

ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October

Dear Families,

This week we had two fabulous trips: the first to Tate Britain and the second to Windsor Castle.

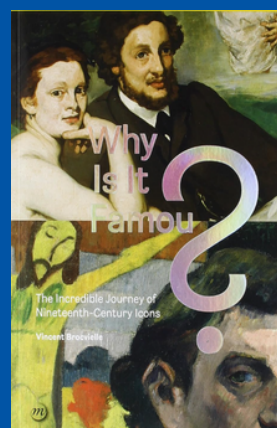
Year 4 visited Tate Britain, where they studied a wide variety of art from across the centuries. Their current unit focuses on the female artists Sarah Graham, Nicola McBride and Beatriz Milhazes, supporting the development of their drawing skills. Building on their learning in Year 3, they are exploring space, form, tone and texture. The art they observed was varied and awe-inspiring.

Year 2 visited Windsor Castle to develop their understanding of the monarchy and the history of castles. Is the coach journey the most exciting part of the trip? Is it the long-awaited cracking open of the packed lunch? Is it the grandeur of the castle? Is it showing off their knowledge and deepening their understanding of the topic? Perhaps it is the spectacular combination of all these, under the watchful eye of their teachers and family volunteers. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to make the trip possible.

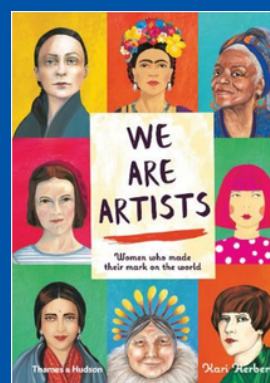
How our pupils conduct themselves on trips is very important to us and this week we had direct evidence that we should be proud of their responsibility and respectful behaviour. One of our governors described driving through Twickenham and seeing "a whole phalanx of schoolchildren" passing him, heading towards the town centre: "Well behaved, walking happily in unison and clearly following the instructions of their teachers." Then he noticed Miss Sanderson-Turner and realised it was our own Year 6 from Orleans. A proud moment for us all.

Our Year 6 house captains and vice captains also received numerous compliments after their informative and confident tours for prospective parents. The adults on hand felt rather surplus to requirement, but that is exactly as it should be. Who better to talk about our school than these pupils? They are our best advocates and most articulate ambassadors. And so we begin the weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

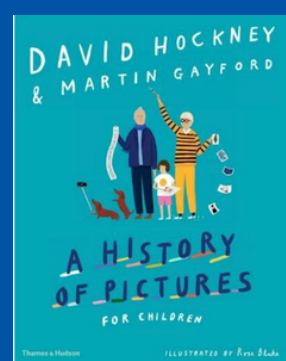
All the very best,
Victoria



Three excellent books that cover art and artists from different angles. The first is a clever compilation covering a range of art.



We Are Artists covers a range of painters, sculptors, printmakers, illustrators, designers, and craftswomen to expand your children's knowledge about the world of art



This book is a conversation between the authors about art alongside stunning illustrations.



Pizza. Prizes. Questionable decisions.

OPPTA Quiz Night: Friday 16 October, 7pm

Tickets close at 12 noon on Tuesday

The Quiz:



Pizza included



Loads of raffle prizes: vouchers, flowers, gifts and more



Wheel of Detention



Side quests and team challenges



Bar



Brand-new Quiz Masters



Same fantastic MC!

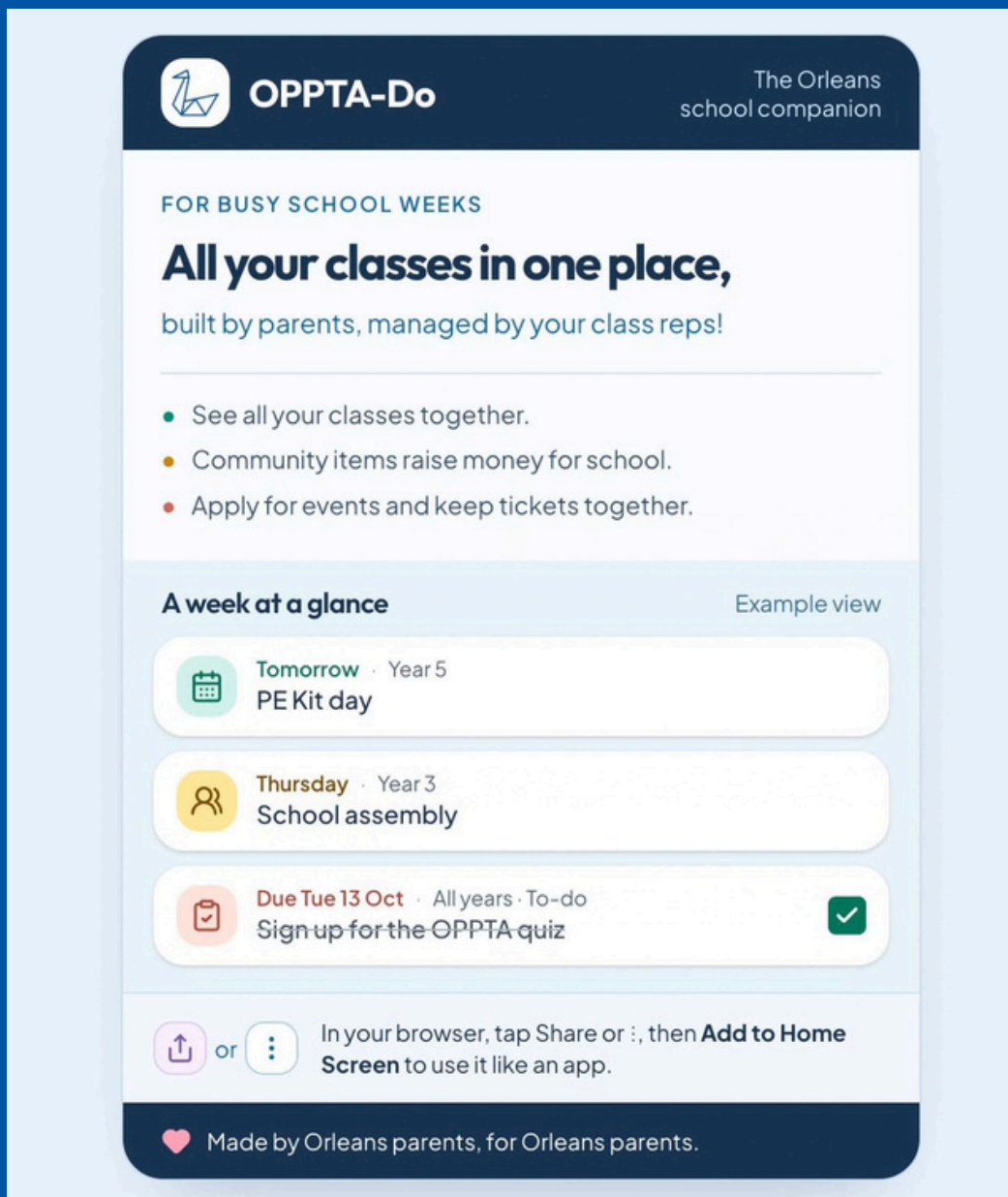
All in aid of some very exciting school projects!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE

