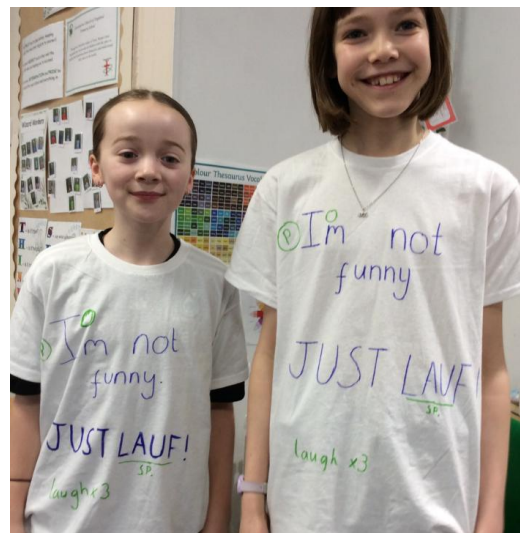
Mr O'Dowd's favourite joke...Mr Geraghty's too!

Buzzard class girls create their very own Peppa Pig episode!



The TeleTubbies came to school! And so did the Spice Girls!

Using our marking policy to make the teachers laugh!



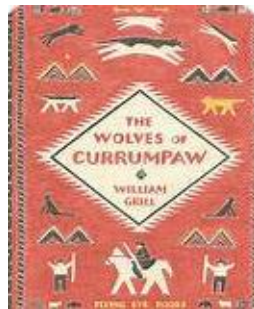
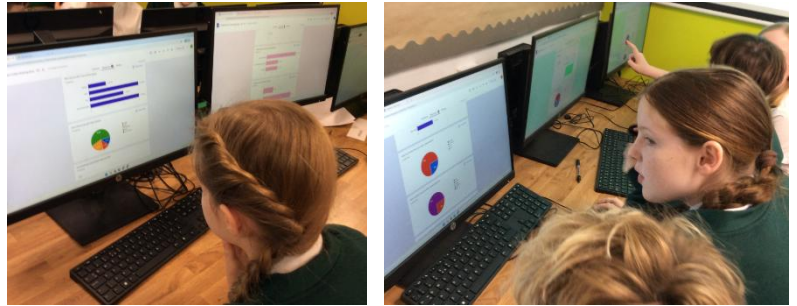
THE OTTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

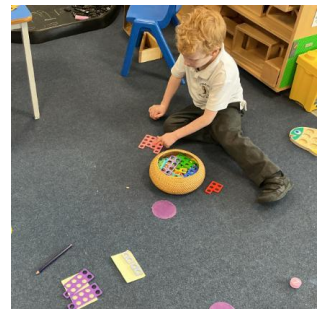
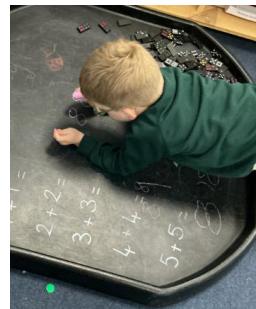


LEARNING IN ACTION PHOTOS

Children in Year 5/6 have been learning about cyber-bullying in PSHE and computing and how to protect themselves. To find out more about their peers' experiences of cyber-bullying, they have used Google Forms to create their own questionnaires. They went onto answer each other's questionnaires and then learnt how to analyse the results from the responses. They noticed some patterns in the results such as most cyberbullying took place during gaming and was being carried out by teenage children.



In English, Year 5/6 have been reading *Wolves of Currumpaw* by William Grill. They explored the conflicting conscience of the character Seton (a wolf hunter) and created a conscience alley portraying arguments for and against his big decision.



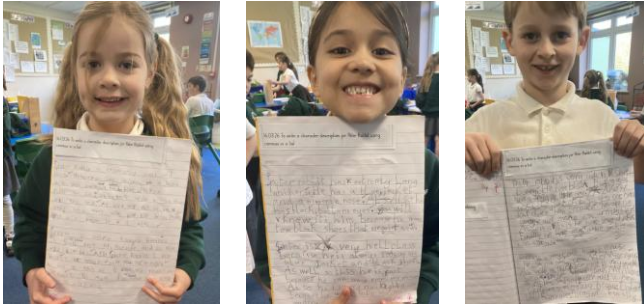
Otters have been sketching outdoors in Forest School and exploring how to make doubles in the classroom.



Year 5/6 have been making their own version of 'Don't buzz the wire' in DT.

THE OTTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.



Year 2 are very proud of their character descriptions of Mr McGregor and short versions of the Tale of Peter Rabbit.



FOOTBALL - By Oscar and Ethan

Altogether, it was a very respectful match with each team enjoying the experience. It was held at Harestock School (which was very kind of them to let us use the pitch). After all, the game ended Otterburne 7-1 Harestock

Thank you for a wonderful game

From Otterburne



Year 5/6 children representing the school at the swim gala in Waterlooville this week. Thanks to Mrs Prinsloo for supporting the children poolside. The team came away with a second place and a third place medal, and were very proud of their success.

It was a lovely afternoon, and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children enjoying themselves and supporting each other.

THE OTTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.



THANKS TO:



<https://www.highscorearcades.co.uk/>

FOR THEIR KIND DONATION TO OUR MAY FAYRE RAFFLE.

Outside

BEFORE SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB

for 4-10 years olds

AT OTTERBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, and Friday
7:45am-8:45am

Click here to book!

Find us on socials!



THE OTTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.



Please contact us or booking information.



From **Hola** to **Hablando**:
Spanish lessons for everyone



Join our
Spanish Club!

Did you know Spanish is in the TOP 3 most spoken languages?

Lunchtime Spanish Club – Monday

Lunchtime Spanish club at Otterbourne Primary School is now open for bookings!

Please sign up using the link below to secure your child's place

<https://pbbl.uk/4u4hXQa>

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis

Muchas gracias!

Any questions? Please find my contact details below

Pippa Chia - spanish4kidshants@gmail.com 07971 213619

Find out more at www.spanish4kids.co.uk



THE OTTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF OTTERBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.



Eastleigh Area String Starters
Starting Monday 20th April 2026
Thornden Hall, Chandlers Ford

Mondays at 4.15pm - 5pm
Open to all string players from beginner stage onwards - violin, viola, cello or double bass.
Use the skills from your lessons and enjoy playing in an ensemble!
£10 for the summer term

HAMPSHIRE
MUSIC
EDUCATION
HUB

Sign Up Today!



FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth

FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parents - Live Talks page