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NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th April

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break. We've lots of exciting things to look forward to this term and I wanted to take a moment to outline some of the key dates to be aware of this half term.

Next week we'll start our first PTA '**Red Envelope**' week. This has replaced the 'fun raisin' and aims to raise vital funds for the school by every child taking home a red envelope and returning it with a voluntary contribution. Any classes that return 100% of the red envelopes will win a fun outdoor session with myself that will involve water balloons and a ice-cream/ ice-lolly!

We also have the annual **talent shows** this half term, I know the children enjoy this event and I look forward to seeing lots of their talents!



We'll end this half term with the **OPAL play afternoon**, which will follow the same format as last year, with a short talk from myself and some of the children at 1.45pm. Then parents and carers will be able to enjoy the outdoor activities before all children go back into their classroom at 3pm.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the whole PTA team for their tireless efforts to organise fun events and to raise vital funds for the school. We are currently working towards raising funds to improve the playground area and we've been lucky enough to be awarded a grant fund which we will use to improve our drainage solutions on the back playground (reducing the chance of flooding) and PTA funds will assist us in making this a nicer area for the children.

Finally, thank you to those of you who attended the information session last night. If you weren't able to, I've emailed the [link](#) to the video today. You'll also receive an email about joining our new **Parent Forum**. Even if you can't spare the time to join, please take a moment to look at the survey and share your views about topics to discuss.

Kind regards

Jill Sach

Headteacher

Monday 28th April

- Red Envelope Week (PTA)
- Year 3 Art Exhibition 3.15-3.30pm everyday this week

Wednesday 30th April

- KS1 Tennis Road Show

Monday 5th May

- Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th May

- VE day - dress in red, white and blue

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May

- SATs week (Y6)

Friday 16th May

- PTA Circus 6pm

Monday 19th May

- Class Photographs

Thursday 22nd May & Friday 23rd May

- Talent Shows

Friday 23rd May

- OPAL play afternoon & own clothes day (1.45-300pm)
- School closes at normal time

Monday 9th June

- Children return to school
- Y1 Phonic Screening Check begins
- Y4 Multiplication Check begins

Thursday 19th June

- Year 2 Assembly 2.30pm

Friday 20th June

- Year 2 Assembly 9am

Wednesday 25th June

- Year 6 visit to Manchester Science Museum

Thursday 26th June

- KS1 Goofus Theatre Performance (as part of Lymm Festival)

Friday 27th June

- EYFS & KS1 Sports Day

Saturday 28th June

- Summer Festival - PTA

Friday 4th July

- KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 10th July

- Year 3 Sleepover

Friday 11th July

- Reports emailed home

Monday 14th July

- Year 4 visit to Baptist Church

Thursday 17th July

- Year 6 Production 2pm

Friday 18th July

- Year 6 Production 9am

Monday 21st July

- Children visit new classes & meet teachers

Friday 25th July

- Year 6 Leavers Presentation
- School closes 2pm

Saturday 26th July

- Ibiza closing party (PTA)

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USEFUL REMINDERS/ INFORMATION



PARENT SURVEY- PLEASE FILL IN!

Parent voice matters to us and helps us to make decisions about school development priorities and inform some key changes. We sent out a parent survey in the spring term and unfortunately only had 39 responses. This is such a small sample of the parent body that we have decided to try again.

We ask that every parent submits a response, there are 14 multiple choices and a free text box to share any other comments. Please use this [link](#) to submit your views. Many thanks in advance.

The parent forum will have first sight of the results and then they will be shared via the newsletter at the end of term.



ONLINE SAFETY HUB

The Online Safety Hub is a brand-new online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online as a parent. You can access it [here](#).

It includes information on the latest hot topics when it comes to keeping children safe, such as how to manage your child's screen time, understand the latest gaming platforms, what they mean for your child's safety and lots more.

