



Otford Primary School- July 10, 2026

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the final few weeks of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many achievements of all our children throughout the year.

We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished! They have shown enthusiasm, resilience and determination in their learning, and it has been wonderful to see the progress they have made both academically and personally. You will be able to read more about your child's achievements in their end-of-year report, which will be sent to families next Friday.

We would also like to wish our Year 6 children the very best of luck with their production next week. We know how much hard work and dedication has gone into preparing for this special event, and we are looking forward to seeing them shine on stage in their production of... Alice in Wonderland!

At the same time, we will be supporting all of our children as they begin their transition to their new classes and year groups. Transition activities over the coming weeks will help ensure that everyone feels confident, excited and well prepared for the next stage of their learning journey.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to work together to help your children thrive, and we look forward to celebrating the end of another successful school year with them.

Finally, we look forward to seeing families at our Ottest tomorrow, thank you to our PTFA for going the extra mile and organising this event for our school community. Thanks also to all our parents for volunteering and giving up your precious time, we know this part of the year is super busy for so many, so thank you very much for everything you do!

Best wishes,

Mrs H Roberts

Reminder for September

When we return in September, for the first two days of school, the 3rd and 4th September, Years 1-6 will line up on the playground in the morning. From the following week, the 7th until the 11th, years 3-6 can walk around to their classrooms. Year 1 & 2 will continue to line up on the playground for that second week of school.

District Sports







Sports Day- incredible effort made by all our children!

What a wonderful Sports Day this week with all our children from years R-6. Thank you to all our parents for attending, too and taking part in the Parent Races at the end! The children displayed wonderful behaviour throughout and great sportsmanship. Congratulations to all our children for doing their very best in the heat, too!





Can You Help?



We kindly ask all parents and carers to regularly check emails from the school office and read all communications sent home, including letters, trip information, newsletters, and reminders.

These communications contain important information about key dates, events, payments, permissions, and school activities. Please note that where a deadline is provided, it is important that responses and payments are received by the stated date. Unfortunately, if deadlines are missed, we may be unable to secure places for children on trips, visits, or other events, as bookings often need to be confirmed with external providers in advance.

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure that all children can take part in the opportunities available to them.

Mrs H Roberts and the Office Team.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

What an adventure! A few weeks ago, the year 6 children went on their residential, where they were archers, rock climbers, raft builders, shelter builders, canoers and more, and were a credit to the school throughout! Their team work and resilience was impressive! We are so proud of them all and how they had fun in the heat!



1 - Team work shelter building and indoor rock climbing!

















2 - Archery tag!! All the children had a go and many were experts at the end!















Year 2 Magnificent Monarchs Workshop

Year 2 took part in an incredible Monarch's Workshop this week. It built upon their learning from this term about a range of British monarchs, including William the Conqueror, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. The children listened amazingly and participated enthusiastically in all of the sessions delivered. The children started off the morning with a jousting contest with team snake coming out on top. They learnt about the feudal system, took part in a reenactment of the battle with the Spanish Armada, looked at a range of different artefacts, made paper dolls and finished the day off with some Tudor dancing. The children were even knighted by Elizabeth I and given a new name. Such a fabulous day celebrating and consolidating all of their learning about Magnificent Monarchs this term!













Music Update



Music update

Otford Voices concert

Year 4 gave a magnificent concert to their families. Fantastic ukulele playing and singing by all. Well done.

Music lessons

We are very lucky to have a fantastic team of visiting peripatetic music teachers at Otford Primary and a lot of children learning to play a range of instruments. If your child is keen to start playing or would like to try a new instrument then please do contact the relevant music teacher to enquire about availability for lessons in September. If you would like to learn an instrument that is not on the list please do email me and if there is enough interest I will see if I can find a teacher. We would love to have some more brass, wind and string players in the school. These are all wonderful instruments to play in groups particularly at secondary school.

Exam success Huge congratulations to the following children for their musical achievements.

