



Friday, 17th October 2025

NOTES FROM MRS MITCHELL

Dear Parents,

What a wonderfully busy and exciting half term it has been! The school has been full of energy, enthusiasm and smiles, and I would like to thank everyone for making it such a positive start to the year.

The PFOG Spooky Disco was a resounding success – my sincere thanks to the PFOG Team and to everyone involved in organising this exciting event. It was a joy to see the children dancing, laughing and celebrating together. Year 4 marked National Post Day beautifully, and I was delighted to receive so many thoughtful, handwritten letters. What a treat! Thank you to all the children who took such care with their words. We also carried out an unannounced fire drill this week, and I must commend the children for their calm, efficient and sensible response – they were outstanding.

Our Year 6 pupils have now fully taken on their new roles and responsibilities, and my congratulations go to them all. They are working hard as they prepare for their senior school examinations, and we could not be prouder. Our boys and girls are flying! I continue to meet regularly with senior school leaders, and it was a pleasure to welcome Mr Richard Bool and his wife Caroline from Lingfield College to Oakhyrst Grange recently. Last night, Mr Ceri Jones gave a very informative session for our parents on senior school life at Caterham. We are proud of our strong links with all senior schools and remain in constant communication to ensure the very best for our boys and girls.

The newly elected School Council has begun its work with great enthusiasm, representing the pupil voice across the school and sharing thoughtful ideas about how we can make Oakhyrst Grange an even better place for everyone. Our Digital Leads have also met with Mrs Gorman to discuss the areas in which they will be supporting the school, particularly around digital safety.

In this week's assembly, we explored Global Handwashing Day and reflected on how even the smallest acts of responsibility – like caring for our health and hygiene – can make a big difference. The children also met Archie the Acorn, a lovely new symbol of responsibility here at school. After all, from little acorns, mighty oaks grow!

There have been so many highlights this half term, including our participation in the Woldingham Choir Festival, a number of fantastic sporting achievements – not least the U11 Versatility Tournament win at Aberdour and the ISA

Regional Swimming Medals – as well as our parent workshops, Harvest Service, residential and day trips, people who care for us visitors and Open Days and of course, the Grandparents' Tea Party, which was a special afternoon for all.

None of this would be possible without our exceptional staff team. From the catering and premises teams to our admin, teaching and support staff, everyone contributes to making Oakhyrst such a very special place to learn and grow.

Looking ahead to after half term, we have much to look forward to, including the Afternoon Tea-Time Concert and Public Speaking event, and the Year 5 & 6 11+ Evening. We will also hold our Remembrance Assembly on Friday 7th November. If you know of anyone who would like to join us in marking this important occasion, please do get in touch with Angela.

Thank you once again for all your support this half term. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable break.







OTHER NEWS

U11 ISA Football competition – Friday 26th September 2025

Oakhurst Grange competed in a 20-team ISA football tournament at Lingfield College, where teams were divided into four groups of five. Placed in Group C, Oakhurst faced strong opposition but showed great effort and finished 3rd, narrowly missing 2nd place on goal difference. This result earned them a spot in the Last 16, where they were narrowly defeated 2-0 by a well-organised Sacred Heart School. Despite the exit, the team displayed impressive determination and should be proud of their performance—reaching the knockout stages was a fantastic achievement for a small school, and there's strong promise for future success. Mr Smith

U9 Football competition – Saturday 27th September 2025

Our U9 football team, which consisted mainly of Year 3 children, took part in a tournament at Caterham School, featuring eight schools split into two groups. After a competitive group stage—losing narrowly to Surbiton, falling to Aberdour, and drawing 3-3 with Banstead Prep—we finished 4th in our group and progressed to the Plate semi-final. In a tense match that ended 0-0, the outcome was decided by penalties, where we were narrowly defeated 2-1. Despite the result, the team showed excellent spirit, clear improvement in play, and growing confidence throughout the tournament, making it a valuable and encouraging experience for this young squad. Mr Smith

KS2 Girls Swimming Gala – Tuesday 30th September 2025

On Tuesday, 30th September 2025, 17 girls from Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 participated in an exciting friendly gala against Cumnor House School for Girls. The races were closely contested, and for some children, this marked their first gala experience against another school. A special mention goes to the girls who tackled the butterfly events and Ophelia for swimming up for Year 6—well done! We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part and gave their best. Congratulations to the team on an impressive performance.