The hub is also offering Ravenbank parent/carers, a free Qustodio account facilitating parental controls on any one device and free premium access for 30 days. Through this you will gain more visibility on what's going on in your child's online world, block dangerous content, introduce screen-free schedules, receive alerts for inappropriate content, keep tabs on their location and more. Follow the [link](#) to create your free account - Qustodio 30 day school special | Qustodio

If you would like to know more, we will be running an hour-long workshop on Wednesday 7th May at 7:15pm in which Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at Smoothwall will provide you with lots of valuable insights and tools. Including:

- Information on the latest apps and games your child may have access to
- The harmful content your child may be exposed to
- How you can help your child to safely navigate online risk
- How to access our brand new and FREE Online Safety Hub with dedicated guidance for parents
- An introduction to a parental app that allows you to control what your child sees online if they are at risk, plus other important features.

Please use this [link](#) to book a place on the workshop.

We have also created a new [e-safety page](#) on our website. Please take the time to read the information.



PACKED LUNCHES

From Monday 28th April sandwiches will be available from the school kitchen. The children will be given a brown bag which includes a sandwich of choice either ham, cheese or tuna, a bottled water and a dessert which they can choose.



YEAR 3 ART EXHIBITION

Year 3 are hosting an art exhibition during the week beginning 28th April. Miss Green's classroom will be open every day that week between 3:15-3:30pm if you would like to come in and see the artwork (from both 3IG and 3MN) that has been produced throughout our expedition 'Echoes of the Nile'. Photos of the gallery will be posted on Dojo for those of you who can't make it.

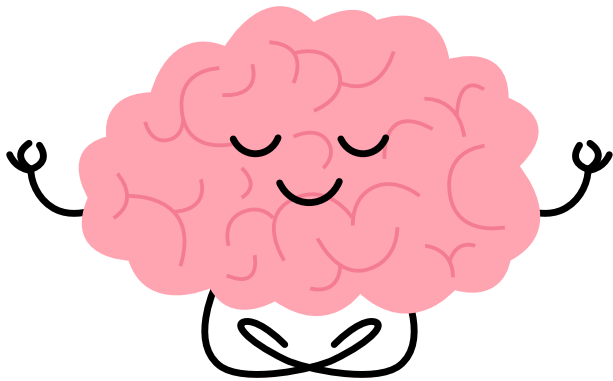


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MINDFULNESS SESSIONS

Year 1 and 3IG have enjoyed a mindfulness session with Holly from the Schools Health Mental Health Team. They learnt lots of strategies that can be used to stay mindful throughout the day such as belly breathing, rainbow grounding and tap and breathe. All the children felt very calm afterwards and were ready to learn. 3MN have their session next week and will definitely enjoy it.



MELITA'S FIRST RADIO SHOW

Our Melita has made it to national radio news! As you may be aware, she is a new presenter on the Kids Live at 5 show on Cheshire Mix 56. She's also been joined by Felix, Benedict, Abigail, Charlie and Masha from Year 5 and their first reports will be aired on Melita's first show on the 27th April. If you would like your child to take part in the show you can contact Melita's mum (Mika) on mika@mix56.co.uk.



ONLINE SAFETY HUB

A reminder that we are an Operation Encompass school. This means that the headteacher will be told, as soon as possible, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident. By sharing this information we can help to support a child after the incident. If you wish to have a confidential discussion about this, please speak to Mrs Sach.



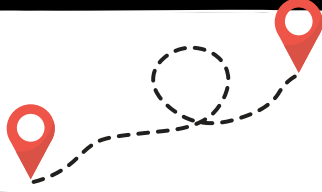
Last chance to grab your tickets for the circus!
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CURRICULUM INFORMATION



SUMMER EXPEDITIONS



On our website we have included information about this term's expeditions. We know that parents are keen to be involved with their children's learning and by understanding the key content of the learning journeys, you can play an active part by supporting them to read widely around the content and ask them questions about what they've enjoyed or found most interesting.

