

ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September

Dear Families,

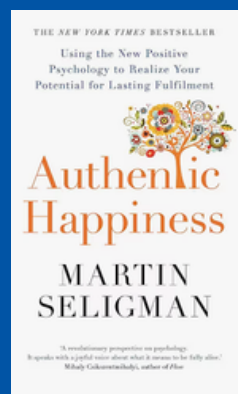
A week graced with glorious sunshine allowed us to make full use of our outdoor spaces with PE lessons, outdoor classrooms in Nursery and Reception and work in the allotment. Time spent outdoors, particularly amongst greenery, gives a quiet but profound benefit on our mental health and wellbeing.

Our PE curriculum continues to reveal the breadth of sport and physical activities on offer, with skills and knowledge deepening visibly week on week. This week's sessions ranged across sending and receiving in KS1 to swimming, fitness, dance, gymnastics and dodgeball in KS2. This is on display both in the hall and across the playground, where ball games, cartwheels and balancing along the trim trail flourish alike. Among the week's quieter triumphs was watching Ella, one of our play leaders, patiently guiding a younger pupil through a frog jump over a tyre, while others tested their skills throwing and catching a hoop at ever-greater heights. Extracurricular clubs such as Richmond Gymnastics Association build on what we teach in PE and watching this week's session showed complete joy the children take in their mat and beam work.

Also this week, Matt Brown spoke to the children in assembly about the camaraderie, lifelong friendships and love of rugby the sport has given him; a passion mirrored in the dedication that staff such as Mrs Bowers and Mr James bring to their own clubs and events they organise.

These are more events in the planning and more on this soon. For now join us at Chase Bridge on 4th October for some rugby fun.

Warmest wishes,
Victoria Coward



This eminent psychologist offers a practical, well-researched self-help book on happiness.



Children may find this useful to build their self-esteem



This week, when I read this in assembly, I could not believe how many had not heard of this series, so I had to add one now!



AUTUMN 2026

Orleans Primary School

DATE CARD

OCTOBER

Thursday 1st	Year 6 Junior Citizens
Thursday 8th	Year 4 Tate Britain trip
Friday 9th	Year 2 Windsor Castle trip
Friday 16th	Perform drama workshops for Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3
Friday 16th	OPPTA Quiz Night 7pm
26th-30th	Half Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd	Autumn 2 term starts and children return to school
Friday 6th	Reception Family Reading and phonics workshop 9.10am
Friday 6th	OPPTA Year 1 and Reception Disco 'Spooks and Sparkles' 3.30-4pm
Thursday 12th	Reception Walk to MHP; Year 4 Buddhapadipa Temple trip; Year 1-6 Family Reading
Friday 13th	Workshop 4pm
Tuesday 17th	Children in Need; OPPTA Used uniform sale
Wednesday 18th	3B to Orleans House Gallery
Friday 20th	3D to Orleans House Gallery
Monday 23rd	Year 6 Richmond Synagogue trip; Anti Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 24th	Family Consultations (no clubs, early pick up) 1.45-5pm; Year 3 Safer Walking (23rd-
Wednesday 25th	27th) Family Consultations 3.40-6pm
Thursday 26th	1M Richmond Museum
Friday 27th	1P Richmond Museum; Family Workshop Secondary Schools Year 4 and 5 (in person and online) 6pm
	Inset day

DECEMBER

Thursday 3rd	Year 4 MTC Workshop 4pm
Wednesday 9th	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Celebration in the Main Hall (1M & 2K 9.20am; 1P & 2P 2pm)
Thursday 10th	EYFS Christmas celebration in the Main Hall (Morning & Full time Nursery, & Reception C and Afternoon Nursery & Reception B 2pm)
Friday 11th	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch; OPPTA Christmas Market (day for
Monday 14th	children, 3.30-5.30pm for families)
Tuesday 15th	Year 3 and 4 Concert at St Stephen's Church 6-7pm
Friday 18th	Year 5 and 6 Concert at St Stephen's Church 6-7pm
	Whole School Pantomime; Last day of Autumn Term 2.45pm

JANUARY

Tuesday 5th	First day of Spring Term. Children return to school.
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PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ANY REVISIONS OR ADDITIONS WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS AND WHEN NECESSARY.

