

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

It's been another busy and successful week here at Oliver's Battery Primary and Nursery School. This afternoon, we held our Open Afternoon, and it was a real pleasure to welcome so many visitors into our school.

Many of our guests were prospective parents considering joining our school community in September 2026. Our Year 6 pupils did a fantastic job leading tours around the school, and we received numerous compliments on how helpful, confident, and informative they were. A huge well done to Year 6! You were brilliant ambassadors for our school!

Earlier in the week, we were delighted to welcome Alex from Learning Through Landscapes. She worked with our Eco Council using a Climate Kit to explore temperature variations around our school grounds. We were fortunate to receive this kit as part of a grant that we won, which also included a shed and outdoor teaching resources. After school, Alex led a session with all our teachers, helping us explore new ways to make even better use of our wonderful outdoor spaces for learning.

We also had a magical visit from the science department at Kings' School. Miss Tag and her colleague ran exciting Harry Potter-themed science experiments with our Year 5 and 6 pupils. The children had a fabulous time and learned a great deal through hands-on activities that brought science to life in a fun and imaginative way.



Prize competition - My Walktober Journey Report

This month we are taking part in Walktober. We are encouraging as many families to walk, scoot, ride or 'park and stride' to school as often possible. There is a fun competition to take part in. The children simply need to write about their journey to school in any way they like. Let's see if we can win a prize or two such as books, nature themed games, outdoor exploration kits or vouchers. If you'd like to use the editable competition report form, please download: [My Walktober Journey Report](#) Once your report is complete, ask an adult to help you submit it using the blue button link below or hand it in to the office. Here are some instructions to help with uploading your report: [Walktober Pupil Competition Submission Instructions](#) The competition closes on Friday 7th November 2025. Please read the [competition terms and conditions](#) before entering.

[Pupil Walktober competition entry form](#)



My New Walk to School

I leave the house a bit earlier now,
No rushing around, more time somehow.
Mum drops me off at my best friend's gate,
We walk from there — it's really great!

The car ride's shorter, no traffic stress,
No hunting for parking, no morning mess.
We chat and laugh as we stroll along,
Sometimes we even sing a song!

There's a cat we see near the old stone wall,
It purrs and stretches, proud and tall.
We say hello, it blinks so slow,
Like it's glad to see us as we go.

Starting a new school made me feel tight,
Like butterflies fluttering, not quite right.
But walking with my friend calms me each day,
By the time we arrive, the nerves go away.

So now I walk and feel more free,
It's better for Mum, my friend, and me.
A little change, but it's really cool —
I love my new walk to school!

What I see on my scoot to school

I like scooting to school with my dad and brother. Sometimes we talk as we scoot and sometimes we play games like eye spy. I see lots of things and my dad has taken photos of the best things. I like waving to our neighbour each morning it always makes us smile.



If somebody hasn't scooted before I'd tell them to practice starting and stopping, don't go too fast and have fun. Also, at my school to keep everyone safe we always walk with our scooters when we are in the playground.

As always to it was fabulous to celebrate children who have been recognised for being great role models this week in our **Celebration Assembly**.

Date	Friday 3 October 2025
Squirrels	William for being a great listener on the carpet. He is always ready to learn. Jessie and Quinn for being superstar readers during our shared reading sessions. They listen to the grown up and join in with enthusiasm.
Ladybirds	Willow, Frankie, Ozzie and Max for showing great respect towards others when acting out the story of the 'Three little pigs'. They all listened carefully to each other and performed the acts enthusiastically.
Bumblebees	Lucy and Kit have gone above and beyond with their writing this week! They have done a marvellous job using subordinate clauses to make their sentences more interesting. Their enthusiasm for writing is an inspiration! Well done!
Hares	Jack - This week has been ready for learning. Jack has found certain areas of our class learning tricky this week. However, he has shown resilience when mistakes have been made and he has persevered with the task to complete it to a great standard.
Foxes	Oliver & Oscar for building their resilience for writing and spellings. These two are producing beautiful handwriting which has now filtered into their English work.
Hérons	Orla & Noah have been building their stamina & resilience this week. They have done this through many areas of the curriculum. They can reflect on their learning which helps them to make great progress.
Kingfishers	Joshua and Caitlin for being ready and respectful during gardening. Joshua was very helpful when distributing all the crab apples that had been picked. Caitlin you worked hard in washing the poly tunnel and washing off the classroom windows.

Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Freddie – Ladybirds

Darcie – Hares

Orla – Herons

Skye - Kingfishers



Halloween Costume Swap

The PTA are excited to be running their Halloween Costume Swap again this year. It is a great way to pass on costumes that you no longer need and to pick up something new for your child, all while reducing waste. Drop off any unwanted costumes or accessories to the school office from Monday 6 October and children can choose a costume from the playground from Monday 20 October. If you are able to help run the swap stall please contact Isabel Mack on 07818 424959.



Starting School in September 2026

If you have a child or younger sibling which are due to start school in September 2026 (for those children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022) applications will be open on **Saturday 1 November** and will close on **Thursday 15 January**. For more information go to: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Parents Evenings

A reminder that these are taking place on **Tuesday 21 October 2.30pm – 5.40pm** and **Wednesday 22 October 2.30 – 5pm**.

The booking sheets are now available in the school hall at the beginning and end of the school day.

We are happy to offer Teams meetings after 5pm on these days, let us know when booking what your email address is.

If you are not able to get into school to make an appointment, please telephone and a member of our admin team who will be happy to make the booking for you.



Change of Menu

There will be a slight change to the menu for Monday – the green choice will be plant based burger not sausage – everything else remains the same.

Football Camp

Matt, who runs our School Football Club is running a half term football camp in October. This is running on 28, 29 and 30 October 9 – 3pm for girls and boys ages 5 – 12 years. The cost is £20 per day or £50 for all three days. To book go to: bookwhen.com/mattwellsfootballcoaching

Fundraising

One of our parents, Mr Webb is taking on a giant challenge for charity in November. He aims to do a physical challenge every day for the 30 days of November. He has set up a Mo space on the Movember website and all the details of the challenge are on there – <https://movember.com/m/15365316?mc=1>

Outdoor Swap

Due to the strong winds forecast for tomorrow the Oliver's Battery Outdoor Swap has been cancelled.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

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Dates for your diary - new events in Blue

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊

Parents Evenings	Tuesday 21 October (2:30 – 5:40) Wednesday 22 October (2:30 – 5:00)
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 23 October
Half Term	Friday 25 October
Swimming Lessons start (Year 3)	Tuesday 4 November
School Photographer	Friday 21 November
Inset Day	Monday 1 December
Whole School Pantomime	Thursday 11 December
Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm	Monday 15 December
Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 December
End of Term	Friday 19 December