Here is an overview of each expedition:

INTO THE WOODS



EYFS will be going 'Into the Woods' to explore their favourite traditional tales. They will enjoy stories such as Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs through role play, outdoor learning, and creative activities. They'll explore woodland settings, build storytelling skills, and develop their writing abilities. We will also be using natural materials in creative ways, encouraging outdoor learning, and building on key skills such as communication, problem-solving, and teamwork.

FIELD TO FORK



Year 1 will be learning about farming in the past, where our food comes from and how seasonal weather affects our food. They will be designing their own fruit smoothies and inviting parents in to taste them! They'll also link this to stories about farms in English.



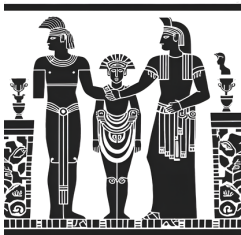
WILD WEATHER

Year 2 will be learning about weather around the world, using their field work skills to be maps and learning about Pointe-a-Pierre in Trinidad and Tobago, linked to a story in English 'Coming to England.'



COAST TO COAST

Year 3 will be learning about our coastlines, the physical and humans features around our coastlines, key coastal areas in the UK and how we can protect the coasts. They'll link this to their art work by studying Monet's seascapes.



ANCIENT ANCESTORS

Year 4 are learning about the Ancient Greeks in history, what life was like in that time, their beliefs about gods and who Alexander the Great was and why he was a significant leader. They'll finish off this learning by discovering the Ancient Olympics. In science they'll be learning to classify living things and doing a local habitat survey.



A SYMPHONY OF LIFE AND LANDSCAPES

Year 5 will be learning about the Mayan Empire in history, how they became so powerful, what evidence we have of their life and why the empire ended so suddenly. In geography they will learn about the rainforests, where they are and why they are important to everyone. In art they'll be developing their painting and mixed media skills through studying the work of Frida Kahlo and Beatrice Milhaze.



FROM TRENCHES TO TRIUMPH

Year 6 will be learning in history lessons about the causes of World War 1, what life was like for soldiers, key battles, the role of women in service and on the home front and the legacy of war on the modern world. In geography they will learn to use grid references to map the countries involved. They will also link this to their art work at use the work of Henry Moore as inspiration.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



This week, children from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in a fantastic RE workshop all about Islam. They got stuck into hands-on activities, asked some brilliant questions and discovered lots about Islamic beliefs, traditions and celebrations. It was a great chance for everyone to learn something new and celebrate the diversity in our world.



PE AND SPORTS NEWS



On the 5th and 6th April, some of our Year 5 girls took part in Gymnastics Gymfinity Carnival Competition. They competed in multiple events, showcasing their gymnastic abilities. A huge well done to, Cerys D who achieved: 1st Floor, 3rd Vault and 2nd Overall. Bea S who achieved: 1st Floor, 2nd Vault and 2nd Overall. Eloise P who achieved: 4th Floor, 4th Vault and 4th Overall. Ida J who achieved: 5th Floor, 2nd Vault and 4th Overall. Eva B who achieved: 4th Floor, 1st Vault and 3rd Overall and Sophia F who achieved 5th Vault. Well done girls! We are all really proud of your sporting achievements.



Huge congratulations to Elliot B (6PS), who after years of hard work and dedication has achieved his black belt in karate. Wow! What an achievement! We are all extremely proud of you.

Don't forget to share your sporting news with us by sending to ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk





We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the PTA who have funded a new football kit for us to wear with pride at our football competitions. Isaac, George, Phoebe and Lauren did a fantastic job of modelling our new kit. We can't wait to show it off at our next competition!

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OPAL PLAY-FLAG SYSTEM (REMINDER)

Clothing		Weather and conditions	
		Wellies or boots to go on grass. No football.	
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		No change of clothes needed.	

Children need to wear trainers when using the trim trail.