Edward - grade 2 drums, Henry - grade 2 trumpet, Sebbie - grade 1 guitar (merit)

School bands:

The two school bands Vision and Black Stripes will be performing this Saturday at OtFest. They have worked really hard to get their songs performance ready. This is such an amazing opportunity for them all. I hope you have loads of fun playing to the crowd. Please do go along and support them. They will be on stage about 1.30 pm.

Details of the music teachers at Otford Primary

Guitar

Teacher: Andy Davies

andrew_davies59@hotmail.co.uk¹

Thursday

Drums

Teacher: Alan Pagan

paganalan@gmail.com

Friday

Violin and Piano

Anca Dukai

anca.dukai@gmail.com²

Tuesday and Wednesday

Recorder and Flute

Louise Brown

louise.brown@otford.kent.sch.uk³

Financial assistance for instrumental tuition and hire is available from Kent Music. <https://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/>

There are also lots of other musical opportunities available out of school through Kent Music. Details are on their website.

Otford Community News

Destruction of the beautiful countryside around Otford for housing developments.

Developers want to build houses on the beautiful green fields behind Sidney Gardens in Otford. This is on top of the huge developments proposed between Otford and Bat and Ball.

¹mailto:andrew_davies59@hotmail.co.uk

²<mailto:anca.dukai@gmail.com>

³<mailto:anca.dukai@gmail.com>

The children at Otford Primary spend time exploring nature in these fields during their forest school sessions and with the proposed housing development they will be lost forever.

There is a petition out in the village to show support against this development. There are already 700+ signatures on it but the aim is to reach over 1000. If you would like to sign you can find the petition in Otford Post office and also on the gatepost at the entrance of the footpath to the fields at the end of The Old Walk.

Summer Uniform

PLEASE READ

Summer Uniform – Terms 5 & 6

- Navy and white gingham dress worn with white ankle socks.
- Plain white short sleeved shirt or blouse (without a tie and the top button undone) with or without a school jumper.

PE Uniform Indoor

- Royal Blue PE shorts also available from PMG Schoolwear or skorts. Children may wear plain non branded royal blue PE shorts **.Please NO hot pants.**
- White School T-Shirt with emblem available from PMG Schoolwear. Children may wear plain non branded white T-Shirt
- White socks • Black elasticated plimsolls. • School Drawstring PE Bag available from PMG Schoolwear.

PE Uniform Outdoor – Years 1 – 6

- A dark coloured, plain tracksuit- non branded.
- Trainers for outdoor wear, these are only to be worn on days for PE many thanks.

School Uniform policy⁴

⁴<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/otford-primary-school/UploadedDocument/37d08eb2-3922-44f0-83d1-ade72d2d2af3/uniform-policy.pdf>

PTFA Update



Just over 1 week to go until OTFEST 2026!

A massive THANK YOU to the families who have kindly agreed to have a Bracketts sign and help spread the word about OTFEST.

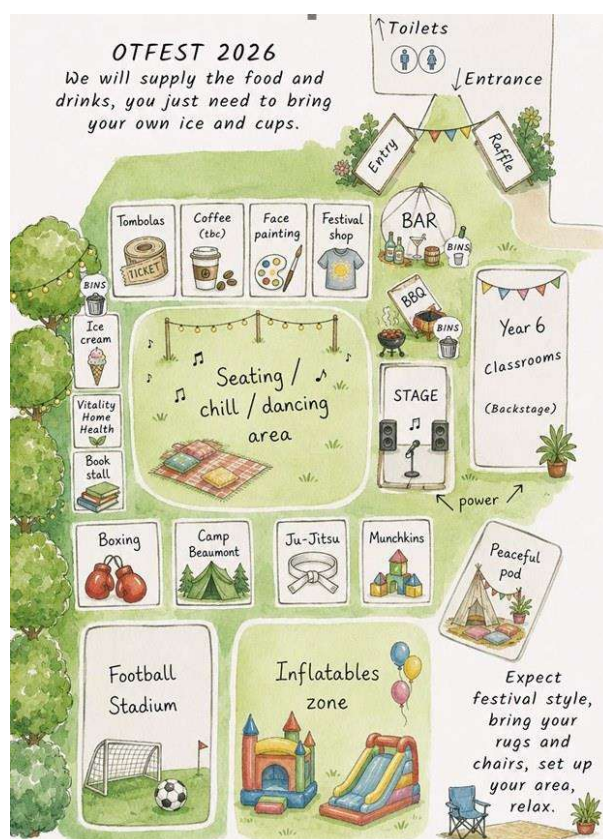
We hope you agree that they look great, and are really getting the villagers talking about the event!! We'd also like to give a huge shout-out & Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time to help run the event next Saturday, as well as everyone who has donated so far.

