

OCCOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2025
Newsletter



Diary Dates



Thursday 9th October

Individual & Sibling Photographs

Wednesday 15th October

Year R, 1 and 2 to Banham Zoo (*letter to follow*)

Year 3 & 4 to Knettishall Heath (*letter to follow*)

September 2026 intake Reception Open Evening

Thursday 16th October

Farmers' Market 2-4pm (*in main school*)

Friday 17th October

Colour Run at 2:45pm (*village hall field*)

Tuesday 21st October

Parents Evening

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

Half Term

A message from Miss Thornton

We've had a brilliant first month back at school. The children have settled in well and have been working hard. It's been a busy month with lots of fun things going on both in and out of the classroom.

I'd like to say a special thank you to the children in Fox Class who have gone above and beyond to help the Reception children at lunch to settle into school life. It has been lovely getting to know our new children in Rabbit, Otter and Fox Classes, and their families, too.



Upcoming fundraising events

This term, we are fundraising for a new fence around our Forest School area. We would love to see you at the following events.

Farmers' Market

We will be holding our annual Farmers' Market on **Thursday 16th October 2-4pm.**

We welcome donations of locally grown produce, plants, bakes, sweets, gifts, crafts etc to sell.

The children are welcome to make their own products at home to sell such as cards, bracelets, cakes etc. We will be making some products in school to sell too. **Please note this is a cash only event.**

Colour Run

On **Friday 17th October at 2:45pm** we are holding our very first Colour Run! Adults and children are invited to participate. Tickets can be purchased via the link below and include a pair of jazzy sunglasses and a packet of powder paint.

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QR2VSIRB>



Breakfast Club

Our school is still participating in the government breakfast club initiative offering **free** breakfast to all children.

If your child would like to try it out, they are welcome to join us from 8:15 am each day.

Please book via Arbor if you'd like your child to attend.



After School Club

We offer after school provision daily from 3:15 - 4:15pm.

Sessions cost £4.

Please book via Arbor if you'd like your child to attend.



European Languages Day

We had a wonderful morning celebrating European Languages Day.

We focused on three European countries: Croatia, Portugal and The Netherlands. Our theme this year was colour. The children were split into three groups, so all ages had the opportunity to work alongside one another.

With Miss Thornton, the children learned about the International Folklore Festival in Zagreb. Lots of residents dress up in traditional dress. We had a go at making our own headpieces, inspired by the ones worn during the festival.

With Mrs Weatherley, the children learned about The Netherlands' national symbol - the tulip. They created their own tulips using royal icing and used them to decorate a cupcake.

With Miss Walsh, the children learned about the colourful umbrella festival in Agueda, Portugal.

They made their own origami umbrellas to represent the colours they learned in Portuguese.



Thank you, Friends!

Lots of children in school enjoyed a very special lunch on Friday. We joined the local community for their Soup lunch. The children (and teachers!) enjoyed a delicious bowl of macaroni cheese and a tasty cake. Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising and running this lunch. It was a lovely way to end the week.



Rabbits

Rabbits have been looking out for signs of autumn and seasonal changes.

In English, they have been enjoying reading *The Naughty Bus* and making their own *Naughty Bus Adventure* books.

In science, they have been busy learning all about animals and classifying them into groups.

Otters

Otters have been exploring Maurice Sendak's illustrations and creating their own artwork using his style.

The class have written some brilliant poems inspired by *The Green Ship*. Soon their poems will be made into a class book!

In geography, the class are learning about farming across the UK.

Foxes

Foxes have been learning about formal and informal writing styles and have written some impressive letters.

In PE, they have been challenging their balance, coordination and endurance in our weekly circuit training fitness sessions.

Year 5s have enjoyed choosing a brass instrument to learn this year. Music lessons have got off to a great start!

To keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are happening in school, visit our Facebook Page 'Occold Primary School'.

