

OCCOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

April 2026
Newsletter



Diary Dates



Wednesday 6th May

Mini Medics First Aid for KS2.

Friday 8th May

Class & whole school photographs

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May

Year 6 SATs week

Monday 18th May

3:30pm New Reception intake information evening

Wednesday 20th May - Friday 22nd May

Book Festival (PTO for full itinerary)

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

Half Term

Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd June

Year 5 & 6 Bikeability

Thursday 4th June

Mr Peck visiting Year 6s for Hartismere transition

Tuesday 16th June

Athletics competition - Y1&2 (am) and Y3&4 (pm)

Friday 19th June

Sports Day (1:30pm start) & Friends Summer Fete

Wednesday 24th June

Year 6 Hartismere transition day 1

Thursday 25th June

Year 6 Hartismere transition day 2
New Reception intake in & 'Move Up' morning

Monday 29th June

Whole school to Hautbois Activity Centre

Wednesday 1st July

Rabbit Class to Bressingham Steam Museum

Tuesday 7th July

Year 5 Hartismere transition afternoon

Wednesday 15th July

Summer production pm & eve performances (times tbc)

A message from Miss Thornton

The summer term is already underway and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying the brighter weather at break and lunch times. As we anticipate spending more time outside to make the most of this sunshine, please ensure your child comes into school each day with a named water bottle, a sun hat and sun cream already applied before school - with additional labelled sun cream in their bag if needed.

As our extensive list of Diary Dates shows, the summer term is bursting with exciting events and activities happening both in and out of school. This week, we have been busy putting the finishing touches to this year's Book Festival. You'll find more information about this on the following page.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend everyone!

THANK
YOU

Thank you Friends!

We'd like to say a big 'Thank You' to the Friends for supporting our Easter Bunny Hop and for organising this year's Chocolate Bingo which was a great success and enjoyed by lots of families. Thank you to those of you who came along to support this event.

A few weeks ago, The Friends held their annual Jumble Sale. They received so many donations - thank you so much to those of you who donated or popped along to grab some bargains!

The Friends are currently looking for a new Chairperson and Secretary. Please let the school and Friends know if you're interested.



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.



OCCOLD'S

BOOK FESTIVAL

Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd May

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OCCOLD'S BOOK FESTIVAL IS BACK!

Here's a sneak peak at this year's Book Festival line-up!
There will be lots of exciting things happening in school...

WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY

We are kick-starting our Book Festival with a visit from author and illustrator **Matt Robertson**. He will be delivering an assembly to share his books with the children and talk about life as an author and illustrator. He will then deliver a workshop to each class. Throughout the day, the children will create their own 'Do you Love...' books in the style of Matt Robertson. Towards the end of the afternoon, the children will enjoy some **shared reading** with other children in school. Foxes will still have their Brass lesson as usual.



THURSDAY 21ST MAY

On Thursday, we will be joined by illustrator **Julia Groves**. She will be delivering an assembly to share her books with us and the children will have the opportunity to ask her questions about her job and her work. She will then visit each class to deliver an exciting illustration workshop.

During the afternoon, we will be Swimming and enjoying Forest School as usual, but will end the afternoon with a visit from **Diss Publishing's travelling bookshop** and a special **Tuck Shop!**

Parents are invited to the Village Hall from 3pm for this.

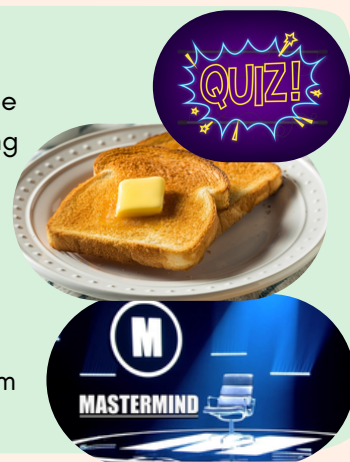
FRIDAY 22ND MAY

We will be starting our Friday morning with **toast and a book tasting** in school. Year 6 will be preparing the toast and drinks for the other children to enjoy as they begin their day exploring a variety of books.

Throughout the rest of the morning the children will be completing various book related activities involving **traditional tales, nursery rhymes** and even some **book speed dating!**

We will finish the morning with a whole school Big Book Quiz.

During the afternoon, we will be holding our annual **Book Mastermind competition**. We'd love as many parents and carers to watch as possible. The competition will start at 2pm and Friends will kindly be holding another Tuck Shop at the end of the day.



MAKE IT HAPPEN MAY!

Don't forget, the Friends of Occold Primary School are encouraging the children to raise money for school throughout the month of May. Your child might like to raise money by completing a sponsored read throughout the month. All money raised will go towards an exciting book and craft box, as well as picnic blankets and cushions, which we will use to take outside at lunch during the warm weather.