The final scores were: OGS 95 pts, Cumnor House 86 pts (lowest score wins).

A heartfelt thank you to our ever-growing parents' cheer squad—your support, fine voices and transportation are very much appreciated.

Mrs Evans & Mrs Cox

ISA Swimming Gala – Friday 10th October 2025

On Friday 10th October, 14 pupils from Years 4 to 6 took part in the ISA Swimming Gala at the K2 Sports Centre in Crawley. We were up against 15 other schools, and everyone was really excited — some of us were nervous, and others couldn't wait to get started! We had a strong team, and everyone swam really well. The races were in this order: para, breaststroke, backstroke, front crawl, and then butterfly.

Some standout performances in the heats were:

- Ophelia, who came first in her heat
- Harrison, who came third
- Lizzie, who also came first
- Caiden, who came second in two of his heats

At the end of the day, we brought home 4 medals — 1 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze! A special congratulations to Lizzie for making it through to the nationals!

A big thank you to Mrs Cox and Mrs Evans for helping us and taking us there and back. Well done to everyone who took part!

Written by Caiden H, Year 6 pupil

U11 Football competition – Saturday 11th October 2025

The U11 football team took part in a competitive 8-school tournament, divided into two groups of four. Drawn into a tough group, the boys battled hard but narrowly lost all three group games. They bounced back brilliantly in the Plate semi-final with a hard-fought 1-0 win, before falling to a narrow 1-0 defeat in a closely contested Plate final. Despite the setbacks, the team showed great improvement throughout the day and were rewarded with silver medals for their efforts – a testament to their determination, teamwork, and progress.

U11 Versatility Netball competition – Wednesday 15th October 2025

On Wednesday 15th October, eight girls from Oakhyrst travelled to Aberdour School in Tadworth for an exciting afternoon of netball. We were informed that it would be a *versatility* format—meaning all players would rotate positions throughout the games. This pushed the girls out of their comfort zones, placing them in positions they may not have played before. It was a fantastic opportunity to build their confidence, resilience, and teamwork.

The first match kicked off with great energy. The girls fought hard for possession but trailed 2–1 by half-time. After rotating positions and receiving a motivational team talk from Miss Lomax, the girls came back strong in the second half. Their teamwork and determination paid off with a 5–3 win to Oakhyrst! Our second match was a thrilling and evenly matched contest. The first half ended 3–3, showcasing strong play from both teams. In the second half, Oakhyrst played with precision and focus, scoring two more goals and finishing with a 5–3 win.

At the end of the tournament, we gathered to hear the results—and were thrilled to learn that Oakhyrst had won their group meaning bringing home a gold medal. A huge congratulations to all the girls who took part—you played with heart, adaptability, and great sportsmanship. A very proud teacher! Miss Loma



U11 Netball team – Gold medallists!



ISA Swimming Gala team

U11 Football team



U9 Football team



Exclusive Christmas wreath making masterclass for Oakhyrst parents

Parents from year two have organised an exclusive OGS Christmas wreath making masterclass in partnership with GRACE, a charity which exists to support local women who are diagnosed with gynae cancers.

Taking place in the evening (7:30pm to 10pm) on Monday, 1st December at Robert Denholm House, near Bletchingley, the event will be hosted by GRACE and led by an experienced and qualified florist.

Tickets cost £65 and include everything you need to make and take home your own stunning wreath, as well as a glass of prosecco (or soft alternative) on arrival and festive nibbles and treats throughout the evening. There will also be plenty of Christmas cheer to kick off the festive period.

Places are limited so don't miss out. You can book your place via a dedicated OGS link on the charity's online shop: [Exclusive Oakhyrst Parents' Christmas Wreath making masterclass - Monday 1 December 2025 - GRACE Charity -](#)

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Morgan-Robinson

A Helping Hand

After very successful donations over the years, we are hoping that we can continue to support this appeal. Mrs Judy Baker our Flute Teacher has once again asked us to her support the Salvation Army New Gift Christmas Appeal 2025

They are looking for new unwrapped gifts for children aged from birth up to older children/teenagers too.

