

ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th February

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Families,

Understanding our world starts in Nursery and threads through all our geography topics. Many of our year groups are studying a myriad of topics within geography such the relationships between people and the environment. It is also linked to culture, settlements and environmental issues such as plastic pollution that year 4 have been studying.

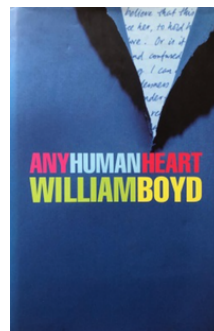
Being socially responsible begins with our values of compassion and responsibility. The earliest stages of these values might be in our school council. Next week, the children will be democratically electing school councillors from each class based on a speech about what they propose to do in role. The art of rhetoric, in its infancy in the Orleans classroom, may not be the structured arguments of the Sophists but it is nonetheless powerful.

The food the children are treated to at Orleans also reflects the geography of our school community as it is from all over the world. Couscous or Greek salad, curry with lentils, fajitas or Caribbean chicken just to name a few of the diverse options that staff and pupils happily consume at school. Understandably the lure of the playground can sometimes be distracting but Margie's banana cake usually defeats the near irresistible draw of the playground.

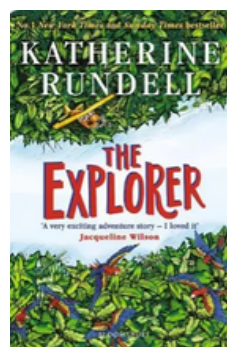
Triathlon fever also hit KS2 after an excellent assembly from the organisers. Follow this [link](#) if you wish your child to enter.

Have a super weekend and hopefully the rain will abate.

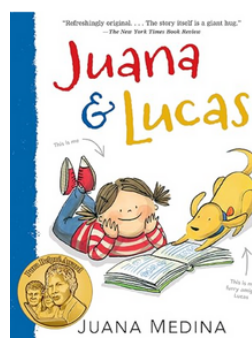
Warmest wishes,
Victoria Coward



Boyd's most famous book is set initially in Uruguay and then various European cities. This fascinating fictional writer meets artists and lives a rich and varied life between the wars.



Further adventures also set in South America in the dramatic Amazon rain forest.



Columbia is the setting for our recommendation for a youngest readers. Juana is a lively character with an adorable dog.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

February 2026

Wednesday 11th	2K music showcase to parents 9.10-9.40am
Thursday 12th	Year 6 SATS meeting with families (online)
Thursday 12th	OPPTA Film Night Y 2-4
9th-15th February	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Friday 13th	Year 6 Graffiti Workshop
Friday 13th	OPPTA Film Night Y 5 +6
16th - 20th	Half Term
Monday 23rd	Spring 2 term starts and children return to school
Wednesday 25th	2P music showcase to parents 9.10-9.40am

March 2026

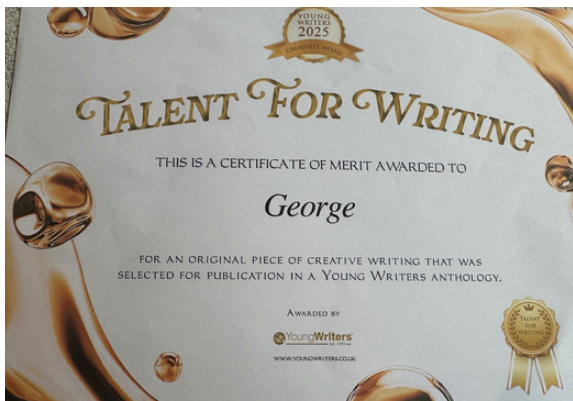
Tuesday 3rd	4PB to Richmond Museum Anglo Saxon Life
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Thursday 5th	World Book Day
9th -13th	Science Week
Wednesday 11th	Y2 to Royal Festival Hall for Bright Sparks Concert
Thursday 12th	Y3 perform a violin concert for parents 9.50-10.20am
Friday 13th	Red Nose Day
Monday 16th	2K to sing at St Stephen's Church Monday Lunch Club
Wednesday 18th	Year 5 to the Science Museum
Thursday 19th	2P to sing at Dalemead Care Home
Thursday 19th	OPPTA Silent Disco Years 2-4
Friday 20th	OPPTA Silent Disco Y 5 + 6
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
Thursday 26th	Y4 music showcase to parents 9.10-9.40am
Friday 27th	Last day of Spring Term. Finish at 1.30pm
13th April	First day of Summer Term. Children return to school

AWARDS and ACCOLADES

Orleans swimming contestants won many medals at the recent RISE Gala at Pool on the Park!

1,2 and 3rd in multiple events and many shiny medals to show off.

The team was Ernest, Henry, Henry, Isabella, Nathaniel, Santi, Daisy-Mae, Matilda, Riccardo and Sami.



Amazing news from 3B. George has become a published writer in the Young Writers' book Ghost Stories- The Witching Hour. George's story is called 'The Ghost'. We cannot wait to read it!

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MUSIC NEWS

At Stephen's Church, everyone in year 5 played a church organ - yes, you read that right! Mr Morrison, an Orleans parent, played some short and familiar pieces to us, explained how the organ works and demonstrated the different sounds it could produce. Then the children all got to try it out themselves - they were able to play loud, experiment with different pipes and timbres and make a lot of noise! Not many people get to ever try out a real pipe organ so this really was a unique experience for them, and I hope it inspired future organists among the year group. Many thanks to Mr Morrison.

Mrs Ricketts

FILM NIGHTS

THURS 12TH FEB:
YEARS 2/3/4
FRI 13TH FEB:
YEARS 5/6

3.30PM - 5.30PM

THE SUPER MARIO BROS
MOVIE
TICKETS £7

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OPPTA NEWS

Thursday 12th Feb for Years 2-4

Friday 13th Feb for Years 5 & 6

Tickets are priced at £7 and this includes a movie theme snack!



Tickets are now LIVE ... click this link to book your child a ticket

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/oppta/> 

PERFORMANCE POETRY COMPETITION



Spring 1 Term

Choose a poem and learn it off by heart.
Class performances start in the weeks 5
and 6 (16th - 27th February)

Spring 2 Term

By **Friday 6th March** (after February half term- in week 2)
class performance round completed.

Tuesday 24th March

KS2 and KS1 Performance Poetry Assembly

Look for poetry inspiration [here](#)



Choose a poem



Learn it by heart



Perform it out loud

HALF TERM AT **THE EXCHANGE**



Flowers & Friendship Bracelets
The Ultimate Pop Concert!
SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY
6 PM



Out Of The Box Circus
Comedy Show
MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY
11 AM



Grow (2025) (PG)
WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY
2 PM



How To Survive In Space - Starring
CBBC'S Operation Ouch! O-Twins
FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY
11 AM & 2 PM



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