

ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th June

Dear Families,

There is so much to wax lyrical about this week but I have to start with the triathlon at The Oratory School in Reading, run by Schools Triathlon and raising money for the charity Restless Development and for the OPS School Fund. Sixty-eight children from Years 3 to 6 entered. Just imagine how many there would have been had Year 4 not been camping that weekend. Cycling on grass with an uphill finish was devilishly hard. There were truly moving moments where children worked together to transfer the tag, shouted spirited chants to motivate their friends, and teammates held each other up in order to get to the finish line.

This is no great surprise as 30 parents from our school are cycling to Amsterdam next week. Together, they have cycled thousands of kilometres in preparation, getting up at the crack of dawn and crawling home, where they are immediately immersed in childcare. Raising money both for our school and for the charity Skylarks is what motivates the cyclists to keep going when they really don't want to get back in the saddle.

On Friday, the grand departure will take place at 8.30am from the playground and out onto Hartington Road, before a mere 300km to Amsterdam, with a welcome break on the ferry in between. If you wish to support us, please look at the next page.

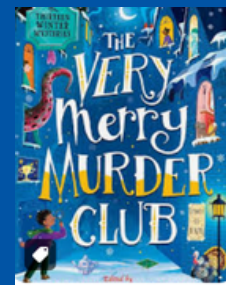
In the classroom, KS2 focused on Shakespeare, and Years 3–6 took part in an engaging workshop that supported their understanding of the complex plot of *The Comedy of Errors*. We then all went to see the workshop actors perform an imaginative modern version, albeit one that retained Shakespeare's authentic verse.

Every why has a wherefore. So, what is the wherefore for children as young as Year 3 being introduced to Shakespeare this week? Although one might be willing to concede that the younger children did not understand it all, they understood the main themes. What this also means is that, during their time at Orleans, they will be exposed to four of Shakespeare's plays, whether comedies, tragedies, or histories, which will support their knowledge of ancient civilisations, expand their vocabulary, and simply make them laugh.

Shakespeare's work may be described as a type of cultural currency. The more you study it, the more you see it interwoven throughout culture, literature, and common parlance, not to mention the critical-thinking skills developed whilst trying to untangle complex plots. As a small aside, the children sat for one hour and were totally absorbed. The actors must have been thinking, "O wonder! How many goodly creatures are there here!"

Another exciting week lies ahead. We look forward to the Barnes Children's Literature Festival, pizza-making for 1PC, and the run-up to the big pedal.

All the best,
Victoria Coward



These are the authors that Year 6, year 5 and year 4 are seeing at BCLF next week.

All three authors write high quality and engaging books .

🚴♂️ Orleans Riders Set Off for Amsterdam – Come and Cheer Them On! 🇬🇧➡️🇳🇱

On **Thursday 19th June**, incredible riders from Orleans Primary School will set off on an epic 300km cycling challenge from London to Amsterdam in support of Orleans Primary School and Skylarks Charity.

Over two days, the team will cycle across England and the Netherlands, raising vital funds to support children and young people with additional needs and disabilities, as well as projects within the school community.

📍 Join Us for the Send-Off

We would love the Orleans community to come along and cheer the riders on as they begin their journey.

Date: Thursday 19th June 2026

Time: 8:30am

Location: Orleans Primary School

Your support at the start line will mean so much to the riders as they take on this incredible challenge.

💛 Support Their Fundraising

The team has been training for months and every donation helps make a real difference.

Please support the riders here:

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

Thank you for supporting Team Orleans and Skylarks. We wish all our riders safe travels, strong legs, favourable winds, and an unforgettable journey to Amsterdam! 🚴♂️



LONDON || 19TH & 20TH JUNE 2026 || 27 RIDERS || 300KM || AMSTERDAM

1 WEEK TO GO

PEDAL TO AMSTERDAM

27 RIDERS 300KM

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Xanthe in year 4 won a medal in her artistic gymnastic competition last week.

Here is her report of the event.

“We started doing a warm up and then we waited for two hours for our turn! After all of the routines, we had a medal ceremony and we got bronze! We went home and celebrated.



Panna and Lyra M -triathlon superstars!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

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 1P Pizza Express trip 8.45am - 12.30pm
Thursday 18th	5H music showcase 9.10am in the large hall Year 6 BCLF Maisie Chan Twickenham Stadium
19th-20th	OPPTA Cycle to Amsterdam
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



Families Together

Coffee Morning



Friday, 26th June
9am to 11.30am
Chase Hall

**A relaxed morning of refreshments,
conversation and guest speakers.**

Guest speakers from:

MHST - Richmond Carers Service - ADHD Embrace -
Pre-and Post Diagnostic Service

**Connect with other parents and meet with our wider
school community.**

- Hampton Fund
- RUILS Independent Living
- Skylarks Charity
- Parenting Leads Richmond

- Space2Grieve
- Riverbank Trust
- East to West Trust
- School Nursing Service

- ELSA Team
(Chase Bridge)
- The Purple
Elephant Project

Plus others to be announced.

All-ages Bubble show! charityfundraiser

45 mins
of bubble
fun!

Friday 26 June
4pm
The Turk's Head



£8 per ticket
[Buy tickets here!](#)

Brighter Together brings over 220 older adults and Early Years children together each week to improve wellbeing and reduce social isolation. Please support us during The Big Give Small Charity week where every donation will be match funded!



Registered Charity 1190557



ORLEANS PRIMARY
PRESENTS:



SUMMER OF SPORTS

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

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

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

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

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
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13:30**

Considering an EHC Plan?

Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

**17
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12:00**

**27
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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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