The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a lovely start to the second half of the autumn term, with lots of exciting learning taking place across the school.

This half term, all of our children are exploring 'Celebrating Difference' in their PSHE lessons. It's such an important part of our learning, helping children to recognise that we are all different and that this is something to celebrate. Later this month, we'll also be marking Anti-Bullying Week, with a focus on 'Breaking the Silence'.

In PSHE for our **Year 2** children, the focus has been on stereotypes and how we sometimes make assumptions about others. In English, they have been comparing stories written by the same author, while in geography they have been finding out why the River Thames is so important to London.

In **Year 1**, *The Leaf Thief* has been the focus in English, with the children using adjectives to describe characters and settings. In art, they have been exploring how we can show different feelings through facial expressions, and in science they have been learning about the seasons and the months of the year.

In **Reception**, Mrs Patel shared the Hindu festival of Diwali with the children, including the story of Rama and Sita. The children then had great fun creating their own designs for diva lamps.
With Diwali and Bonfire Night celebrations in our communities, our assemblies have also had a fireworks theme! The children enjoyed learning a fun firework song and were reminded of the importance of staying safe when attending firework displays.

A couple of reminders for next week:

Poppy Appeal – Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November
Our School Councillors will be visiting classrooms on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, giving children the opportunity to make a donation and receive a poppy. All money raised will go to the Royal British Legion.

School Photo Day – Wednesday 11th November
Please make sure children come to school in their **full school uniform**, rather than their PE kit, ready for their photographs. Class teachers will let you know about any changes to PE days, so please keep an eye out for their messages.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Sally Cary
Headteacher

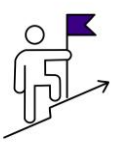


We are looking forward to a boogie on the dance floor!

Our Value Award Winners are…

Ash **Jasper**	Elm **Reuben**	Holly **Layla**
Willow **River**	Maple **Jeffrey**	Rowan **Luna**
Beech **Luna**	Oak **Thomas**	Sycamore **Elliott**

Courage **Determination** **Respect** **Kindness**



"Respect is a gift you give to yourself and others.
Share it freely and watch it multiply."

Dates for your Diary

https://orchard.surrey.sch.uk/Calendar/

Click on the *'subscribe'* button to sync your device to it.

Monday 9th November
'Let it Glow' Disco



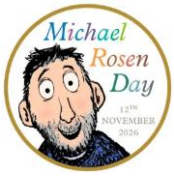
Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day



Wednesday 11th November
Individual School Photos



Thursday 12th November
Michael Rosen Day



Friday 13th November
Children in Need &
World Kindness Day



Monday 16th November
Odd Socks Day



Monday 16th November –
Friday 20th November
Anti-Bullying Week



Thursday 19th November
Full Governing Body Meeting
6pm



Tuesday 17th and
Thursday 19th November
Parents' Evening



Wednesday 25th November
PTA: Christmas Wreath Workshop



Thursday 26th November
Love Magical Molesey



Monday 30th November
Flu Vaccination



Saturday 5th December
Orchard Christmas Fair
12 – 3pm





We Still Need You! – Parent Governor Vacancy

We are still looking for someone to join our School Governing Board as a Parent Governor, and as yet, we haven't received any nominations.

We really do need you!

Our governors play such an important role in supporting the school and helping to shape its future. You don't need to have been a governor before. What matters is a willingness to learn, ask questions and help make a difference for our children.

We know the deadline is fast approaching, but please don't let that put you off! If you've been thinking about putting yourself forward, we'd really encourage you to do so.

If you have any last-minute questions about the role, I'm very happy to help, as is our Chair of Governors, **Sarah Adams (Elm Class)**, or any of our other governors.

The deadline for nominations is 9am on Monday 9th November.

We would really love to have a parent come forward, so if you're considering it, please do get your nomination in before Monday's deadline!

Click on the picture above to go directly to the governor page on our website.

Say Cheese! It's School Photo Day Wednesday 11th November

A little reminder that it's **individual school photo day** soon! It's time for the annual challenge of getting everyone looking at the camera, smiling and looking in the right direction and keeping their hair tidy for at least five minutes!

Please make sure your child comes to school looking photo-ready in their usual school uniform.

We'll do our best to capture those lovely smiles – although we can't promise that every hairstyle will survive the playground!

Big smiles, everyone!





