

ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th April

Dear Families,

We have burst into the summer term in a spectacular fashion. The dramatic destruction of the raised area in our playground over the Easter holidays has opened our eyes to how much space we have to play in. A kind neighbour donated a new table tennis table and this has proved to be an exceedingly popular pastime. We are extremely grateful to the tireless work of our PTA over the last few years with fairs and a cycle ride to Paris that have enabled this to happen. The next stages of development will be the installation of a large new hut, a trim trail area for KS1 and an extensive climbing frame for all. So fundraising does not end here, we are working towards financing this next phase of playground development with the Pedal to Amsterdam and the upcoming Summer Fair on **Friday 15th May**. Thank you to everyone for supporting such worthwhile projects that benefit the children and thank you to OPPTA for organising them. We know it takes time energy and dedication.

It will not have escaped your attention that year 4 were not on site today and yesterday. We ventured to Thames Young Mariners at Ham Lake. The menu of activities included raft building, SUP, woodland crafts and intermittent sleeping in bell tents surrounded by nature. We also had the pleasure of a local historian, Gordon Elsdon, coming to talk to us around our campfire about the fascinating history of Ham from the Ice Age to the arrival of the Vikings. A one night residential provides an opportunity to be independent, try new activities and have fun with our friends and all of these key ingredients were in abundance during this trip. All exemplified by the now famous Pak-Fei dock jump.

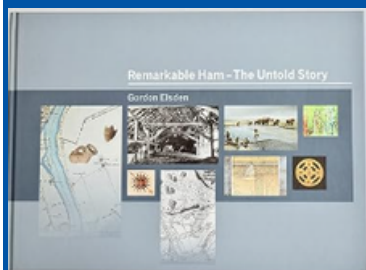
Nursery this week were learning about people who help us such as vets and doctors and during their lesson displayed a startling depth of knowledge about skeletons and the animal world. They also were able to connect their learning to their friend who hurt her finger showing our value of compassion towards others.

Many of us will be at Marble Hill Park tomorrow at 9.30am to run 2K to raise some money for our book collection in order to install a system to organise and scan books. This way we can keep a track of our books and what children are reading. See you there!

Enjoy the sunshine and see you next week.

All the best,

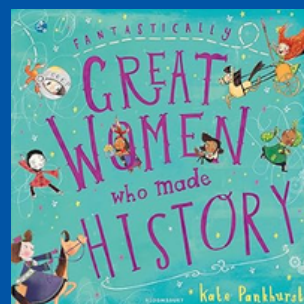
Victoria Coward



Gordon Elsdon's book about Ham which is a must read for those interested in local history.



Excellent historical fiction from this versatile author who interestingly was told at school she could not write.



A more accessible book for younger readers about significant women in history.



Testing the rafts!



Dock jumpers left and above Pak-Fei after his legendary dock jump.



Collaborative den building



The ferry home!

Performance Poetry Winners



Tony (our caretaker for 17 years) went to Brentford V Everton at the weekend as part of the retirement present we gave him. He would like to thank all the Orleans family for this gift and he had a great day there with his wife Julie.

Amended and correct Performance Poetry winners!

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, Jaume	Emily, Ava, Mariana
5J	Ali, Jasper	William, Jingbo, Indigo, Ben, Dylan
5H	Diana, Harrison, Neil	Lili & Ruby
6A	Austin, Matilda	Michael, Oli & George
6ST	Aleks & Iris	Nathaniel & Miller

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 your donation sprint to the Orleans Primary School Foundation (Charity Reg No. 1190548)

Two OPS mums- Paula and Ame- have already run and raised some money for the library refurbishment. If you don't have the time or energy to run tomorrow you could simply donate to them via the Orleans Primary School Fund link here.



Mum's fundraiser for OPSF Library

Help Paula Leicester raise money to support OPSF

JustGiving

WEEKLY BAKE SALE SCHEDULE

SUMMER TERM

2026

APRIL

FRIDAY 24TH - -5J

MAY

FRIDAY 1ST -RC

FRIDAY 8TH -RB

FRIDAY 15TH* -WHOLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY 22ND -YEAR 1

JUNE

FRIDAY 5TH - YEAR 6

FRIDAY 12TH - YEAR 5

FRIDAY 19TH - YEAR 4

FRIDAY 26TH - YEAR 3



JULY

FRIDAY 3RD - YEAR 2

FRIDAY 10TH - NURSERY & RECEPTION



* OPPTA SUMMER FAIR - Everyone can bake!
Cash and Card Payments Accepted



OPPTA
Orleans Primary
PTA

we ♥
Cake

Orleans Primary PTA
Registered Charity Number: 1047600

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES



Orleans Primary School Date Card



Summer Term 2026

April 2026	
Monday 13th	Summer 1 term starts and children return to school
16-17th	Year 4 to Thames Young Mariners
Wednesday 22nd	Author Visit Lisa Noguera
Thursday 23rd	Choirs regional rehearsal at school
Tuesday 21st	Class photos
Friday 24th	World Heritage Celebration Day
Saturday 24th	OPPTA Orleans vs St Stephen's football tournament at Moor Mead Park 9.30am Mini Marathon
Monday 27th	Year 5 to The National Gallery
Tuesday 28th	Phonics Screen Check Parent Workshop (Year 1 Families) Reception Walk to MHP
Wednesday 29th	4PB Music Showcase 9.10am in the large hall
May 2026	
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th	Year 3 to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 6th	4GB music showcase 9.10am in large hall
Friday 8th	Open Morning 9-9.45am
11th-14th	Year 6 KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 14th	Year 6 to the Adventure Playground
Friday 15th	OPPTA Summer Fair 3.30-5.30pm
Monday 18th	Year 4 School of Noise Workshop
18th - 22nd	Year 6 PGL
Tuesday 19th	RMT Singing Festival at Rose Theatre (both choirs)
Friday 22nd	Year 2 Scooter Training

THE ENCHANTED FOREST

SUMMER FAIR

FRIDAY
15TH MAY
3.30-6PM

Where a magical forest
will come to life
at Orleans Primary

OPPTA

Orleans Primary
PTA

150 Years
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