



Friday, 7th November 2025

NOTES FROM MRS MITCHELL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It has been a pleasure to catch up with so many of you at the gate and hear about the wide range of adventures enjoyed over the break. The children have returned with great energy and focus, and it has been a busy and purposeful start to the half term. I have enjoyed seeing Year 2's postcards and meeting individually with our fabulous Year 6 cohort as they continue through their exams.

We began the week with an assembly from Archie the Acorn, who reminded the children about responsibility and safety around fireworks and bonfires, as well as the history behind this time of year. I hope you have all had a safe and enjoyable week of celebrations. A very happy Diwali also to those families who celebrated over half term!

It has been a particularly active week meeting with prospective families who are keen to join our school community, and continuing my visits with senior school heads, including Mrs Sue Baillie, Head of Woldingham School. Woldingham is a leading independent girls' school with a strong reputation for both academic excellence and pastoral care, and it was valuable to discuss the many opportunities and pathways available for our pupils as they move on to senior education. Thank you to the parents of those in Years 4 and 5 who attended our 11+ Information Evening on Thursday.

We are pleased that our 'Forest Friends' sessions for pre-schoolers and 'Autumn Adventures' on Friday mornings are continuing to grow. It's wonderful to see our youngest learners exploring and discovering the world around them outdoors.

This morning, we held our Remembrance Assembly. Congratulations to Years 5 and 6 who performed with great composure and respect, and thank you to the parents who were able to join us. It is always an important point in the school year — a time to reflect on those who have served and on the values of peace and gratitude. We will also be marking the national two-minute silence together in school next Tuesday. We were also very pleased to welcome Heath, a former 'Oakhystarian' and to see him playing The Last Post. Rev. Frany was full of praise for how respectfully and thoughtfully the boys and girls conducted themselves.

Thank you to all who participated in our Tea-Time Concert and Public Speaking Event on Monday. Providing a safe space where pupils can perform is so valuable — it builds confidence, develops communication skills and strengthens critical thinking. These abilities are vital for academic progress, future careers and life beyond school, helping our children to organise their thoughts, present ideas clearly and engage effectively with others. Playing a musical instrument and making music together is also a key part of a broad education. Research shows that music supports brain development, particularly in areas linked to language, motor skills, emotional understanding and teamwork. These opportunities are part of what makes Oakhyrst school such a rich and well-rounded environment.

It has been encouraging to see the children taking part in this week's netball and football fixtures against Chinthurst — well done to all involved. Congratulations also go to Year 5, who over half term created and then presented impressive charity project pitches to the whole school. Pupils from Pre-Reception to Year 6 will now vote for the charities they would like to support this year. Thank you to Miss Wright and Mrs Dance for organising this.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. We will be marking this with a range of activities focused on kindness, respect and inclusion. On Monday, pupils are invited to wear odd socks, and on Thursday our Wellbeing Ambassadors will lead an initiative to mark World Kindness Day. Assemblies throughout the week will also explore these themes.

Have a lovely weekend.







OTHER NEWS

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.

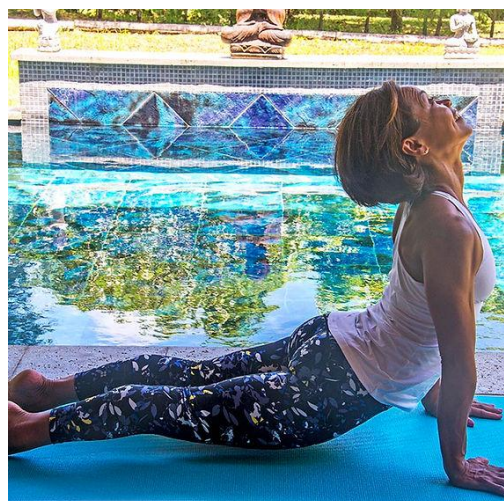
PLEASE DONATE NEW UNWRAPPED GIFTS BEFORE 1st DECEMBER.
Collection points are at Caterham Tesco, Morrisons and The Westway Centre.

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

FR FUNDRAISING REGULATOR
The Salvation Army is a Christian Church & registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009099, Social Trust Registered Charity No. 219774 and in Scotland SC037691. The Salvation Army Trading Company, registered number 50214122 (England and Wales).

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](#)

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@oakhyrst-grangeschool.co.uk or 01883 343344



CAMP OGS

15–18 DEC



PRICE **£40** PER DAY 9AM–4PM

GAMES | OUTDOOR ACTIVITY | CRAFT

EARLY DROP OFF AT 08.30AM £5 EXTRA

BOOK NOW!

OCS pupils PR–Year 3

Booking information to follow

Caterham Craft Room



@caterham_craftroom contact@caterhamcraftroom.co.uk

www.caterhamcraftroom.co.uk The Arc, 39 Weston Drive, Caterham CR3 5XY

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



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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 Basmati Rice served with 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



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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

OFFICE REMINDERS

Break Times

Please can you ensure that your child has "Play" joggers and wellies/football boots for going outside now. They need to wear them if playing on the field or in the woods. Otherwise they will have to stay on the top playground.

KEY FORTNIGHTLY DATES

- Saturday 8.11.25 U8 Football Competition away at Caterham School commencing 9.00am
- Sunday 9.11.25 Sports trip - London City Lionesses v Tottenham Hotspur, Bromley FC 12.00pm to 3.00pm
- Monday 10.11.25 Anti-bullying week commences – pupils and staff to wear odd socks today
- Monday 10.11.25 U11 Girls' Football Match (Surrey Cup Game) Warren Mead School, Banstead away 3.30pm
- Monday 10.11.25 Inter-House Chess Competition at lunchtime open to all Years 3 to 6 children
- Tuesday 11.11.25 Remembrance Day
- Wednesday 12.11.25 Year 3 Stone Age workshop all day
- Wednesday 12.11.25 U10 & U11 boys Football Match v Chinthurst – away leave OGS at 2.00pm return 4.00pm
- Thursday 13.11.25 Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations all morning
- Thursday 13.11.25 Pre Reception to Year 6 Parents' Evening 5.00pm to 9.00pm 10 min appts in Cameron Hall
- Tuesday 18.11.25 U8 and U9 Netball Match v Cumnor House – home 2.00pm
- Tuesday 18.11.25 Selected pupils Swimming Gala away Caterham School leave OGS 3.15pm
- Tuesday 18.11.25 Year 5 Class Concert 5.00pm
- Wednesday 19.11.25 Wellbeing Wednesday – no homework
- Wednesday 19.11.25 Inter-house Cross Country whole school event – 1.00pm to 3.00pm parents welcome
- Thursday 20.11.25 Year 1 Football competition during Games lesson – 2.00pm parents welcome
- Friday 21.11.25 Year 3 Form Assembly – 8.45am parents welcome