OTFEST simply wouldn't happen without your support, enthusiasm, and generosity. You are all absolute stars, and we're incredibly grateful for everything you're doing to help make this year's event a success! *More information to our lovely volunteers will be sent out shortly*

Tickets are still available online to pre-order - please scan the below code to purchase tickets now. They will also be available to purchase on the day.

£2 entry fee for Adults / Free for children £10 tickets for unlimited inflatables (5+) £5 tickets for unlimited inflatables (under 5)

We will be providing the food and drinks, but please feel free to bring rugs, chairs, cups, a brolly for shade and set up your area and relax for the day



Saturday 11th July 1:00pm – 5:00pm Otford Primary School

We have a fantastic BBQ, bar and Line up for you.

We start the day with the fantastic Kasia 1pm-1.30pm Kasia

We then have 2 VERY special bands that are current students at Otford Primary! 1.40-1.50pm Vision
1.55-2.05pm Black Stripes

⁵<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/otfordptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=116468>

Then we will move onto 2 bands who are both previous students of Otford Primary, we are delighted to welcome them back to play for us! 2.10-2.40pm The Bends 2.40-3.20pm Anything & Everything

We will then welcome our HEADLINE ACT to the stage Never too Late who will play us out in style 3.30-5pm Never too late

in-between each set we will have DJ music and PLENTY of activities lined for the children to enjoy!

Not only an inflatable zone which the children can purchase tickets for unlimited bouncing fun all day. We also have lined up: Football, Boxing training, Ju-Jitsu, Archery with Camp Beaumont, our own Festival Shop, Sweets & Bottle tombola's, facepainting and Nerf wars with Munchkins!

We also have a Raffle with some FANTASTIC prizes; tickets are only available online so please don't miss out! These are available to purchase on the QR code below:



PRIZES

**Millie Fleurs £25 voucher,

The Ivy voucher,

Free haircut at Barber Jacks,

Clip and Climb Voucher worth £24,

Home grown apple juice donated by Castle Farm,

Fruit and veg hamper voucher donated by Mr Browns,

£25 gift voucher or candle from Chic Et Tralala,

Voucher from Zoe's retro sweets,

£25 voucher to spend at SB Boutique,

Little street family voucher for x2 adults and x2 children ,

Garden ornament donated by Branching out Garden,

A hanging basket from Curry Wood Nursery,

£20 voucher from Crafty Badgers,

£20 voucher to spend at South of the River,

One day holiday camp voucher to use at Muchkins,

A day pass to MegaCamp,

Two Ju-Jitsu lessons at Sevenoaks Ju-Jitsu

a Beauty basket full of tropics, perfumes and other beauty products donated by Polished and Pampered by KJ**

There will also be holding a silent Auction with some larger prizes so please keep an eye out for these!

We cannot wait to see you all there 😊

FOOD ALLERGY NOTICE

 **Gluten**  **Nuts**  **Dairy**  **Eggs**  **Soy**  **Sesame**  **Fish**

⚠ Some food and drinks **may contain** these allergens or have been prepared near them.

🚫 We **cannot guarantee** any item is completely allergen-free.

💬 **If you or your child has allergies or special dietary needs, please speak to a staff member before ordering.**

💖 Your safety matters — thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and happy

In The Sevenoaks Community



AIM supports bright Year 5 children from low-income families succeed in the 11+.

