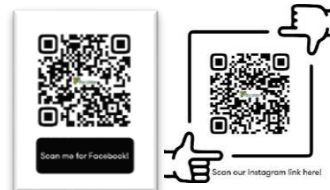


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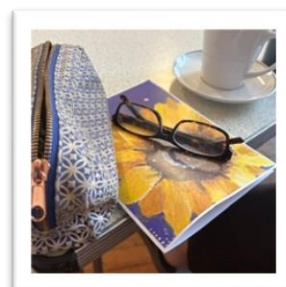
17 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers



What a busy and exciting week we have had in school!

We began the week with the fantastic **Rocksteady Concert**, where children proudly showcased their musical talents and confidence as performers. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying the opportunity to shine on stage and share their hard work with families and friends.



On Tuesday, we hosted a special **Thank You Tea Party** for our volunteers. We are incredibly grateful for the time, support and dedication they give to our school community throughout the year. Their contribution makes a real difference to the experiences and opportunities we are able to provide for our children.



Our hardworking PTA then organised the **End of Term Disco** on Wednesday evening. Despite the very hot and humid weather, the children had a fantastic time dancing and celebrating the end of another successful year. A huge thank you to the PTA volunteers for making the event such a success.

On Thursday, we welcomed our new Year R children and families to our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic. This is always a lovely event and provided a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to begin building friendships, meet members of staff and feel excited about starting school in September.

The week will be rounded off with our much-anticipated **Year 6 BBQ and Water Fight** after school today. This has become a fun tradition and a fantastic way to celebrate our Year 6 children as they prepare for the next stage of their journey. The staff have come well equipped to be thoroughly soaked - a welcome way to cool down in this warm weather!



We would also like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising such a fantastic **Summer Fayre**. The event was a tremendous success and was enjoyed by children, families and friends from across our school community. From the stalls and games to the refreshments and entertainment, an enormous amount of time and effort went into making the afternoon so special. We are incredibly grateful to all the PTA members, volunteers and supporters who gave their time to help. **The total amount raised will be shared later in this newsletter**, but we would like to say an early thank you for your generosity and support, which will help provide additional opportunities and resources for our children.

Date	Friday 17 July 2026
 Squirrels	A big well done to Squirrels Class for the fantastic way you represented our school during the visit from the Gurkha Museum. You showed our school values by being Ready to learn, Respectful to our visitors and each other, and Safe throughout the session. Your excellent behaviour, listening and enthusiasm made us all very proud. Congratulations, Squirrels Class, and thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school.
 Ladybirds	Ilana, Reuben, Douglas, Wren, Caelan and Gabriel created imaginative pirate maps in geography, carefully drawing the main features and plotting out a clear key so others could navigate their maps. They shared their ideas confidently with their peers. What stood out most was their perseverance because they kept going, refining and improving their maps until they were the very best they could make.
 Bumblebees	Ben and Michaelle for being amazing members of the class. They are always ready to learn, helpful to others and if their work is tricky they are happy to ask for help. Once they've mastered the work they then share their knowledge with other children who may need help. A special mention goes to Harley from year 4 who was an honorary member of Bumblebee class on Thursday. He was incredibly kind and helpful to year 1 and 2 during our art activities. Thank you Harley.
 Hares	Hares class, are all being recognised for their outstanding perseverance, resilience and determination. Throughout their Design and Technology project, they embraced the challenge of sewing and proudly brought their Ancient Egyptian collar designs to life. They never gave up, kept trying and should be incredibly proud of everything they achieved. Well done, Hares!
 Foxes	A huge well done to Foxes Class for an amazing week with our Local Walk and Recorder performance! I was so proud of your fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm during our Butterfly Conservation visit. You all listened carefully and showed just how much you had learnt by confidently spotting and identifying 14 different butterfly species. The artwork you all produced was absolutely beautiful and I was so impressed with the attention to detail. Congratulations as well on your wonderful 'Listen to Me' recorder concert. You performed with confidence and should all be very proud of your learning this year. What a fabulous final full week Foxes!
 Hérons	Herons Class are being recognised today for being incredible ambassadors for our school during our local walk to the water meadows yesterday. Along the way, they politely and enthusiastically conversed with members of the public, including the caretaker of the Hospital of St Cross and a local artist! We were incredibly proud of how respectful and kind they were to everyone we came across.
 Kingfishers	Kingfishers are READY —and they've earned every bit of this moment. The Year 6s have grown into confident, capable young people who have pushed themselves, supported one another, and shown exactly what it means to be part of a team. They've tackled challenges, built resilience, and proved—time and time again—that they're prepared for whatever comes next. Now they stand at the edge of a brand-new adventure, carrying everything they've learned and everything they've become. Kingfishers aren't just ready to leave primary school—they're ready to soar!



