



Friday 09th October

Introduction

It has been another busy and exciting week in school, with lots of wonderful learning opportunities taking place both in and out of the classroom.

This week, Otters Class enjoyed a fascinating visit to Clarke's Gardens and the Chalfont Road Air Raid Shelter, where they had a fantastic afternoon bringing their history learning to life. The children represented the school brilliantly and gained valuable first-hand experiences to support their learning.

Our swimming groups have also enjoyed their first sessions of the term. It has been lovely to see the children's enthusiasm and determination in the pool as they begin working towards their individual swimming targets. We are already seeing growing confidence and positive progress from many of our swimmers.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading about the many achievements and experiences that have taken place across school this week.

Hayley Bloxam

Head of School

Otters Class

Otters Class have been thoroughly engaged in their learning this half term as they continue to explore the impact of World War II on our local area. Through their history lessons, the children have been developing their understanding of how conflict shaped communities and learning about the important role aircraft played during the war. Their recent visit to Clarke's Gardens and the Chalfont Road Air Raid Shelter brought this learning to life, allowing them to experience first-hand what life may have been like during wartime and deepening their understanding of local history.

In English, the children have been studying *Rose Blanche*, using this powerful text to explore the experiences of children during World War II. They have demonstrated maturity and thoughtfulness through their discussions and writing, making meaningful links between their English and History learning. The combination of classroom learning and real-life experiences has helped the children develop both their historical knowledge and empathy as learners.



After School Clubs

We are delighted to be offering a range of after-school clubs this term for children across the school. A letter containing full details and application information was sent to parents and carers via Arbor this week. The clubs on offer are:

- Football Club for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils
- Choir Club for Year 3 and Year 4 pupils
- Art Club for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils

We encourage all eligible children to apply. These clubs provide fantastic opportunities for children to develop new skills, build confidence, pursue their interests and have fun with their friends beyond the school day. We look forward to seeing our clubs get underway and hope that many children will take part.

Headteacher Awards

A big congratulations to all of the children who received a Headteacher Award this week. It is always a pleasure to celebrate your hard work, positive attitudes and the wonderful effort you put into your learning each day. We are very proud of you - well done!

		Robins	Tilly
Tadpoles	Lio O	Starlings	Zion
Squirrels	Lucas L	Nightingales	Sonny
Foxes	Tilly	Swans	Nafeesa
Hedgehogs	Ted	Owls	Callum
Badgers	Max	Blackbirds	Ben
Otters	Lucy D	Wrens	Sophia

Dates for the Diary

Monday 12 th October	NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assembly KS1 children and Blackbirds/Wrens.
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assembly KS2 children and Swans.
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Otters Class Harvest Assembly – Otters Parents invited for a 2pm start.
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Halloween Disco Provided by FOSH – Disco Wear / Fancy Dress Welcome
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Halloween Celebrations – Fancy Dress Welcome.
Friday 23 rd October 2026	School Closes for End of Autumn Term 1.
Monday 02 nd November 2026	School Opens for Autumn Term 2.
Wednesday 04 th November 2026	Badgers Class Fire Safety Assembly – Badgers Parents invited for a 2pm start.
Monday 16 th November 2026	School Photographs
Tuesday 24 th November 2026	Parents Evening.
Wednesday 25 th November 2026	Parents Evening.
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Santa's Grotto Provided by FOSH
Friday 18 th December 2026	School Closes for End of Autumn Term @1.30.
Monday 04 th January 2027	School Opens for Spring Term 1.