

ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th June

Dear Families,

This has been a truly remarkable week for our school community. Resilience and determination have been at the heart of everything we have achieved from learning through extreme heat, to cycling all the way to Amsterdam, to embracing the changes that lie ahead. Having a positive perspective on the future, such as moving into a new class and meeting different classmates, helps us build resilience in all areas of life. Resilience is not something we are simply born with; it is a skill that develops slowly over time. One of the most important factors in building this skill is having strong social support, which gives us the confidence and encouragement to keep going when challenges arise.

This week, our children showed incredible perseverance. They continued their learning despite the soaring temperatures and adapted their play to stay safe in the heat. Meanwhile, our cyclists completed an extraordinary 300km journey, navigating busy roads, potholes and the relentless sun. Along the way, the overwhelming support from our community, with banners, flags and chalk messages along Hartington Road, as well as a rousing send-off from the Mayor of Richmond, Nancy Baldwin, inspired us every step of the way.

Our shared sense of purpose was equally important. Raising funds for new playground equipment provided tremendous motivation, while knowing that half of the money raised will support Skylarks, a wonderful charity providing services, therapies and activities for children with additional needs and the families who care for them, made the challenge even more meaningful.

The week concluded with a very special assembly, where some of the parents involved in the ride shared their experience with the children. When asked who would like to take on a challenge like this when they are older, the vast majority of hands shot into the air. It was a powerful reminder that resilience can be contagious, and that through determination, community and purpose, we can continue to create a holistic education for the personal development of our children.

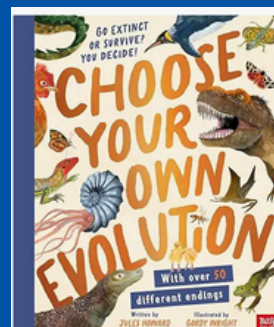
Lastly, we would like to say welcome to our new Nursery families that we meet this week.

We look forward to our last few weeks before we break up. We still have lots to learn and lots to do. Enjoy the weekend especially if you are going to Barnes Children's Literary Festival.

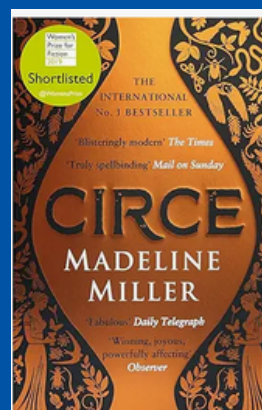
All the best,
Victoria Coward



These first two books are winners of the [Spark! Book Awards](#) and both come highly recommended by the children who voted for them.



Follow the link for more recommendations



The adult recommendation is a fabulous book about a sorceress from Homer's Odyssey facing adversity and hardship

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Dear Orleans Primary School and Skylarks Charity Riders,

🇳🇱❤️ You did it! ❤️🇳🇱

What an incredible achievement completing the London to Amsterdam challenge!

Every one of you should be immensely proud of what you've accomplished. From months of training and fundraising to crossing the finish line in Amsterdam, the determination, teamwork, humour and support you showed one another throughout the journey was truly inspiring.

Together, you have raised an incredible £41,000+ including Gift Aid, with more donations and match funding still to come. This is a phenomenal achievement and will make a real difference to children with additional needs and their families through Skylarks, as well as supporting Orleans Primary School.

We are incredibly proud of every single one of you. Seeing the team arrive in Amsterdam and receive your medals from Gracie was a truly special and heartwarming moment. It was a wonderful reminder of why these rides matter so much and the real difference your efforts make to the children and families supported by Skylarks. ❤️

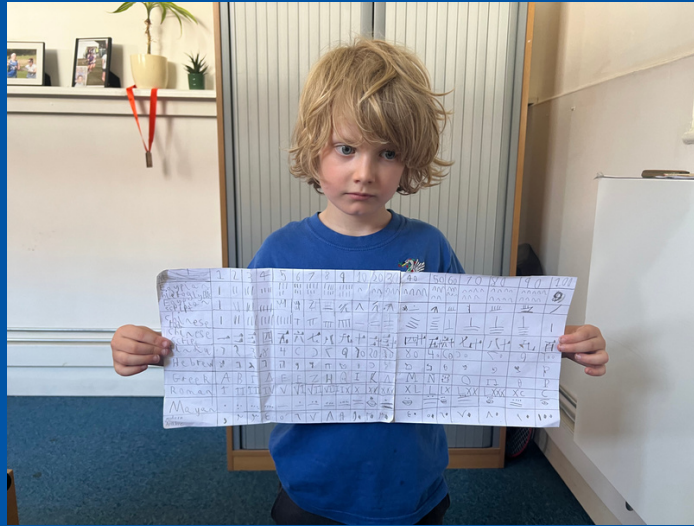
A special thank you as well to all the family members, supporters and school staff and the **OPPTA Team** who helped make this adventure possible.

Please take some time to enjoy a well-earned rest and recovery. You've earned it! You worked hard both on and off the bike, and everyone at Skylarks is incredibly grateful for everything you've done.

The fundraising is extraordinary, but it's the community spirit and connections built along the way that make these rides so special.



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The photo exemplifies all of the above about resilience, determination and self-motivated learners. Ruaridh spent the spare time he had in afternoons this week developing his interest in different number systems. This includes a comparison of numbers from different cultures, religions and areas of the world including modern Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Mayan and many more. He then took it home to do a little bit more!

USEFUL INFORMATION



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UPDATED UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

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	Re-scheduled Nursery Sports Day at school 9-10.30am Reception, Year 1 and 2 Sports Day at Orleans Park Secondary School 1.30pm-3pm 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	Re-scheduled Year 3-6 KS2 Sports Day 9.30-2.30pm at Cardinal Vaughan Playing Fields 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



Summer wellbeing programme 2026

Meet new people, build confidence, and enjoy wellbeing activities in a friendly and supportive environment.

Would you like to practise your English while learning about nature and your local area?

We are running an exciting 8 week programme of events for ESOL learners and sanctuary seekers who live in the Borough of Richmond.

Start date: **Tuesday 7 July 10:00-12:00**

Where: **Whittaker Ellis Suite,
Old Town Hall, TW9 1TP**

The programme will then take place at the same time each week, combining indoor and outdoor activities, including art, nature walks, yoga, and more!

The programme will finish with a celebration event on **Tuesday 8 September** at Richmond Old Town Hall.

To find out more:

- Call us on 020 8255 6144
- Email info@leah.org.uk
- Or scan the QR code to register your interest



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
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12:00**

Appeals to SEND Tribunal

A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

**9
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12:00**

Responding to a draft EHCP

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

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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**

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Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support

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

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