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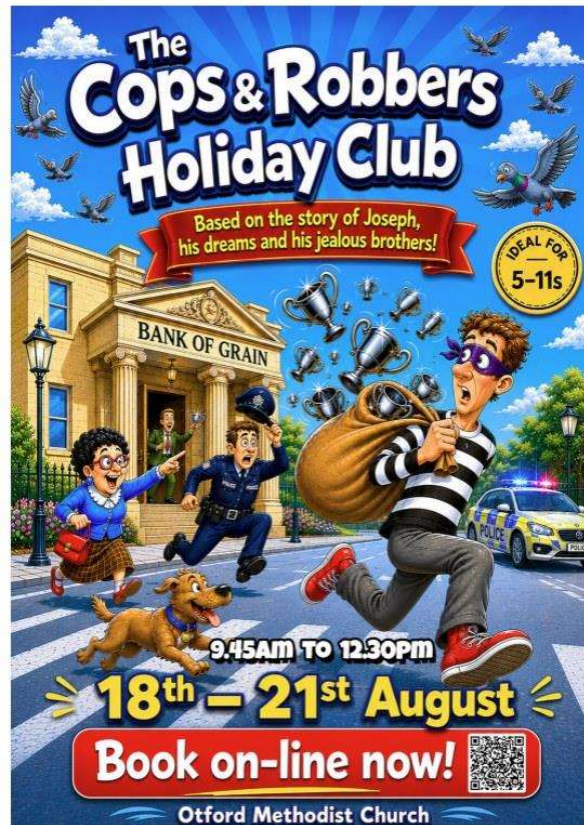
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The Library Summer Reading Challenge- let's do this!

Last year, Otford Primary came in second place in Sevenoaks! What an accomplishment! Well done to all the readers who made that possible!

Can Otford come first this year?

The challenge starts on July 4th!

Message from Kent Libraries

2026 is the National Year of Reading, and Kent Libraries is encouraging families to get a head start on summer reading by preparing early for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Families can join the library, borrow books, and enjoy free eBooks and audiobooks using the library's eLibrary apps. Getting started early helps children feel confident and excited about reading ahead of the summer holidays.

Libraries are great places to enjoy time together. Families can discover new books, take part in free events listed on the Kent Directory, and explore libraries online through virtual tours.

Parents can also join the Kent Libraries Book Chat Facebook group⁶

[<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KentLibrariesBookChat/>] and follow Facebook⁷

⁶<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KentLibrariesBookChat/>

[<https://www.facebook.com/KentLibrariesArchives/>] and Instagram⁸
[<https://www.instagram.com/kentlibraries/>].

All you need to get started is a free library card.

Go all in and get a head start on summer reading at kent.gov.uk/libraries⁹.



The Otford Allotment Association Committee

Otford Produce and Craft Show will take place on the second weekend of September. As part of the show, we have a dedicated children's section featuring growing a pot plant, drawing and painting, photography and baking competitions, with classes divided into three age groups.

There is a leaflet explaining how the competitions work, with an entry form on the reverse.

The show is a long-established community event and the children's section is always a popular part of the event. We hope that by sharing details now, families will have plenty of time over the coming months to prepare their entries and take part.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope to welcome many of your pupils' entries to this year's show.

⁷<https://www.facebook.com/KentLibrariesArchives/>

⁸<https://www.instagram.com/kentlibraries/>

⁹[https://kentcountycouncil.sharepoint.com/sites/GTGCLRASummerReadingChallenge/Shared Documents/General/SRC 2026/Marketing and Communication/Assets, Creatives and Deliverables/1. Getting ready for the Summer Reading Challenge period/Material for Schools/kent.gov.uk/libraries](https://kentcountycouncil.sharepoint.com/sites/GTGCLRASummerReadingChallenge/Shared%20Documents/General/SRC%2026/Marketing%20and%20Communication/Assets,%20Creatives%20and%20Deliverables/1.%20Getting%20ready%20for%20the%20Summer%20Reading%20Challenge%20period/Material%20for%20Schools/kent.gov.uk/libraries)



Oxford Produce and Craft Show

Sun 13th Sept 2pm - 4.30pm Oxford Village Memorial Hall

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Calling all children! We have a number of end-of-holiday boredom busters for children of all ages, including drawing, photography and baking.



