

Autumn Term – Newsletter 2

School Update

Dear Families,



What a busy start to the term we have had already. Our 50th birthday celebrations were amazing and I am so pleased we were able to share this with you, even if the weather was against us. Our final day of celebrations brought together staff, parents and pupils from across the decades and the opportunity to share memories of the past and present. The Mayor and Mayoress and Sandhurst joined us for our celebration which was a true experience for the children and our visitors. The memories you all helped us collect were simply incredible and we are keeping them very safe for our next big celebration (I might be around for our 75th!).



In amongst the celebrations, our House Captains have been elected. It is always a proud moment handing out the badges and praise was given to all of the candidates that ran this year. The speeches were excellent and some of their posters were out of this world. I am pleased to announce that our new House Captains for 2024 – 2025 are as follows: **Phoebe. P – FIRE**, **Emmie AND Hannah – WIND**, **Joshua. N – WATER** and **Amaya. R – EARTH**.



The House Captains took their first celebration assembly on Friday and were incredible! It is not easy presenting in front of over 300 children but they did so with confidence... very proud!

On Friday we also announced our Vice House Captains for 2024 – 2025. Our Vice House Captains are chosen from Year 5, preparing them for Year 6. The Vice Captains this year are: **Rose H – FIRE**, **Archie W – WIND**, **Emily C – WATER** and **Ashanti A-B – EARTH**. The children's responsibilities begin this week and

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We are not finished there! Mrs. Judd and Mrs. Walters also organised the School Council Elections! The children are voted for by their peers, the votes are counted and the members are elected. The Music Studio was set up just like real life voting booths 😊. I am pleased to announce that are new School Council members for 2024 – 2025 are as follows:

Penguins	Kookaburras	Parakeets	Hérons	Pelicans
Jack Jaxon	Harry Ivy	Noah Nancy	Renee Niam	Soroush Ava
Toucans	Flamingos	Hummingbirds	Emus	Kiwis
Bella Krystal	Jacob Lillian	Sophia Elsie	Riley Ashanti	George Obed
Eagles	Falcons	Kites		
Mila Amaya	Maisie Aria	Ruby Hannah		



To finish our celebrations, I would like to officially welcome Mr. Nashir Ahmed to our Governing Body. Mr. Ahmed is stepping into the role of Parent Governor. Mr. Ahmed is one of our newest parents and we are very excited about him joining our team 😊.

October celebrates the start of Black History month. Mr. Taylor has already kicked off proceedings with an excellent assembly – thank you 😊. The children will be learning all about different cultures and key individuals who have influenced society over the years, both past, present and the future. I cannot believe how quickly the first term is going, with only 3 weeks left until half term! Please remember to book in your parents' consultation on **Wednesday 16th October** and check out our term dates for later on in the newsletter for upcoming events. Thank you, as always, for all of your support – we cannot do what we do without you 😊.

Take care, keep safe and be kind to each other.



Mr. Cope



Another talent here at Owlsmoor 😊

Ayla Starker isn't one to shout about her achievements but she has recently received the news that she achieved a distinction for her grade 2 cornet exam. Ayla smashed her exam scoring 136 / 150! She is definitely following in her family's footsteps... well done Ayla!



PTA – ASDA SIGN UP

Please help! You don't even need to shop in Asda! We get £1 donated just for each sign up! If every child in the school gets 3 people to sign up, we would get a free donation of over £1500. The school have a list (!) of things they would like help funding and activities with no effort are very much helpful for the PTA right now.

Please help and share, share, share!

Thank you!

Support your child for FREE



- STEP 1: Download the Asda rewards app**
- STEP 2: Click "cashpots for schools"**
- STEP 3: Select Owlsmoor Primary School**
- STEP 4: Ask your friends and family to do this too**

WHY THIS IS FAB:

1. **You don't have to shop in Asda (But if you do, we get extra donations when you scan the app)**
2. **For every person who signs up, Asda donates £1**
3. **If each child could get even 3 people signed up, this would raise over £1,500 for OUR SCHOOL!!!**

Parent Consultations

We have our first 'Parent Consultation' on **Wednesday 16th October** for this school year. The school will close for everyone at **12:00pm** and the meetings will be held via TEAMS.

Booking this is through our school website which will go live next Monday 7th October at 12 noon.

A note from Harrisons

Dear Owlsmoor Primary Parents

Increase in Meal Cost.

Harrison has always been committed to delivering the best value for our customers, enabling our catering teams to deliver the best quality food on the plate by choosing suppliers that best suit the site's needs.

Owlsmoor Primary and Harrison are increasing our meal Price for paid lunches to £2.60 as from 30th September 2024. We have seen inflation reduce, but like in shops food prices have not come down, with an average of 4% increase in all food items since 2023.

We will continue to serve all pupils with a freshly prepared lunch, using 95% fresh ingredients, along with a choice of dessert, fresh cut fruit and yoghurt. Pupils can also help themselves to the salad bar.

We would like to remind all parents who have children in Reception, years 1 and 2 are entitled to a government paid Free school lunch.

I can also confirm that there will be no further increases in the 2024-2025 academic year and the tariffs displayed will remain in place all year.