We have reminded the children that digging needs to be in the allocated digging area or the sand pit. They are encouraged not to dig near paths or on the fields due to trip hazards.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder of our uniform expectations. These will remain the same next year. Please note that branded uniform is available from [Touchline](#), but unbranded uniform in the correct colours are also acceptable.

- Grey trousers, skirts or shorts.
- White or red polo shirt.
- Red sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan.
- Red and white check summer dress (optional)
- Black school shoes.
- White or grey socks.
- Red or grey tights.

On PE days children should be wearing either:

- Red shorts, red or white polo shirt or branded PE top available from Touchline
- Black jogging bottoms/ leggings (no logos) and a red hoodie/ red jumper (for outdoor PE).
- Black pumps or trainers for indoor PE.
- Children also need a pair of wellies (infants) or a pair of trainers that are suitable for outdoor use only.

We also ask that children with longer than shoulder length hair have this tied back for health and safety reasons.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING! If your child loses an item of clothing, please check our lost property store at the front of the school.





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Thurs 11.30 – 7pm
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The children, staff and Governors are seeking to appoint a Maintenance Officer to join our friendly team working in a busy school environment.

Applicants need to have well developed inter-personal skills and be capable of responding flexibly to day-to-day pressures, demonstrating personal initiative, motivation and commitment. We are looking for a hard-working, cheerful person who will be proud to maintain our school and grounds to a very high standard of cleanliness and safety. The successful candidate will also need to demonstrate a professional attitude and be capable of working accurately, showing attention to detail. Other essential skills include being empathetic, able to work as part of a successful team and having a sense of humour. Annual leave to be discussed.

The job is based in a Primary School with approximately 400 pupils on roll. The role is integral to the safe and efficient running of the school and its surrounding facilities. It is a permanent position at 35 hours/week, requiring the post holder to work their hours both during term time and in school holidays with occasional additional hours to be worked and claimed separately.

Oughtrington Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and staff and expects all adults to share this commitment. Enhanced DBS clearance will be required. Further information about the Disclosure Scheme can be found on homeoffice.gov.uk/agencies-public-bodies/dbs. Visits to school are warmly welcomed and encouraged. If you wish to make an appointment to have a look around school, please telephone the office on 01925 752086.

Application forms and details are available on the School's website (www.oughtringtoncps.co.uk). All completed forms should be returned to school for the attention of Mrs Proud either via the school office or email to oughtrington.admin@thebeamtrust.co.uk and marked 'Private & Confidential'.

Closing date: 12pm 9th May 2025
Short Listing: w/c 12th May 2025
Interviews: w/c 19th May 2025

Job Sharing: This post is not available for job sharing

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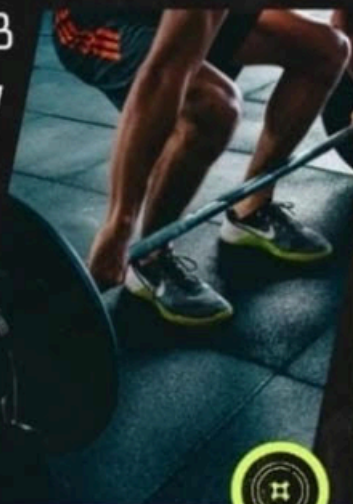
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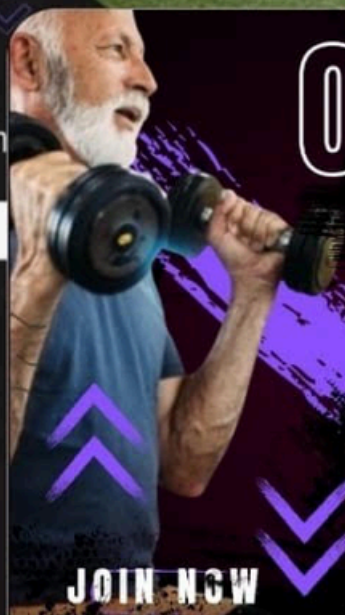


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