

ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th May

Dear Families,

Hail, rainbows and sunshine washed over us this week to show us that we need to be prepared for anything. Year 6 were exactly that. We were exceptionally proud of them this week; they displayed resilience, retained their sense of humour and were as always kind and polite throughout the week.

Both year 3 and 2 were learning about money this week. Interesting as many of them have never seen a coin or note that symbolise a particular value. How do we teach children about the value of what they spend or earn without tangibles? Why do we need to learn about what change Witney will get from £10 when she buys 3 apples at 49p each when she will probably tap her phone to a reader? Finances are one of the most stressful areas of adult life and so at Orleans as part of our PSHE curriculum our pupils learn about how to budget and how money can impact emotions and feelings in year 3 and how to track our spending in year 4. Talking to our children as we shop can be crucial too so they can learn as we narrate our thinking about value for money. Maybe one day your daughter will use your family account to buy a sack of rice rather than a smaller quantity and you will know she has been listening. Although, when she is collected from university she may still have half a sack of rice...

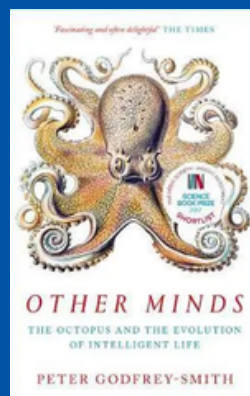
Tough questions were the order of the day today. Munira Wilson came to meet us at Orleans. She met with our school councillors, who grilled her with many probing questions. Then she took an assembly with year 5 and 6 who were a model audience.

Our budding orators and argumentative children will be pleased to hear we may have a volunteer to run our Debate Club in September. We will let you know soon if this comes to fruition.

As I write, the Orleans Fair is in full swing and what an exciting event it is. Governors and staff have joined families and friends to have fun and spend time with each other. Thank you to all the volunteers who have made this possible and thank you to OPPTA for organising it. Developing the garden area where Cosima planted flowers with her friends and decorating it with stones designed by the children is something that has moved us all.

Good luck in the football match against St Stephen's to all that are playing this weekend.

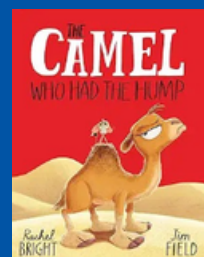
Warmest wishes,
Victoria Coward



What can we learn from an philosopher of scientist and a scuba diver? A lot about intelligence it turns out.



Some historical fiction for the older children.



Finally, a fun picture book for the little ones.

COSIMA'S ENCHANTED GARDEN



Art inspired by the garden by Alice and Skye in RB

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday 17th	OPPTA Orleans vs St Stephen's football tournament at Moor Mead Park 9.30am
18th - 22nd	Year 6 PGL
Tuesday 19th	RMT Singing Festival at Rose Theatre (both choirs)
Friday 22nd	Year 2 Scooter Training
25th-29th	Half Term
June 2026	
Monday 1st	Inset day
Tuesday 2nd	Summer 2 term starts. Children return to school
Thursday 4th	ADHD Embrace Family Information morning 9-10am
1-12th	Year 4 Multiplication Check Window
8-12th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Monday 8th	<input type="checkbox"/> Year 5 and 6 to the Orange Tree Theatre- Comedy of Errors
Thursday 11th	Year 3 and 4 to the Orange Tree Theatre- Comedy of Errors
Tuesday 16th	Year 6 Don Rae dance workshop Year 4 BCLF Author visit- Serena Patel at Richmond Theatre Year 5 BCLF Author visit - Christopher Edge at Richmond Theatre
Thursday 18th	5H music showcase 9.10am in the large hall Year 6 BCLF Maisie Chan Twickenham Stadium
19 th -20 th	OPPTA Cycle to Amsterdam

NOTICES AND MESSAGES
RJ in Reception's family have set up a fundraising page as he is cutting his hair for charity.

We'd love to share this with the school community to raise some funds to go towards the making of the wig/wigs for those that need them.

The link below will take you to Rjs page:

https://click.contact.justgiving.com/?qs=ABB7InYiOjEslmQiOjQ4NzN9AAYAAAAAOkxZHcUCtaMhI5IPg_0mRpBoIlcRLOLKPXtiT-5gw_JI2DTQsLsllOyhbqZtm-cu194tyqWjpu_LXiEXMYBSOGkYIxCjdCpg

  Let's Rally Behind Our Orleans Riders Cycling to Amsterdam!   

We are incredibly proud of our 29 Orleans riders   who will be taking on the challenge of cycling from London to Amsterdam on 19th–20th June 2026 in support of Skylarks Charity 

Over two days, they will cycle more than 300km, raising vital funds for both Orleans School and Skylarks Charity, which supports children and young people with additional needs and disabilities.

Please show your support:

<https://skylarks.enthuse.com/cf/orleans-primary-school---pedal-to-amsterdam-2026>

Every donation makes a real difference and helps power their journey to Amsterdam 