The NEW gifts get distributed to local families with the Caterham area

0-5 years: (Baby and Pre School age): large dolls / dinosaurs, soft

toys, mobiles, bath toys, nursery rhyme and story books, large and

wood block puzzles, large cars / lorries, crayons, building blocks /

Duplo, musical toys, dressing up outfits; wooden train sets

5-11: (Primary school age): family and trivia games, toys, stationery

(colouring sets, felt-tip pens, paints), books, puzzles, construction kits /

Lego, art & craft activities, Barbie / action dolls, foot or hoops balls, hair

accessories, gloves/hats/warm socks, race track sets

11-14: (High School age): £10 "Amazon" or £10 "All store" gift cards, Toiletry Sets or Make Up

If you would like to make a donation, please send your gift(s) into the school office and we will arrange to pass your donation onto Mrs Baker.

The last day for donations will be 28th November 2025. Thank you for your continued support.



Be a STAR and donate a gift to our
Christmas Present Appeal

OUT SHOPPING?
Please help us make Christmas special for those who are struggling this Christmas.

By adding an extra gift to support Caterham Salvation Army

We believe every child deserves **NEW GIFTS** so they are special. So we are unable to take second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal. Stuck for gift ideas? Suggested gifts are:

- **0-5 years: (Baby and Pre School age):** large dolls / dinosaurs, soft toys, mobiles, bath toys, nursery rhyme and story books, large and wood block puzzles, large cars / lorries, crayons, building blocks / Duplo, musical toys, dressing up outfits; wooden train sets
- **5-11: (Primary school age):** family and trivia games, toys, stationery (colouring sets, felt-tip pens, paints), books, puzzles, construction kits / Lego, art & craft activities, Barbie / action dolls, foot or hoops balls, hair accessories, gloves/hats/warm socks, race track sets
- **11-14: (High School age):** £10 "Amazon" or £10 "One4All" gift cards, toiletry sets or make up.

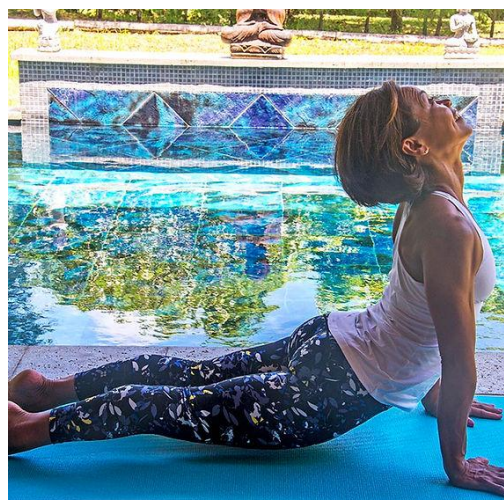
PLEASE DONATE NEW UNWRAPPED GIFTS BEFORE 1st DECEMBER.
Collection points are at Caterham Tesco, Morrisons and The Westway Centre.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help sort, pack and deliver the gifts between 2nd and to 13th December. Do call 01883 330718 for detail of how to get involved.

THE SALVATION ARMY Christmas Appeal

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Parents Monday evening Yoga Club at Oakhyrst Grange School



The Hummingbird Studio with Karen Cadogan

Vinyasa Flow Yoga – Monday 6.15pm to 7.15pm – BWA Hall
Access through the swimming pool gate

Please book your space through

[Yoga In Caterham](#) | [The Hummingbird Studio](#) | [Caterham](#)

Pre-School

LOOKING FOR RECEPTION 2026?

Help your child get ready for school – and discover what makes Oakhyrst

Join us for our **Autumn Sessions** – a series of fun, free Friday mornings for pre-school children and their parents. Each session is led by our specialist trained staff, designed to spark curiosity, confidence, and a love of learning.