JUNIOR CLASSES

JUNIOR CHALLENGE TROPHY awarded at the show to the junior gaining the highest number of points in classes 73-81.

All children 14yrs and under

72 A cactus or succulent that you have looked after for the last 6 months or more

5yrs and under

73 Draw or colour in a picture of a bird

74 Photograph of a garden

75 A decorative arrangement of flowers or leaves, presented in a vase

6-9yrs olds

76 A painted or decorated stone

77 Photograph of a garden

78 5 pieces of brownie. *Please show recipe*

10-14yr olds

79 A painted or decorated stone

80 Photograph of a garden

81 5 pieces of brownie. *Please show recipe.*



TAKING PART IS EASY

Complete the Show Entry Form on the next page and drop it off at the Parish Office by noon on Friday 11th September. Entries can be brought to the Memorial Hall between 9am and 11.30am on Sunday 13th September.

Show Entry Form

There is provision on this form for three child entrants living at the same address. For more entries, please use a copy of this form.

Entry to Junior Classes 72-81 is free.
Please circle the class numbers each child is entering.

NAME OF ENTRANT 1

72	73	74	75	76
77	78	79	80	81

AGE

NAME OF ENTRANT 2

72	73	74	75	76
77	78	79	80	81

AGE

NAME OF ENTRANT 3

72	73	74	75	76
77	78	79	80	81

AGE

ADDRESS

postcode

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN/CARER

CONTACT NUMBER

EMAIL

I hereby declare that the exhibits have been grown or created by the entrant(s)

SIGNED

DATE

Please return your completed form(s) in an envelope labelled 'Autumn Show' to:

The Parish Office, School House, High Street, Oxford TN14 5PG

ENTRY CLOSES AT MIDDAY ON FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

The Oxford Produce and Craft Show is open to all!

To see the full list of classes and to take part, please download the Show Schedule from our website.

otfordallotments.co.uk

Kent Fire and Rescue Open Morning.

Sevenoaks Fire Station will be opening its doors and welcoming families, friends and neighbours to their upcoming Open Day!

Taking place on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 July, Kent Fire and Rescue Service is inviting people to discover how to stay safe at home.

The event will be packed with games, hands-on activities, an interactive activity trail, and the chance to meet the local firefighters.

To make the experience as enjoyable as possible, there will be three bookable sessions available each day:

- 10am to 11am – SEND session for children and adults with additional needs, with reduced noise levels and fewer people
- 11am to 1pm – Morning session
- 2pm to 3pm – Afternoon session

Tickets are free, but must be booked in advance¹⁰

¹⁰<https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/events/be-safe-us-sevenoaks-fire-station>



Explore and discover how to...

Be safe with us

28 and 29 July 2026

SEND hour: 10am to 11am • Morning session: 11am to 1pm
Afternoon session: 2pm to 4pm

Book your free tickets!
Scan the QR code or visit our website

Sevenoaks Fire Station
London Road, Sevenoaks TN13 2HY

 www.kent-fire-uk.org/sevenoaks2026  Kent Fire & Rescue Service **together**

Sevenoaks Primary Care Network

SEVENOAKS PCN

Newsletter for Parents



Signposting

Family relationships can change over time, particularly during life transitions such as becoming a parent, caring for a relative, adolescence, retirement or bereavement. Open communication and seeking support when needed can help families navigate these changes together.



FREE Young Carers Awareness Training (Kent)



<https://www.coramfamilylives.org.uk/>



<https://spurgeons.org/how-we-help/family-life/parenting-and-family-support/>



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/family/>

For a downloadable version with accessible links, click here:
<https://sevenoakspcn.gpweb.org.uk/>

SEVENOAKS PCN

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Support Available For Families

Sometimes family members need additional support. Whether you have a young person helping to care for someone at home, or an older family member looking for wellbeing support and social connections, there are services available to help.