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are: Scarlett I, Alfie B, Leo B – Hares, Lucy A, Ada D, Theo F, Lonan G, Raahim S – Foxes.

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	163	195	161	231
Leaderboard	2nd	3rd	4th	1st

EdShed  Our Ed Shed winners this week are: Dylan H, Samuel P and Alfie. The winning class was Herons. If you want ideas, on or off line, to help with spelling at home our website has lots to look at. Try this link to our [English Subject page](#) here or go straight to edshed here: <https://www.edshed.com>

 Our highest scorers in Times Tables Rock Star this week were: Ava T – Bumblebees, Finley D – Hares, Ema A – Foxes, Dylan H – Herons and Torres – Kingfishers. If you want ideas, on or off line, to help with timestables at home our website has lots to look at. Try this link to our [Maths subject page](#) here or go straight to TTRS here: <https://ttrackstars.co>

Friends of OB School PTA End of Year Notices:

As the term draws to a close, we'd like to send huge **thanks** to everyone for their support this year and provide a brief update:

- **Summer Fair:** The sun shone on our hugely successful Summer Fair last Saturday, which raised a monumental **£3300**, absolutely smashing our £2500 target! Thank you so much to everyone who came to support the Fair, and in particular to all the volunteers - it wouldn't have been possible without you.
Most importantly, lots of fun was had, the teachers won the tug of war () and the kids did a great job of keeping Miss Vittle cool!

- **Summer Disco:** The Disco was our last event of the year and raised a whopping, if sweaty, £278!

Looking to next year, funding for the edible garden is now secure for 2026/27 and we have made great strides towards our fundraising target of a traversing wall for the playground. More to follow.

- **AGM:** The PTA AGM for 2026/27 will be on **Monday 14th September at 5pm at the school**.
We are a very small team and would love for new members to join, whether you can make it to the AGM or not. If interested, please contact your class rep or any of us during Frozen Friday - you will be very welcome!

Lastly, but by no means least, we'd like to give a huge shout out and thanks to a couple of people who have been fundamental to this year's success:

- **Malcolm**, for spearheading and organising such a fantastic Summer Fair - there were significant changes this year, and Malcolm successfully brought these together to execute a truly great event!
- **Noa**, who has been instrumental to the PTA and done so much for the school during the past 4 years. Thank you so much - you will be hugely missed!

Holiday Club

We are excited to be able to offer our very own Holiday Club to parents in the summer holidays. This will run from 3 – 6 August, 10 – 13 August and 25 – 27 August, 9am – 5pm at a cost of £28.00 per day. To book your child's place please contact the admin team either by email: admin@oliversb.com or telephone 01962 869496 and they will be happy to book this for you.



Chartwells Catering

A vacancy has come up for a mobile cook – for more information please follow the link: <https://jobs.compass-group.co.uk/job/75815449>

Thank you all for your continued support and hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully



Miss Vittle
Headteacher

Dates for your diary - **new events in Blue** **Just Nursery Dates in Green**

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊 Just click here: [School Calendar](#)

Nursery Graduation 13:30-15:00

End of term
INSET DAY
Flu Vaccines

Tuesday 21 July

Wednesday 22 July
Tuesday 1 September
Thursday 5 November 2026