



Dear Parent/Carer

27th March 2026

End of term message from Mrs Scarth

We have reached the end of another busy term and looking back on all that has been achieved, has really highlighted just how much of a community spirited school we are at Oatlands Juniors. We always celebrate learning both in and outside the classroom through our daily posts on Instagram and Facebook which we hope you are regularly alerted to and follow. Next term, we have lots of exciting things planned and attached to my newsletter is the Summer Term calendar of events for your information.

Year 5 Easter Assemblies

This week, Year 5 classes performed their Easter Assemblies to parents/carers and special guests. All three classes were superb in delivering the key Easter message of hope, through a creative and enjoyable performance. The songs were very moving, and they sang their hearts out, to a captive audience. A huge well done to the children for learning all their lines and delivering such high-quality performances, to the Year 5 team for writing the script and parents/carers for being such a supportive audience.



Decorated Egg Competition

Once again, the entries were very creative this year and never disappoint! Our VIP judge, Reverend Liz Resch, had a very difficult job choosing a winner from each class, who received an Easter egg prize from the PTA. Thank you to all children who took part and well done to our class winners:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Owls- Iris	Grizzly Bears- Henry	Tigers- Ronnie	Cheetahs- Taaron
Foxes- Oscar	Falcons- Zara	Macaws- Lauchie	Flamingos- Aggie
Badgers- Gigi	Snow leopards- Sienna	Lemurs- Wiktorja	Meerkats- Pia

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Project MUGA

We are very excited to share that this year's Enchantica fundraising ball, held at the Cedar Court Hotel on 21st March, raised over £7,000, all of which will go towards building a new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the school playing field in summer 2027.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the evening and supported the event by donating raffle prizes and auction items. The event was a fantastic success, and it was wonderful to see so many members of our school community come together and enjoy such a special evening. Your support is helping us take an important step towards creating a fantastic new outdoor space for our children to enjoy **all year round**. A big thank you to Suzi from Enchantica for organising such a fantastic fundraising event!

Kimberley Morgan



<https://www.fundingwall.org.uk/wall/oatlands-junior-school-hg28qp>



Thank you to our fabulous PTA who organised the sponsored bounce and to Mrs McNerney for organising this at school. We will share the final amount raised, after Easter. Thank you for sponsoring your child.

Next term, our PTA will be supporting during SATS week with a breakfast club. They will be running our biggest fundraiser of the year, our annual joint summer fair with Oatlands Infants School on Saturday 20th June from 1-4pm. If you are

able to offer a helping hand to this event, please get in touch with Claire Nelson-Boden, our Chair of PTA.

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Parent / Carer Helpers

A huge thank you to all our parent helpers who have supported our pupils in school or accompanied classes on trips. It really does make a difference, and I really appreciate your time and generosity.

We have lots of exciting things planned for next term and I have attached the 2026 Summer Term calendar of events, for your reference. The Summer term curriculum overviews are also on the school website for each year group:

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We always welcome parent/carers volunteers to help with any school trip or into school to read with children. If any of the topics for next half term are of a particular interest to you, then please contact your child's class teacher. It is always great to have parents enrich our curriculum, sharing their skills and interests. Thank you!



School Uniform Consultation

The Department for Education has issued guidance to help schools keep uniform costs low. This includes clear expectations that schools should limit the number of branded items they require and ensure value for money when buying clothing.

As part of this review, we may carry out a tender process. The main aim of the tender is not to introduce new requirements, but to ensure that:

- Clothing expectations remain affordable
- Any future arrangements offer best value for families
- Decisions are transparent and fair

With this in mind, we would like to remind parents that second hand uniform is available. Email ptaotlands@gmail.com for more details.

Before any decisions are considered, we want to give parents and pupils the opportunity to share any views or concerns, particularly around cost, comfort or inclusion.

If you would like to provide feedback, please contact admin@ojs.rklt.co.uk by **13th April 2026**. All comments will be considered as part of the review.

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Staffing news.

Today we said farewell to Mrs Horne who has been supporting pupils in Tigers class. We wish her all the best. After Easter we welcome Miss Addy to the Oatlands Junior team.

Thank you for your continued support.

I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 13th April at 8:55am.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter holiday!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Estelle Scarth
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