Booking closes Tuesday 13 October at 12 noon.

We've released extra seats for the year groups that were fully booked, so there's another chance to get in. Every year group is brilliantly represented already, and tickets are only on sale for a few more days.

Come for the pizza. Stay for the glory.



The OPPTA site is live with a merged calendar, events and a second hand marketplace. Sign up at <https://app.oppta.co.uk>

Privacy policy can be found at the bottom of the site and while you are there, sign up for the OPPTA quiz! The teacher table is currently in the lead for sign ups 🙄🙄



Last Saturday, St Margarets Station celebrated its 150th birthday with a star-studded guest list, including the Mayor of Richmond, Nancy Baldwin; Lawrence Bowman, Managing Director of [South Western Railway]; mural artist Will Parker; the Minister of State for Rail, Lord Henry; and our own Governor, Philip Moshi. Pupils from Orleans Primary and Secondary came together to mark the occasion and unveil the mural, created by Year 6 pupils from St Mary's, St Stephen's and Orleans Primary School. Thank you to Anna Stearman from Southeast Communities Rail Partnership and Orleans Primary mum Rachel Morrison for organising it all.





Chase Bridge and Orleans Rugby Tournament

Last Sunday, Chase Bridge and Orleans held our first rugby tournament together. It was enjoyed by all who attended: a great introduction for those new to the sport and an exciting challenge for more experienced players. Thank you to Matt Brown for planning and organising this for our families.

Orleans won a rather enormous trophy. Can we hold on to it next year?



SUPPORT AND ADVICE



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.



MHST

Parent Workshop:

Using Play to Support Emotional Regulation Skills

When: Wednesday October 21st,
9AM-10AM

Where: Main Hall

This workshop, presented by a BAPT Registered Play Therapist from the Mental Health Support Team, will explore how you can use play to help develop your child's emotional regulation skills, and how to approach these skills at a developmentally appropriate level.



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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' 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 12th	Reception Walk to MHP; Year 4 Buddhapadipa Temple trip; Year 1-6 Family Reading Workshop 4pm
Friday 13th	Children in Need; OPPTA Used uniform sale
Tuesday 17th	3B to Orleans House Gallery
Wednesday 18th	3D to Orleans House Gallery
Friday 20th	Year 6 Richmond Synagogue trip; Anti Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Monday 23rd	Family Consultations (no clubs, early pick up) 1.45-5pm; Year 3 Safer Walking (23rd-27th)
Tuesday 24th	Family Consultations 3.40-6pm
Wednesday 25th	1M Richmond Museum
Thursday 26th	1P Richmond Museum; Family Workshop Secondary Schools Year 4 and 5 (in person and online) 6pm
Friday 27th	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 9.20am, and Afternoon Nursery & Reception B 2pm)
Friday 11th	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch; OPPTA Christmas Market (day for children, 3.30-5.30pm for families)
Monday 14th	Year 3 and 4 Concert at St Stephen's Church 6-7pm
Tuesday 15th	Year 5 and 6 Concert at St Stephen's Church 6-7pm
Friday 18th	Whole School Pantomime; Last day of Autumn Term 1.45pm

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.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Orleans Park Friends Orleans Park Fireworks Display 2026

Book now!! Tickets must be bought online - no tickets can be bought at the gates. Sales must end 5pm on Sunday 1st November Come and join us for the Orleans Park Fireworks Spectacular from 4:30PM. As usual we have music, stalls, hot foo...

[pta-events.co.uk /](https://pta-events.co.uk/)

Follow [this link](#) to get tickets for the
Orleans Park Friends Fireowrk displau

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

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

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

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