NB: TBC- Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court Palace



TAG RUGBY

Let's Play Tag

WHAT IS IT?

Come try Tag Rugby

You SCORE

Its like TAG/TIGGY in the park

Its FUN

You RUN

Its PASS

Its FAST

You TAG Players

You MAKE FRIENDS



The OPPTA AGM is on 28th September and there will be the election of the new OPPTA bench.



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SUPPORT AND ADVICE



School Nurse Drop-in - Friday 9th October 9am

On **Friday 9th October**, our school nurse will be at school to support any parents with any concerns about their child's health or well-being. This confidential drop-in service is on a first come first served basis. Register via the school office after dropping your children off on the day. Our school nurse can help with anything from bedwetting to growing pains and everything in between.

Parent workshop The Healthy Child -

Wednesday 14th October 9am - main school hall

Information on health, milestones and the development of the school aged child. Come and find out how to support your growing child in their developmental milestones.

Digital Parenting

Workshop for parents and carers

Navigate screen time, social media, and online safety with confidence

Raising children in a digital world can feel overwhelming. This practical, single-session workshop equips parents and carers with down-to-earth strategies to understand children's device use, manage screen time, and safely navigate online risks like gaming, inappropriate content, and emerging AI technologies. An individual workshop, suitable for families with children of any age.



Tuesday 17th November

12.30pm – 2.30pm

Ham Children's Centre

Ashburnham Road

TW10 7BG

Wednesday 16th December

12.30pm – 2.30pm

Heathfield Children's Centre

Powder Mill Lane

TW2 6EX

To book your place on to this course, please scan the **QR code** or visit <https://forms.gle/zd9v3NCdkXen7x6Q8>.

To find out more, contact Tom Maybey, Richmond Parenting Lead.

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Making Sense of Big Feelings

Workshop for parents and carers

Understand emotions, de-escalate meltdowns, and connect with your child

Big emotions can lead to challenging moments for the whole family. This relaxed, neuro-inclusive, one-off workshop offers practical, science-based strategies to help you understand your child's emotions, calmly de-escalate meltdowns, and ensure they feel heard and validated. An individual workshop, suitable for families with children of any age.



Tuesday 6th October

12.30pm – 2.30pm

Barnes Children's Centre

67b Lower Richmond Road 45 The Avenue

SW14 7HJ

Monday 9th November

10.00am – 12.00pm

The White House Family Hub

TW12 3RN

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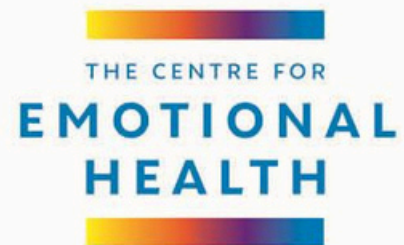
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The Nurturing Programme



Build family wellbeing, stronger relationships, and positive discipline

The Nurturing Programme is a supportive 10-week evidence-based accredited course for families with primary school aged children. It is designed to help parents and carers understand the 'why' behind behaviours while promoting emotional wellbeing for the entire family. Through group discussions and activities, you will discover effective communication, positive relationships, and practical positive discipline strategies. Suggested donation of £10 for a copy of the Parenting Puzzle book that accompanies the course. Created by The Centre for Emotional Health.

Wednesdays, 23rd September – 2nd December (not half term)

12.30pm – 2.30pm

Heathfield Children's Centre, Powder Mill Lane, TW2 6EX

A creche is provided for this session - limited spaces available.

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Term and Holiday Dates 2027-2028

Autumn Term 2027

Term starts for children	Friday 3rd September
Half term	Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October
Term ends	Friday 17th December*

Spring Term 2028

Term starts for children	Wednesday 5th January
Half term	Monday 14th to Friday 18th February
Term ends	Friday 7th April*

Summer Term 2028

Term starts for children	Monday 24th April
MAY DAY	Monday 1st May
Half term	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
Term ends for children	Tuesday 18th July*

The last day of each term school will finish **one hour early at 2.30pm.*