For older family members
Wellbeing Day Centre
Edenbridge Health Centre
<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/leaflet/edenbridge-wellbeing-centre/>
See attached poster for open days



For Young Carers
<https://www.imago.community/young-carers-services/young-carers-services>



For Families
<https://family-action.org.uk/get-support/familyline/>

For a downloadable version with accessible links, click here:
<https://sevenoakspcn.gpweb.org.uk/>

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Supporting Healthy Family Relationships

Families come in all shapes and sizes, and each family is made up of people with different needs, roles and experiences. While family relationships can be a source of support, there can also be challenging times.

Some ways to help maintain positive relationships include:

- Make time to listen to one another without interruptions
- Try to understand the other person's perspective
- Talk about concerns calmly and at a suitable time
- Focus on the issue rather than blaming the person
- Respect differences in opinions, needs and boundaries
- Seek support early if difficulties are beginning to affect family life or wellbeing

Family Advice For Young People



Click on this TEDTalk and start watching from 6:25 from a Mum & daughter on how to strengthen family relationships

For a downloadable version with accessible links, click here:
<https://sevenoakspcn.gpweb.org.uk/>

Year 6 Save the Dates



We know that Year 6 is always a very special year and goes so quickly! The Year 6 teaching team would like to share some key dates with our parents, these have also been added to the school calendar on the website.

Year 6 Save the Date

- **Tuesday 14th July: Performance to parents/families evening: 5:30pm-7:30pm**
- **Wednesday 15th July: Performance to parents/families evening: 5:30pm-7:30pm**
- **Thursday 16th July: Leavers Party**
- **Tuesday 21st July: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9:30am**

Clubs

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OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

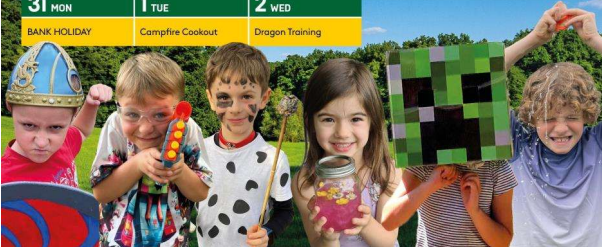


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Dream Jars, Bugs and Slime	Percy Jackson	Ultimate Water Day	Tribal Adventure	NERF vs Machines

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

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31 MON	1 TUE	2 WED		
BANK HOLIDAY	Campfire Cookout	Dragon Training		



OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

OUR MISSION: GET CHILDREN OUTDOORS, ACTIVE AND FULL OF ADVENTURE.
Every day is packed with imaginative play, creative challenges, outdoor games and hands-on experiences that help children build confidence, make friendships and create lifelong memories.

WE: Primary school children (ages 7-11) **PRICE:** £42.50 (no fees) **Children's vouchers accepted.**
TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm **FLEXIBLE BOOKING:** Book for a day, a full week or more

WHAT WE DO: Every Holiday Club day is built around a different adventure theme from Minecraft and NERF to bushcraft, water games, campfire cookout plus much more.
Children enjoy a variety of structured activities, team games, creative challenges and outdoor play throughout the day, with plenty to keep them active, engaged and having fun.

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[QR CODE]

For more activity details, FAQs and booking information: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

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Accredited Basketball England club.




Otford Primary School



AFTER- SCHOOL CLUB

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Lots of exercise, learning awesome skills, fun games, making new friends!

