

OCCOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

March 2026
Newsletter



Diary Dates



Friday 27th March

End of term assembly in Village Hall 2pm start
Sponsored Easter Bunny Hop
Friends Chocolate Bingo 6pm

Monday 13th April

Children return to school after Easter holidays

Tuesday 14th April

Rabbit class to Framlingham Castle

Thursday 16th April

Year 3 & 4 to Suffolk Farm & Country Fair

Friday 17th April

Swimming gala *more info to follow*

Saturday 18th April

Friends Jumble Sale

Monday 20th April

Y6 to Hartismere for transition (English lesson)

Tuesday 23rd April

Police Officer visiting school

Wednesday 6th May

Mini Medics First Aid for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Friday 8th May

Class & whole school photographs

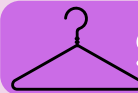
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May

Year 6 SATs week

A message from Miss Thornton

The month of March is flying by and I can't believe that the Easter holidays are just around the corner. Thank you all for your support and kindness over the last term.

Don't forget tomorrow is our End of Term assembly in the village hall. This starts at 2pm. Our Easter Bunny Hop on the school field is straight after this. Friends will be running an Easter themed Tuck Shop too. Have a lovely Easter break!



School Uniform reminder

Please ensure your child comes to school each day in their school shoes. Children are only allowed to wear trainers during their time on the field at lunch and during PE.



Thank you!



Swimming & Forest School

Unfortunately, our school swimming provider has changed their policy and now we are only allowed to take children in Year 3 and above swimming.

Therefore, next term Year 3, 4 and 5 will still be swimming, while Reception, Year 1 and 2 will continue Forest School. This will now take place on a Thursday afternoon.

Fox Class' PE will remain on a Tuesday afternoon. Rabbit and Otter Class' PE will now be on a Monday afternoon.

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Thank you Friends!

As we approach the end of this term, we'd like to say a big 'Thank You' to the Friends of Occold Primary School for all their super fundraising this term including Film Night which was enjoyed by lots of the children; a very special STEM themed Tuck Shop during our 3 Days of STEM and for serving refreshments during our Poetry by Heart competition.



Breakfast Club & After School Club

We offer Breakfast Club from 7:45am each day. In addition to this, we are still offering our government funded **free** breakfast club from 8:15am each day. We also run After School Club daily from 3:15-4:15pm. If you'd like your child to attend, please book via Arbor.

What has been happening in school?

Premier Sport enrichment

The children enjoyed a Paralympics sports session which introduced them to adapted sports, celebrating inclusivity and diverse sporting talents.



Poetry by Heart 2026

This year's Poetry by heart competition was a great success. Congratulations to everybody who took part and thank you to those of you who came along to watch and support the children!

World Book Day!

We had a great day celebrating World Book Day. Staff were so impressed with the effort everybody went to with their brilliant costumes! Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed our Book Making session in the village hall.

Rabbits

Rabbit Class have really enjoyed their Forest School sessions this term. They have been making wands and bees, building dens, tasting s'mores cooked over the open fire, litter picking on the field and ended the term with an Easter egg hunt and number sort.

In English, Rabbit Class have been exploring The Jolly Postman. They have been writing letters and, last week, created Story Boxes to show each of the houses and characters the Jolly Postman delivered post to. Can you recognise which character's house this is?



Otters

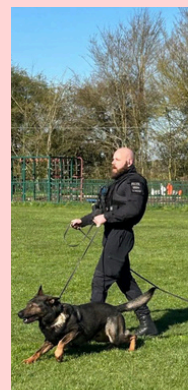
Otter Class have been learning all about the features of wetland environments and the animals and plants that live there, culminating in a fantastic trip to Carlton Marshes.

The children have enjoyed studying a new text in English, *Arthur and the Golden Rope*, and have used it as a basis for creating a newspaper report.

In PE, the class have been developing a range of new skills and techniques while learning the basics of hockey. The class are continuing to build on their computing skills by creating simple animations. Finally in science, they have reached the end of their topic on the water cycle and have produced some super booklets showcasing their knowledge.

A very special visit...

Thank you to Walter who organised for two Suffolk Police Dog Handlers to visit Fox Class!



Foxes

Fox Class have been working hard on their persuasive writing this half term. They have created eye-catching leaflets advertising local attractions and, more recently, have produced their own versions of the picture book *The Day the Crayons Quit!*.

In D&T, the children have developed their sewing skills, learning how to repair small holes in clothes and sew on buttons.

In PSHE, the children have been learning about keeping their bodies healthy and have explored the dangers of drinking, smoking and vaping. In maths, they have become confident in finding the area, perimeter and volume of a range of 2D and 3D shapes.

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