We look forward to looking after your children with their lunches

Kind regards

Philip Stockwell

Manager Client Services



KEY DATES

Friday 11 th October 2024	Harvest Festival St Georges Church Year 1 9:15-9:45am Year 4 10:00 – 10:30am and Year 5 10:45-11:15am
Wednesday 16 th October 2024	Parent Consultations on Teams School Finishes at 12 Noon for Everyone
Friday 18 th October 2024	Year 4 Ancient Greek Workshop
Friday 18 th October 2024	School Photographer (Siblings at Owlsmoor)
Friday 18 th October 2024	PTA Comedy Night (Adults Only)
Tuesday 22 nd October 2024	Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court
Wednesday 23 rd October 2024	EYFS Harvest Festival School Hall at 9:15am
Friday 25 th October 2024	Year 4 Funky Fungi Hunt
Friday 25 th October 2024	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Friday 25 th October 2024	School Finishes at 3:15pm for Half Term
Monday 4 th November 2024	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th November 2024	Children Return to School
Tuesday 5 th November 2024	Pool to School - Some Year 6 Pupils Swimming
Friday 8 th November 2024	PTA Fireworks
Monday 11 th November – Friday 22 nd November 2024	Pool to School - Year 4 Swimming
Friday 15 th November 2024	Children in Need (More details to Follow)
Thursday 21 st November 2024	Nuthatches Assembly 9am
Thursday 5 th December 2024	Nursery Nativity St George's Church (Time TBC)
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	Reception Nativity School Hall (Time TBC)
Thursday 12 th December 2024	Year 2 Nativity St George's Church (Time TBC)
Friday 13 th December 2024	PTA Silent Disco
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	PTA Whole School Panto
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Year 3 Christmas Concert
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Year 5 Owlprentice (More details to Follow)
Friday 20 th December 2024	Rudolf Rave (More details to Follow)
Friday 20 th December 2024	End of Term at 2pm for Christmas
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children Return to School
INSET Days Left for 2024 - 2025	
Monday 6th January 2025 Tuesday 22nd April 2025 Monday 2nd June 2025	

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Pupils Start on Thursday 4th September 2025

October Half Term - Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 3th November 2025

Pupils start on Tuesday 4th November 2025

Autumn Term ends on – Friday 19th December 2025 at 2.00pm

(Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 5th January 2026

Pupils start on Tuesday 6th January 2026

February Half Term – Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Pupils start on Monday 23rd February 2026

Spring Term ends on Friday 27th March 2026 at 2.00pm

(Spring holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Monday 10th April 2026)

(Good Friday: 3rd April 2026, Easter Monday 6th April 2026)

Summer Term 2026

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 13th April 2026

Pupils start on Tuesday 14th April 2026

Public Bank Holiday (School Closed) Monday 4th May 2026

(May holiday: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026)

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 1st June 2026

Pupils start on Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Summer Term Ends on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 at 2pm

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FALL CAMP WEEK



MON 28TH OCT - FRI 1ST NOV



8AM-5PM £34

9AM-3PM £27



To book head to: in2sport.magicbooking.co.uk

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Supporting Your Children Workshops

To book a space please email your full name to Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

These sessions are universal (not specific for SEND) and for adults supporting **not** the children themselves so **please arrange childcare if needed**

Each course is a **standalone 2-hour session** - please be aware that spaces are offered on a **first come first served basis** and parents should not just turn up.

Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed

Please only book onto the sessions if you are **going to be able to attend** to avoid other parents missing out on the opportunity to have a place or let me know if you can no longer attend.

Helping children to overcome anxious thoughts and worries.

A 2-hour session looking at:

- What happens when children become anxious?
- Impact current events have had on children's mental health.
- Techniques for helping children deal with their fears / worries.



Thursday 26th September 2024

6.30 – 8.30 pm

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Monday 7th October 2024

9.30 – 11.30 am

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Gain insight into your parenting style / relationship with your child.
- Learn or revisit positive ways of managing behaviour!
- Strategies to deal with unacceptable behaviours.



Monday 16th September 2024

6.30 – 8.30 pm

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Tuesday 5th November 2024

9.30 – 11.30 am

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Supporting Children to get a Healthy Night's Sleep

A 2-hour session looking at:

- The different sleep issues facing our families.
- Tips on how to get a good night's sleep.
- Help children develop good sleeping habits.



Monday 14th October 2024

9.30 – 11.30 am

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Thursday 17th October 2024

6.30 – 8.30 pm

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Parenting pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13)

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Gain insight into the impact of your parenting style!
- Positive techniques for managing older children's behaviour.
- Boosting your relationship and communication with your child.



Wednesday 2nd October 2024

6.30 – 8.30 pm

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Encouraging Resilience – Keep Calm and Bounce Back

A 2-hour session looking at:

- How to build your child's natural resilience.
- Encouraging your child's positive social skills.
- Encouraging children out of their comfort zone and not to give up.



Monday 30th September 2024

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

9.30 – 11.30 am

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

6.30 – 8.30 pm

Reducing Sibling Rivalry

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Encouraging a more harmonious sibling relationship
- Learn / revisit techniques for children to cope with being a sibling.
- Boosting children's emotional literacy



Tuesday 15th October 2024

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

6.30 – 8.30 pm

Thursday 7th November 2024

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

9.30 – 11.30 am

Single Parent, Separated and Blended families – supporting children to cope with different family dynamics.

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Different family dynamics and how they can work.
- Parental conflict resolutions
- Being the best parent that you can be for your child



Thursday 14th November 2024

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

9.30 – 11.30 am

Supporting a smooth secondary school Transition (YR 5/6 parents)

A 2-hour session looking at:

- What the transition involves
- The positives and concerns of transitioning to a new setting
- Boosting your child's ability to have a smooth transition



Please let me know if you would like to go on the waiting list for future sessions

Supporting a smooth transition from Year R to Year 1 and beyond (not school specific)

A 2-hour session looking at:

- What's involved in transition from reception to year 1.
- The best ways to support the transition.
- Boosting your child's resilience to cope with the change



Please let me know if you would like to go on the waiting list for future sessions