

ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th June

Dear Families,

Sometimes it is a phrase caught in the wind as you cross the playground; sometimes it is in the classroom that someone makes you chuckle and fills you with an immense sense of pride. This week it was this gem that epitomises life at Orleans- "This weekend I'm doing a triathlon and next weekend I am going to Amsterdam." Add into the mix, the Year 4 families who are heading off to their camping trip. Some of the parents are using this journey to train for the Pedal to Amsterdam too. That just about sums up the intensely busy time we have right now.

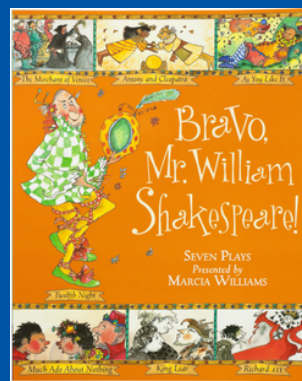
That brings me on to the ambition we have for our pupils. At Orleans, we have high expectations for all in the classroom and making sure we challenge all is essential. Class texts that contain complex vocabulary, maths challenges that involve 'sometimes, always, never' reasoning and and thinking about big questions like personal meaning and the purpose of life in RE and Worldview lessons are just a few of the things being explored this week.

We also launched another strand our pastoral care for the children. Miss Capillo will be our Time to Talk counsellor, working alongside Mrs Barks (Welfare and Family Liaison Officer). The children in Year 3 and above can self-refer if they wish to discuss anything that worries them. There is a post box situated outside the office and there are slips for the children to complete. Miss Capillo will then find time to listen and offer advice where necessary. We hope the children will find this support beneficial.

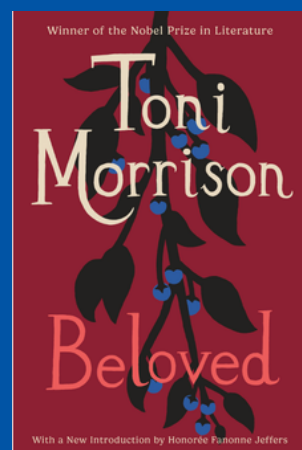
Summer is coming and the bugs are less prevalent so being at school every day is more likely. Research shows how important this is. In primary school, children who attend nearly every day (95–100% attendance) have 30% higher odds of reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90–95% of the time. Everyday matters and missing crucial bits of learning does have an impact.

Thank you to all the parents who came in and helped add 2000 of our library books onto the system with Accessit. There's more work to be done so look out for the emails calling you up for librarian duties. Now we have a better idea of the fantastic stock we have we can start to make sure children can use the library and take books out on a regular basis.

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.
Best wishes,
Victoria Coward



If your child enjoyed the Orange Tree Theatre workshop, they may like to delve into some more examples of Shakespeare's work with the help of Marcia Williams.



This beautifully written, spellbinding book about slavery is utterly uncompromising and a must read. It was first published before some of you were born so you may have missed it on your reading travels.



A picture book about two quirkky mums and their adventures.

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/orl
eans-primary-school---pedal-to-
amsterdam-2026](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 

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

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	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
Tuesday 23rd	1P Pizza Express trip 8.45am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 24th	Nursery Sports Day 9.15-10.15am at school