AUTUMN SESSIONS AT OAKHYRST GRANGE SCHOOL
All sessions run 9.30 – 10.30am

Friday 7 November – Little Explorers in the Woods
Friday 14 November – Autumn Music & Movement
Friday 21 November – Storytime with the Head & Stay and Play
Friday 28 November – Christmas Crafts Morning

Places are limited – book your session now!
 Tel: 01883 343344
 Email: office@oakhyrstgrangeschool.co.uk

Forest Friends at Oakhyrst Grange

Come and have some Autumn Adventures!

For preschool children (ages 2–5)

- ✓ Leaf hunts & autumn treasures
- ✓ Conker and acorn collecting
- ✓ Nature crafts & storytime
- ✓ Bug discovery & outdoor play
- A warming cup of hot chocolate to finish!

Wednesdays – 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November and 3rd December
 9.30am start

Free event – all welcome!

office@oakhyrstgrangeschool.co.uk or 01883 343344

ROTATIONAL WEEKLY MENUS



Oakhyrst Grange School
Autumn Term Menu 2025

Week 1	Week Commencing: 1 st , 22 nd September 2025, 13 th October, 17 th November 2025				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the Day	Jacket Potatoes served with Baked Beans Cheese and Sweetcorn	Beef Chilli Con Carne served with Nachos and Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Chow Mein Served with Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes served with Stuffing Balls and Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Goujons and Chips served with Cucumber Batons
Vegetarian Dish (only for who require this)	As above	Plant Based Chilli	Stir fry Oriental Vegetables with Noodles	Vegetarian Strudel	Plant Based Veggie Fingers
Dessert	Homemade Cake	Water Melon and Pineapple	Yoghurt	Ice Cream	Chocolate Chip Cookies
	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table



Oakhyrst Grange School
Autumn Term Menu 2025

Week 2	Week Commencing 8 th , 29 th September 2025, 3 rd , 24 th November 2025				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the Day	Margherita Pizza Served with Hash Browns and Sweetcorn	Beef Pasta Bolognese served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Korma Curry served with Basmati Rice Naan and Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes Gravy served with Yorkshire Pudding and Seasonal Vegetables	Battered Pollock with Steak Cut Chips served with Cucumber Batons
Vegetarian Dish (only for who require this)	As above	Veggie Pasta Bake	Chickpeas and Potato Curry	Vegan Roast Strudel	Veggie Fingers
Dessert	Homemade Cake	Water Melon and Pineapples	Yoghurt	Ice Cream	Chocolate Chip Cookies
	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table



Oakhyrst Grange School
Autumn Term Menu 2025

Week 3	Week Commencing: 15 th September 2025, 6 th Oct, 3 rd November, 1 st December 2025				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the Day	Tomato and Cheese Pasta served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Vegetables	Beef Burger and Hash Browns served with Ketchup and Cucumber Batons	Mediterranean Chicken with Basmati Rice and Vegetables	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes Rosemary Gravy served with Stuffing Balls and Seasonal Vegetables	Breaded Fish with Steak Cut Chips served with Cucumber Batons
Vegetarian Dish (only for who require this)	As above	Plant Based Burger	Vegetarian Paella	Richmond Vegan Sausages	Veggie Fingers
Dessert	Homemade Cake	Honeydew Melon Pineapples	Yoghurt	Ice Cream	Chocolate Eclairs
	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table

KEY FORTNIGHTLY DATES

- Monday 20.10.25 Autumn Half Term Holiday week 1
- Monday 27.10.25 Autumn Half Term Holiday week 2
- Monday 3.11.25 Whole School return for second half of the Autumn Term
- Monday 3.11.25 Afternoon Tea Time Concert and Public Speaking Event – selected pupils please book through Wisepay
- Tuesday 4.11.25 U8 & U9 Football (away) and Netball (home) fixtures v Chinthurst School – 2.00pm Parents welcome
- Wednesday 5.11.25 Year 6 Mock Exam conditions today
- Wednesday 5.11.25 U10 & U11 Netball (away) and Football (home) fixtures v Chinthurst School – 2.00pm Parents welcome
- Thursday 6.11.25 Years 4 & 5 11+ Evening for Parents – 6.30pm please book seats through Wisepay
- Friday 7.11.25 Year 6 and 5 Remembrance Day Assembly - 8.45am Parents welcome
- Saturday 8.11.25 U8 Football Competition away at Caterham School commencing 9.00am