

ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th February

Dear Families,

Being close to nature has been a strong theme this week.

Year 1 embarked upon their Forest School experience with their parent volunteers, teachers and the wonderful Mr Morgan.

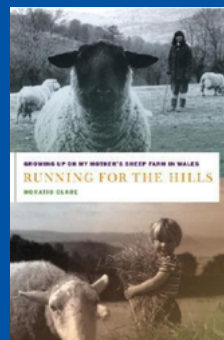
They left with exuberant enthusiasm and returned full of fantastic tales of their fun. The benefits of outdoor play are recorded in a plethora of research papers but notably it is said to increase confidence and promote creativity and imagination in addition to the more obvious physical benefits of exercise.

We are incredibly lucky to have so much space and greenery around our playground. The children are often found to be making mini bug hotels, creating earth art and watching butterflies. Sam in 3B spotted a peacock butterfly and raced over to tell the adults on duty; although somewhat frustratingly it had departed.

A few of us who grew up in the countryside may remember the halcyon days of the 80's with fondness. Leaving the home playing on the hay bales and paddling in streams then returning for teatime may sound rather hackneyed but it did really happen. The majority of our readers will be mystified by such ideas. Not that we are suggesting that anyone should actually move to the countryside because it just isn't like that anymore! What we are highlighting is how we can embrace that in St Margarets and enjoy our village like school in the city.

Someone who does remember the relaxed days of the 80's is our fabulous caretaker- Mr James. For 17 years he has kept us secure, clean and in working order. So many children have got to know him over the years. To see him interact with former pupils, who come to run clubs or just drop in to say hello, illustrates what an important part of their Orleans days he was. Although it is sad to see him go, we know he has a very exciting chapter of travel and relaxation ahead of him and we wish him all the best for many years to come.

All the best,
Victoria Coward



Running for the Hills- Horatio Clare

A fascinating book about the harsh conditions experienced when moving to a sheep farm in Black Mountains: just in case anyone was actually thinking about really moving to the countryside



Mic Drop- Sharna Jackson

An exciting book for our older children about some intrepid children investigating suspicious activity in their neighbourhood.



Katie in London- James Mayhew

A classic book to remind ourselves what an incredible city we live in.



The Scholastic travelling book fair will be selling outside the library before and after school from Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th March. Come along and find a new book in celebration of World Book Day and the National Year of Reading! We will be taking both cash and card payments. We look forward to seeing you there!



A promotional poster for a Scholastic Travelling Books book fair. The background is a vibrant orange-red gradient. On the left, a young girl with braided hair, wearing a blue eye mask and a red cape, is shown in a dynamic pose, pointing forward. Below her are two cartoon characters: a purple cat-like creature with large eyes and a red collar, and a yellow character with a red mask and cape. The text 'SCHOLASTIC' is in a red box with a book icon, and 'TRAVELLING BOOKS' is next to it. The main headline 'COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR' is in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says 'and earn FREE BOOKS for our school!'. In the bottom right corner, there is a white box with the text 'GO ALL IN.' and 'National Year of Reading 2026'.

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Whole School Art Celebration – Holiday Project

Wonderful artwork is on display in the main hall already!

Don't forget to bring your work in.

3D's Richmond Museum

As part of their history topic on the Romans, 3D had an exciting visit to the Richmond Museum to bring the era to life. The children were introduced to some replica foods, spices and implements used by the Romans in their daily life and they were able to pass around some original Roman pottery which was over 2000 years old.

This was followed by a very enjoyable mosaic making session where the children designed and made their own mosaic tile with tiles and grout. They impressed us with their creative designs and they loved making their own mosaics

'It was great to learn how to make mosaics and now I know more about the Romans' - Artur

'It was fun and I loved making the mosaics' - Anastasia



PERFORMANCE POETRY COMPETITION



Spring 2 Term

**Class Performances are taking place this
week and next week**

By **Friday 6th March** all the
class performances will be completed and winners chosen.

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



2K Family Charity Run

Rallying Behind Orleans Primary's New Library Project!

18 April 2026

Start Time 9:30 AM

Marble Hill Park, Twickenham

From young readers to wise wizards are welcome!



*Supporting Orleans Primary School's
New Library Project*



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School Foundation
(Charity Reg No.
1190548)



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
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 parents 9.50-10.20am
Monday 16th	2K to sing at St Stephen's Church Monday Lunch Club
Wednesday 18th	Year 5 Science Museum trip
	1PC Music Showcase 9.10am-9.40am
Thursday 19th	2P to sing at Dalemead Care Home
Thursday 19 th	OPPTA Silent Disco Years 2-4
Friday 20th	OPPTA Silent Disco Y 5 + 6 and Red Nose Day
Monday 23rd	Y4 to Royal Festival Hall for Orchestra Unwrapped concert
Tuesday 24th	Family Consultations 1.30-5pm
Wednesday 25th	Family Consultations 3.30-6pm
	1M Music Showcase 9.10am-9.40am
Friday 27 th	Last day of Spring Term. Finish at 1.30pm
13 th April	First day of Summer Term. Children return to school

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