



Otford Primary School- July 20th 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the academic year. It is hard to believe that we have reached the middle of July once again. We have packed so much into this year, and I am incredibly proud of everything our school community has achieved.

Our children have truly shone this year, watching children grow and learn is a real privilege! Every one of them has given their very best, growing in confidence, knowledge and character throughout the year. None of this would be possible without the support and partnership of our parents, and I would like to thank you all for the encouragement and commitment you have shown.

Today, the children enjoyed their transition morning, meeting their new class teachers and spending time in their new classrooms. We hope they have come home feeling positive and excited about the year ahead! While they are certainly ready for a well-earned summer break, we also hope they are looking forward to the opportunities and experiences that await them in September.

Tomorrow marks the final day at our school for our Year 6 children as they prepare for the exciting move to Year 7. They have been an exceptional year group, consistently demonstrating our school values of Kindness, Courage and Curiosity. They have been wonderful role models for our younger pupils, and we are confident these values will continue to guide and support them as they begin the next stage of their educational journey. Good luck from all of the staff here at Otford, we know that they will all go onto doing brilliant things and shine like stars!

Finally, I would like to thank every member of our school community for making this such a successful and rewarding academic year. I wish you all a restful, happy and safe summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming all of our children back to school on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Very best wishes

Mrs H Roberts

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

What an incredible performance of Alice in Wonderland by our amazingly talented year 6 children! It was a joy to behold. The acting, singing, dancing, which the children choreographed, scene and prop making was outstanding! Most importantly, the children seem to love the collaboration and feel proud and had fun! Thank you to our parents for all of your support with costumes, and learning of lines and songs. We hope many children head into the future with a love of acting/singing-who knows what will come next! We hope that all these children's hopes and dreams come true, both on and off the stage!







End of Year Reception Picnic- what a lovely time... thank you to all our parents for attending!





Gift from Mrs Cornelius and Miss Chalkley

This lovely reminder is now hanging in the Peaceful Pod for the children.

"Always remember that you matter, you are important, you are loved, and you bring to this world things no one else can"



Music Update



Music update

Firstly, a huge congratulations to all of Year 6 on your magnificent production of Alice in Wonderland. You were all absolutely amazing, and I am so proud of every single one of you for the enthusiasm and commitment that you put into bringing the show to life. Every one of you played a part in making it such a success. Thank you.

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, it's the perfect time to reflect on what an incredible year it has been for music. From the Harvest Festival and Christmas celebrations to the Big Sing, Summer Concert and Otfest, the children have enjoyed so many opportunities to perform and share their talents. Music has continued to thrive through our weekly singing assemblies, curriculum and individual lessons and lunchtime clubs, including Ukulele Club, Rhythmix and Song Drawing. We have also seen the formation of two school bands, who have had some fantastic opportunities to perform.

It has been a joy to see so many children grow in confidence, creativity and musical ability throughout the year. Thank you to all the pupils, staff and families for your support. I wish everyone a wonderful summer. To those leaving our school, it has been an honour and a pleasure to share music with you. I wish you every success in the future and hope you continue to enjoy music in whatever form it takes.

Louise Brown

OTFEST

OtFest was a resounding success! So many families, past and present, took the time to visit. What a supportive community! Thank you to the PTFA for making it happen and to all of the volunteers. The bands were incredible throughout the day, particular thanks to the school bands, The Black Stripes and Vision, and to the Knole band. They all rocked the festival vibes! We are so lucky to have so many incredibly supportive families-thank you to everyone!









Reminders for September

When we return, 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.

Water Bottles: Please ensure that your child is coming into school each day with a full, named water bottle.

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.

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.

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.

In The Sevenoaks Community



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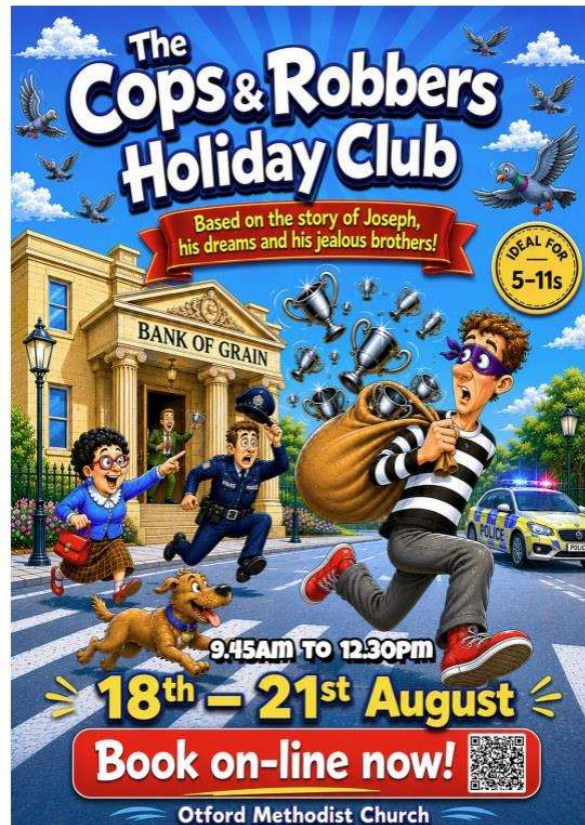
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The Library Summer Reading Challenge- let's do this!

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 group¹

[<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KentLibrariesBookChat/>] and follow Facebook²

¹<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KentLibrariesBookChat/>

[<https://www.facebook.com/KentLibrariesArchives/>] and Instagram³
[<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/libraries⁴.



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.

²<https://www.facebook.com/KentLibrariesArchives/>

³<https://www.instagram.com/kentlibraries/>

⁴<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>



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

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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 advance⁵

⁵<https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/events/be-safe-us-sevenoaks-fire-station>



Explore and discover how to...

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

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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/>

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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 TED Talk 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:
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OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

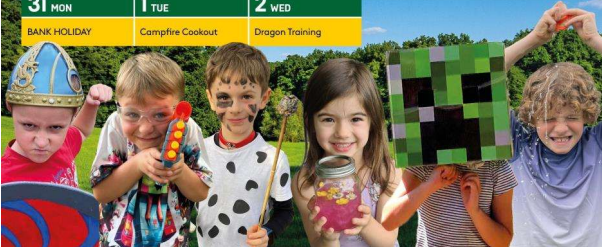


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BANK HOLIDAY	Campfire Cookout	Dragon Training		



OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

OUR MISSION: GET CHILDREN OUTDOORS, ACTIVE AND FULL OF ADVENTURE.
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WE: Primary school children (ages 7-11) **PRICE:** £42.50 (no fees) Children welcome accepted.

TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm **FLEXIBLE BOOKING:** Book for a day, a full week or more.

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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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 **Otford Primary School**



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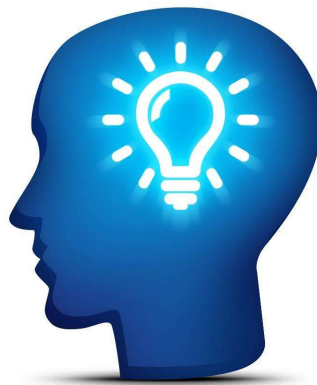
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- Thursdays, 3.30 to 4.30 pm
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- No experience necessary (come and try!)
- For year groups 1 to 6
- Stay for dodgeball 4.30pm to 5pm, £5 per session

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

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 Hub⁶

⁶<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

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 478 followers now- thank you for taking the time to look. You can find us here: [otford_primary_school](https://www.instagram.com/otford_primary_school)⁷

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:

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⁷https://www.instagram.com/otford_primary_school

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.