Musical Artist of the Week



STEREOPHONICS

ROCK BAND

Listen to their music by clicking on the picture above or the link below.

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/6mQ5O2XeDSWHN9EwBH5im8

NOVEMBER TO MARCH 2027

NOURISH

THE NOURISH MENU

BANG IN SOME BEANS! DISHES WITH ME NEXT TO THEM CONTAIN BEANS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 2 November 23 November 14 December 18 January 8 February 8 March	Chicken Pie 1 Pesto & Pea Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Crushed Potatoes Cauliflower Carrots Strawberry Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake 1,3,7 Vegetable Chilli Skins VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Garlic Bread 1,3 Seasonal Vegetables Bananas & Chocolate Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Gammon & Gravy Cheese & Potato Pie 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Cabbage Peas Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Black Bean Jambalaya VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Sweetcorn Broccoli Rainbow Pasta 1 Beetroot Cake 1,3 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Nuggets 1 Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips Peas Baked Beans Carrot Sticks Oaty Biscuit 1,3,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK TWO 9 November 30 November 4 January 25 January 22 February 15 March	BBQ Chicken Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice, Carrots Peas Jam Tart 1,3 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Tomato & Broccoli Pasta 1 VG Buffalo Cauliflower Wings VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Cheesy Wedges 7 Seasonal Vegetables Strawberry Panna Cotta Milky Jelly 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Chicken & Gravy Vegan Cowboy Hotpot 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots Crispy Cake 1,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Beef Stew & Dumpling 1,3 Herby Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Herby Bread 1,3 Green Beans Cauliflower Apple Crumble Bar 1,3 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Salmon Fish Cake 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips Peas Baked Beans Coleslaw 9 Banana Bread 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK THREE 16 November 7 December 11 January 1 February 1 March 22 March	Macaroni Cheese 1,3,7 V Red Pepper & Bean Masala & Rice VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Garlic Bread 1,3 Cauliflower Green Beans Peach Crumble 1,3 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Noodles 1,3 BBQ Wrap Stack 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Potato Wedges Carrots Peas Caramel Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Pork Sausage 1,3,6 Quorn Sausage 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Broccoli Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Minced Beef Cobbler 1,3 Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Herby Bread 1,3 Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate Sponge Cake 1,3 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese & Bean Burrito 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas Baked Beans Cucumber sticks Crispy Cookie 1,3,7,16 Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

AVAILABLE DAILY

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.









Holly Class have had great fun bringing Stick Man to life this week, with lots of imaginative activities both inside and outside the classroom!

Poppy Appeal

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Children will have the opportunity get a poppy in school on the mornings of **Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November**.
Our School Councillors will be visiting each class on both mornings, so children who would like to make a donation and receive a poppy can do so.
All money raised will go to the **Royal British Legion** to support the wonderful work they do for serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families.

Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS AUTUMN

THE ORCHARD SCHOOL · PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION ·

2 OCT

Christmas

Order p… istmas cards, w… …her merchandise … …ur project with Cauliflower Artwork.

15/16 OCT

Year 2

Volu… …aked goods after sc… …Thu & Fri to raise funds for Year Two enrichment

9 NOV

"Let it Glow Disco"

Tickets must be pre-booked. Reception is 3-4pm, Year 1 is 4-5pm and Year 2 is 5-6pm. Volunteers needed with DBS check.

25 NOV

Wreath Workshop

Create a lovely festive wreath for your front door. This event is open to the community. Pre-booking essential.

4 DEC

Christmas tree pickup

Pre-order and buy your Christmas Tree via PTA Events for pick up on 4 Dec from a local address.

5 DEC

Christmas Fair

Santa's grotto, games, raffle, bar and much more. This is a key fundraiser in the year. Volunteers needed to run the stalls.

15 DEC

Christmas Plays

The children will be treated to a Christmas show from a theatre company - funded by the PTA due to your contributions.



Click on the picture above to take you to our website.

St Lawrence Parent Tours

St Lawrence C of E (A) Junior School

Closing date for applications is 15th January 2027

Did you know that children that attend The Orchard Infant School have preference over other children in the area?

Tour Dates

Tuesday 8th December 2026
Thursday 7th January 2027

BOOK YOUR TOUR HERE



We are aligned with The Orchard Infant school and hold multiple transition events including watching performances, attending a mini Sports Day and taking part in a Science Day.