

OCCOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2026
Newsletter



Diary Dates



Tuesday 6th October

Rabbit Class trip to Ancient House Museum

Thursday 8th October

School photos (am) - individual & siblings

Friday 9th October

Otter Class trip to watch Awful Egyptians

Tuesday 13th October

Football competition at Hartismere
Reception 2027 intake Open Evening

Wednesday 14th October

Farmers' Market 2-4pm

Thursday 15th October

Open classrooms from 2:45pm - parents welcome into school
to see children's work

Friday 16th October

KS2 watching interactive dance performance (2pm)

Monday 19th October

Otter Class parents' evening (night 1 of 2)

Tuesday 20th October

Fox, Rabbit & Otter class parents' evening

Thursday 22nd October

KS2 Cross Country tournament at Mellis (pm)

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Half term

Monday 2nd - Monday 6th November

Year 6 Hilltop Residential

Monday 9th November

Wonderdome Mobile Planetarium visiting the school!

Wednesday 11th November

Flu vaccinations (am)

Thursday 12th November

Friends AGM straight after school

Thursday 26th November

Reception intake 2027 Stay & Play (pm)

A message from Miss Thornton

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year! We've had a super first month back in school. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Occold Primary School for their hard work, and of course a big well done to all our children. Thank you also to our lovely wider school community - parents, guardians, grandparents and friends. Your support since returning back to school has been wonderful and hugely appreciated. There is lots to look forward to over the coming months, so grab your diary and be sure to take note of all that is coming up!



Please label school uniform!

Please make sure you **label all your child's school uniform**. We often have a collection of school jumpers and cardigans at the end of each day without names which makes it tricky to know who to safely return them too.

Thank you!



Breakfast & After School Club

Breakfast club runs from 7:45am each day. In addition to this, we offer a government funded free breakfast club from 8:15am each day, which is free of charge.

We run an after school club each day from the end of the school day to 4:15pm.

Please book your child into a club on Arbor.

Term Dates for 2026-27

Autumn term

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - half term

Thursday 17th December - last day of autumn term

Friday 18th December - Sunday 3rd January 2027 - Christmas holidays

Spring term

Tuesday 5th January 2027 - children return to school

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February - half term

Friday 26th March - Sunday 11th April - Easter holidays

Summer term

Tuesday 13th April - children return to school

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - Half term

Wednesday 21st July - last day



All money raised goes to Occold Primary School!

Refreshments available on the day!

Please bring in donations from Monday 12th October!

Farmers Market

We are excited to be holding our annual Farmers Market on **Wednesday 14th October, 2-4pm** in **Occold Village Hall**, and we would love everyone to get involved!

For families who are new to the school, our Farmers Market is a fun fundraising event where the children have the opportunity to make and sell products, practise handling money, work out prices and give change and experience what it is like to buy and sell goods.

Children can make things at home to sell, such as baked goods, crafts, Halloween or Christmas decorations or bring in items such as home grown produce, good quality used toys/games, sweetie bags, plants or sewn creations. Every child will also make products in school to sell on the day.

Parents are very welcome to get involved too – perhaps you might like to make some jars of jam, candles, greetings cards, cakes or other homemade goodies.

There will be refreshments available, as well as fun activity stalls where families can spend time together icing biscuits and designing and decorating their own tote bags!

Whether you make something, donate something, or simply come along to support us, we hope you will join in and help make this year's Farmers Market a fantastic afternoon!

Eco Council Update!

Over the summer we received some very exciting news!

Our Eco Council, led by Mrs Squirrel, achieved the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction.



Thank you so much to everyone in our school community who worked so hard towards this. Our important eco work will continue this year. This month we have taken part in 'Switch Off September'.

We have also had two important Eco themed assemblies - the first raising awareness of Recycling Week and the second informing children about Fair Trade.

Safeguarding Snippet

As we begin a new school year, it's a great time to remind children that they should always have someone they can talk to if something is worrying them. Please encourage your child to think of several trusted adults – at home, at school and elsewhere who they can share any worries or concerns with. Remind them that no worry is too small to share, and that if the first person they speak to isn't available, they should keep telling a trusted adult until someone can help.

At school, children can always speak to any member of staff if they have a worry or something doesn't feel right.

We also want to remind parents and carers that we are here to support you too. If you have a concern about your child, something happening at home or school, or simply aren't sure what to do about a particular situation, please come and talk to us - sometimes an early conversation can make all the difference.

At Occold Primary School, Safeguarding is always our number one priority. It is something we all have a role in and working together with families helps us to keep our children safe, happy and supported.