

# ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th January

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Dear Orleans Families,

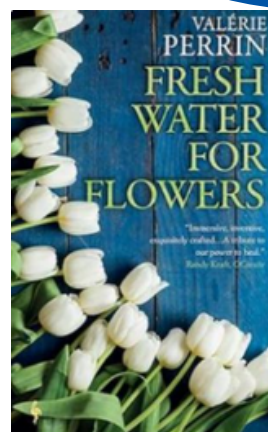
Torrential rain seemed to blight the majority of the week yet thankfully the sun came out for the Friday bake sale to help OPPTA raise more money for our school.

Behind the scenes, we have been working on the school website and if you wish to see some of the areas we have worked on you can follow this link to the [Parent Zone](#).

The Year 3 and 4 coding workshop was the highlight of the week. One child said it was the best day at school they had ever had. Silently all the teachers that have taught that child weep. What was particularly fabulous to observe was the children understanding that they can be content creators rather than simply consumers.

The other area that really shone across the school this week was the depth of maths problem solving and reasoning. Our pupils are able to articulate their reasoning and justify their problem solving by recognising patterns, thinking logically and using complex vocabulary and examples. Knowing that maths requires effort, not just quick number facts, is second nature to our pupils.

In other news, we creep closer to the retirement of our brilliant caretaker's after 17 years of helping to keep our school running. We shall be in touch about how we will celebrate him, show our appreciation and say good byes. All the best,  
Victoria Coward



Three books that may help us to cope with some complex emotions. The first book for adults from a French author about a caretaker! The second is for year 5 or 6 children that is incredibly moving. Lastly, a book that takes our younger readers into a magical world.

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES



## Orleans Primary School Date Card



### Spring Term 2026

January 2026	
Monday 5th	Spring 1 term starts and children return to school
Monday 5th-9th	Year 6 Bikeability continues
Thursday 8th	Year 4 Thames Young Mariners Residential Meeting (online)
Thursday 15th	RSHE Family Workshop for Reception to Year 6 (online and in person)
Thursday 15th	Year 4 Coding Workshop
Friday 16th	Year 3 Coding Workshop
Monday 19th	Perform Workshops for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 27th	Y5 to St Stephen's Church for an organ demonstration
February 2026	
Thursday 12th	Year 6 SATS meeting with families (online)
9th-15th February	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Friday 13th	Year 6 Graffiti Workshop
16th - 20th	Half Term
Monday 23rd	Spring 2 term starts and children return to school
March 2026	
Tuesday 3rd	4PB to Richmond Museum Anglo Saxon Life
Wednesday 4th	4GB to Richmond Museum Anglo Saxon Life
Thursday 5th	World Book Day
9th -13th	Science Week
Wednesday 11th	Y2 to Royal Festival Hall for Bright Sparks Concert
Thursday 12th	Y3 perform a violin concert for families (time TBC)
Friday 13th	Red Nose Day
Monday 16th	2K to sing at St Stephen's Church Monday Lunch Club
Wednesday 18th	2P to sing at Dalemead Care Home
Wednesday 18th	Year 5 to the Science Museum
Monday 23rd	Y4 to Royal Festival Hall for Orchestra Unwrapped concert
Tuesday 24th	Family Consultations 1.30-5pm
Wednesday 25th	Family Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Spring Term. Finish at 1.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term. Children return to school

Please note these dates are subject to change. Any revisions or additions will be communicated as and when necessary.

Spring 1 - Y3 trip to Science museum TBC

Spring 2 - Y3 Richmond museum TBC

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## WISH LIST LINKS

[Nursery](#) [Reception](#)

[Year 1](#) [Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#) [Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#) [Year 6](#)

[Whole School](#)



## Help, Advice and Support

Building resilience in children - parent workshop: **Wednesday 28th January 2026**

Run by the Mental Health Support Team this practical workshop will offer tips to help you help your child be more resilient to the things life can throw up.

Sign up form [here](#)



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# JUNIOR HOCKEY TRIALS

18 JAN 26

SCHOOL YEARS 1-7  
*TIFFIN GIRLS' SCHOOL*

9:00 U10

9:30 U8

10:30 U12

25 JAN 26

SCHOOL YEARS 8-11  
*KGS SPORTS GROUNDS*

9:30 GIRLS U14&U16

11:00 BOYS U14&U16

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# Are you raising the child of a relative or a friend?

Whether you have a special guardianship order, child arrangement order or no legal order in place, you and your child are eligible for support and advice to help with education.

This could include:

- Pupil Premium funding
- advice and support from AfC Virtual School
- advice and support from other organisations



For more information, please contact Rebecca Lloyd at AfC Virtual School or the designated teacher in your school.

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