Thursday 25th	5J music showcase 9.10am in the large hall Welcome to Nursery workshop in the main hall- 3.40-4.40 pm
Friday 26th	KS2 Sports Day - Cardinal Vaughan Playing Fields
Monday 29th	Year 3 Mosque trip 8.30am - 3.30pm Recorder concert in the small hall (afternoon)
Tuesday 30th	1M Pizza Express trip 8.45am - 12.30pm Welcome to Reception workshop in the main hall- 3.40-4.40 pm Welcome to Year 1 workshop online- 3.40-4.40 pm
July 2026	
Wednesday 1st	Reception, Year 1 and 2 Sports Day at Orleans Park Secondary School 12.30pm-2.30pm Welcome to Year 3 workshop online - 3.40-4.40 pm
Thursday 2nd	Welcome to Year 2 workshop online- 3.40-4.40 pm New Reception Parents' Evening Event- 5.30-6.30pm in the main hall
Monday 6th	Welcome to Year 4 workshop online- 3.40-4.40 pm Reception to Bocketts Farm 8.30am - 3.30pm Year 2 to Wetlands Centre 9.30am - 3pm
Tuesday 7th	Year 6 Performance 4 - 5.15pm Welcome to Year 5 workshop online- 3.40-4.40 pm
Wednesday 8th	Welcome to Year 6 workshop online- 3.40-4.40 pm
Thursday 9th	Year 6 Performance 4 -5.15pm
Friday 10th	Reports sent home
Saturday 11th	St Margarets' Fair at Moor Mead Park
Monday 13th	Meet the Teacher afternoon (for pupils)
Tuesday 14th	Summer Concert - KS2 choir and Y5/6 musicians at 2pm in the large hall
Tuesday 14th	Year 6 Family Party at the Turks Head
Thursday 16th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am-10am Last day of Summer Term. Close at 1.30pm

CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS!

ST MARGARETS STATION

150th BIRTHDAY

POSTER COMPETITION

In celebration of the **150th birthday** of St Margaret's Station we are launching a poster competition!

Submissions will be displayed in the waiting room and around the platform.

HOW TO ENTER:
Create an A4 poster using:

- Paint
- Crayon
- Pencil
- Pen

DEADLINE
1st July 2026

All entries must be given to the station ticket office.

AGE CATEGORIES

- 3-7
- 8-12
- 13-18

PLEASE WRITE ON THE BACK OF YOUR POSTER:

- Name
- Age
- School
- Contact number

AMAZING PRIZES!

A family train ticket to anywhere on the South Western Railway network!

PLUS a fantastic bundle of goodies!

Let your imagination run wild!

Draw it!
Colour it!
Create it!
Celebrate it!

HELP CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF ST MARGARETS STATION!

ORLEANS PRIMARY
PRESENTS:



SUMMER OF SPORTS

FOOTBALL DATES AT MOORMEAD PARK:
4:15 - 4:45PM

YEAR 1 VS YEAR 2 BOYS
YEAR 1 VS YEAR 2 GIRLS • **FRIDAY 5TH JUNE**

YEAR 3 VS YEAR 4 BOYS
YEAR 3 VS YEAR 4 GIRLS • **FRIDAY 12TH JUNE**

YEAR 5 VS YEAR 6 BOYS
YEAR 5 VS YEAR 6 GIRLS • **FRIDAY 19TH JUNE**

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

YEAR 4 V YEAR 5 - NETBALL @ ORLEANS
(TOP PLAYGROUND) - MONDAY 22ND JUNE:
3:45 - 4:15PM

YEAR 4 V YEAR 5 - TAG RUGBY @ MOORMEAD PARK -
FRIDAY 10TH JULY: 4:15 - 4:45PM

SEND ADVICE **SEND** Workshop



Wednesday 24 June 2026

10 am - 12 pm

Online via Zoom

When School Feels Hard: Support in the Early Stages of Attendance worries

This session will help you understand what might be going on beneath the surface for your child, and give you practical, compassionate strategies to support them through it. We'll explore why school can feel overwhelming, what early signs to look out for, and how to work together with school to help your child feel safe, connected, and ready to learn.

Join us to gain:

- ✓ a better understanding of why school can feel overwhelming for some children
- ✓ confidence to spot the early signs that your child may be struggling
- ✓ practical, compassionate strategies to support your child through difficult mornings and school transitions



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Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

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JUNE
12:00**

Alternative Provision

What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

**8
JUNE
12:00**

Appeals to SEND Tribunal

A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

**9
JUNE
12:00**

Responding to a draft EHCP

If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

**11
JUNE
13:30**

Considering an EHC Plan?

Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

**17
JUNE
12:00**

**27
JUNE
13:00**

Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support

Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP

**24
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