- Thursdays, 3.30 to 4.30 pm
- £10 per session, first taster session free
- No experience necessary (come and try!)
- For year groups 1 to 6
- Stay for dodgeball 4.30pm to 5pm, £5 per session



Contact Chris to secure your place:
chris.sevenoaksjitsu@icloud.com
 Tel: 07914 805 339

OTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2026-2027

Term 1	
INSET DAY	Tuesday 1 September 2026
INSET DAY	Wednesday 2 September 2026
Starts	Thursday 3 September 2026
Last day of term	Thursday 22 October 2026
INSET DAY	Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	
Starts	Monday 2 November 2026
Last day of term	Thursday 17 December 2026
INSET DAY	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	
Starts	Monday 4 January 2027
Last day of term	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	
Starts	Monday 22 February 2027
Last day of term	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	
Starts	Monday 12 April 2027
Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 3 May 2027
Last day of term	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	
INSET DAY	Monday 7 June 2027
Starts	Tuesday 8 June 2027
Last day of term	Wednesday 21 July 2027

Attendance Insight

www.PSDgraphics.com



We know that consistent school attendance is so important for your child; the benefits for them are immeasurable! However, sometimes, the numbers can seem vague. Therefore, to put attendance percentage into perspective, we have converted percentages into their weekly equivalent and, even one step further, to express percentage in terms of lessons missed:

- Attendance of **95%** for the year equals **10 days** that your child has been absent- that is **two school weeks** of your child's learning missed for that year. If we consider that children are taught 4-6 lessons a day, then 10 days absence over the course of the school year equates to **40-60 lessons missed**.
 - Attendance of **90%** for the year equals **19 days** that your child has been absent, that is almost **4 weeks** of school missed, or **76-114** lessons missed.
 - Attendance of **85%** for the year equals **29 days** that your child has been absent, that is almost **6 school weeks** missed (nearly the equivalent of the summer holidays) or **116-174** lessons missed.
- Attendance of **80%** for the year equals **38 days** absent per year, that is over **7 school weeks** or **152-228** lessons missed!

Punctuality Matters Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to 2 weeks absence a year
- Arriving 30 minutes late every adds up to 19 days absence a year

If, for any reason, you require support getting your child into school, please let us know. Contact the school and we can arrange a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss how best we can support you and next steps.

Please see the government website for more details

The Education Hub¹¹

Otford Instagram Account



We would love to remind everyone to visit our Instagram page at Otford_primary_school where you will find lots of information and pictures regarding all the exciting things we have been doing at school. We regularly post news in the "stories" rather than posts as they can easily become lost in the posts. We have 464 followers now- thank you for taking the time to look. You can find us here: otford_primary_school¹²

Should we receive any inappropriate content on this page the account involved will be blocked and reported to Instagram.

Early Birds Bookings

Dear Parents\Carers,

ParentPay should be used to make Early Bird Bookings. Bookings can be made until the end of the academic year and will need to be paid for at the time of booking. There is a limit of 45 children per day in place and spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis. Please find below link to guide to booking:

https://cdn.embedly.com/widgets/media.html?src=https%3A%2F%2Ffast.wistia.net%2Fembed%2Fiframe%2F7e9aflmga&display_name=Wistia%2C%2BInc.&url=https%3A%2F%2Fparentpay.co.uk

¹¹<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

¹²https://www.instagram.com/otford_primary_school

[ntpay.wistia.com%2Fmedias%2Ff7e9aflmga&image=https%3A%2F%2Fembed-ssl.wistia.com%2Fdeliveries%2F388bc7ea8e1880c18a91c5f5ec1e32f6ca5d2bc.jpg%3Fimage_crop_resized%3D960x540&key=40cb30655a7f4a46adaaf18efb05db21&type=text%2Fhtml&schema=wistia&wvideo=f7e9aflmga](https://wistia.com/medias/f7e9aflmga&image=https://wistia.com/deliveries/388bc7ea8e1880c18a91c5f5ec1e32f6ca5d2bc.jpg%3Fimage_crop_resized%3D960x540&key=40cb30655a7f4a46adaaf18efb05db21&type=text%2Fhtml&schema=wistia&wvideo=f7e9aflmga)

Parents who pay for sessions using childcare vouchers should email their requirements at least a term in advance to earlybirds@otford.kent.sch.uk. Early Birds will then manually add the required sessions onto ParentPay on your behalf. Sessions paid for by childcare vouchers are not guaranteed unless booked termly in advance.

