

ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th March

Dear Families,

Comic Relief has been a wonderful way to end the week by celebrating our humour and raising money for a worthwhile cause showing our compassion for others.

Looking ahead- do not forget to sign up for the 2km run on Saturday 18th April. Setting challenges such as running 2km might be ambitious but our pupils are more than capable of completing this if racing around the playground is any indication. Although, the main focus of our fundraising is for the playground, we shall continue to keep the library on our back burner but that doesn't mean we can't run and have fun to keep some money in the bank until we are ready.

Also this week, Year 2 girls played in a superb football match and won all bar one of their games and on Friday year 4 played friendly netball against Deer Park School and won again. Watching the smiles and laughter of the residents of Dalemead Care Home as 2P sang was incredibly heart-warming

We have had a lot of opportunities for families to come and watch demonstrations including our music lessons, our school orchestra and after school clubs such as dance, karate and gymnastics. Proud parents watched as their children showed how much they are thriving through their extracurricular activities. Well on their way to finding a passion for life.

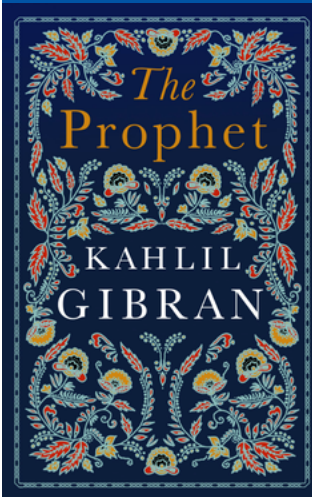
Khalil Gibran in his poem Children uses the imagery of parents as the archer and children as the bow and suggests that we are as parents are more akin to instruments than directors of destiny. He writes his poetry in his inimitable style with this interesting idea that "You may give them your love but not your thoughts. For they have their own thoughts." As directors of destiny, we can ensure they are in the right direction when we sign them up for clubs or activities that spark their imagination and passion. So the new clubs list is out soon for you to consider the dazzling array of clubs on offer at Orleans Primary School. A personal favourite was watching the Reception children in their ballet club this week.

The OPPTA 'not so silent' discos were a huge success and we witnessed some confident dance moves across the school.

Eid Mubarak to all our staff and families who are celebrating today with their friends and family. We hope you have a wonderful day of food and celebration after a month of fasting during Ramadan.

All the best,

Victoria Coward



Gibran's poems about all aspects of life written with a spiritual focus and mystical style.



Hilarious Omar stories will entertain our older readers.

THESE ARE
MY ROCKS

A story about collecting



Observing our budding geologists in the playground led to this recommendation for the younger readers. It is all about collecting rocks.



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



Scan the QR and watch
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the Orleans Primary
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

Please note that the school will be closed from 1.30pm on Tuesday 24th March for the Family Consultations and on the last day of term on Friday 27th March. If you wish to book JAG then go to their app.



From our forest correspondents

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to OPPTA for supporting our outdoor learning experiences in Willow Wood this term. Our Year 1 children have taken part in five Forest School sessions over the course of Spring 1, enjoying a wide range of nature-based activities.

Throughout these sessions, the children have explored the natural environment, developed new skills, and learned many fascinating facts about the wildlife in our local area. These hands-on experiences have enriched their learning and encouraged curiosity, confidence, and a love of the outdoors.

We are very grateful to OPPTA for making these valuable opportunities possible for our pupils.

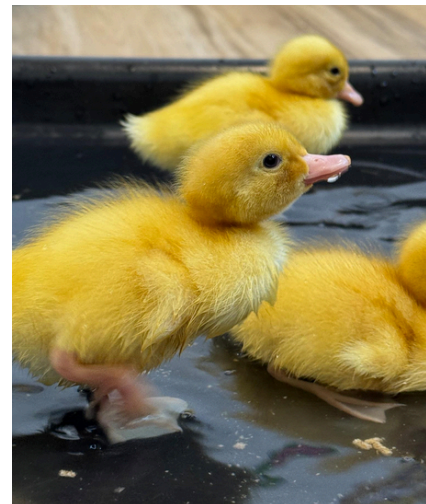
Mrs Prinsloo and Mr Marks

Duckling News!

We are delighted to share that our school has recently welcomed a group of ducklings, kindly sponsored by OPTTA. This wonderful experience has provided an exciting and engaging opportunity for our children, particularly in Year 1 and Year 2, linking directly to their learning about life cycles.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed observing the process from eggs hatching to fluffy yellow ducklings, and watching them grow, develop, and even take their very first swim. It has been a fantastic hands-on learning experience, bringing the curriculum to life in a meaningful and memorable way.

We would like to extend a big thank you to OPTTA for making this special experience possible for our pupils



Our Reception and Year 6 pupils have had an exciting opportunity to take part in the **Festival of Creativity**, run by St Mary's University. This wonderful project gave children the chance to showcase their artistic talents, with selected pieces exhibited in a real art gallery.

Reception pupils submitted their beautiful collage work, inspired by the artist Megan Coyle, while our Year 6 pupils impressed with their creatively designed waistcoats. It has been a fantastic opportunity for our children to have their work displayed and celebrated beyond the classroom.

If you would like to view the exhibition, it is taking place at the Penny School Art Gallery, located in Richmond Road, Kingston Upon Thames, KT2 5BP. The gallery will be open this Saturday 21st March from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

We are incredibly proud of all the children involved and hope some of you can visit to support and celebrate their achievements.



Class winners for the Performance Poetry Competition 2026!

The finals are on Thursday 26th March and the performances will be videoed and sent to the families.

1M	Leon Monty	
1PC	Mira	
2K	Reyan, Joel	Ari & Adam
2P	Ethan, Sterling	Mabel, Ivy, India
3B	Lia, Leo	Ted, Max
3D	Enoch, Zephia	Astrid & Mabli
4GB	Solara and Jiarui	Josh and Deacon
4PB	Lyra B, Jaime	Emily, Ava, Mariana
5J	Ali, Jasper	William, Jingbo, Indigo, Ben
5H	Diana, Harrison, Neil	Lili & Ruby
6A	Austin, Matilda	Michael, Oli & George
6ST	Aleks & Iris	Nathaniel & Miller



Community
Sports
Trust

March 30th - April 1st

EASTER HALF TERM CAMP

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
MAR	30	31	APR 1

Holy Trinity Primary

9.00 - 15.15

Reception - Year 6

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