OVERCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026

TOUGH RUNNER

A huge thank you and well done to everyone for showing up and demonstrating your support for our local children's hospice, Claire House. So far, we have raised a staggering **£4,000** and counting!
We are incredibly proud of all the children who bravely took part, and we truly appreciate all the hard work you have put into fundraising.
We are also delighted to share that our school has been featured in the Wirral Globe, praising our pupils for their fantastic achievements and brilliant contribution to charity!

You can read the full article here:

https://www.wirralglobe.co.uk/news/26661589.overchurch-pupils-raise-3-600-claire-house-hospice/



A huge thank you to all our parents, families, and children who got involved and donated to our Upton Lights Fundraiser held over the summer!
Thanks to your amazing support and generosity, we raised a wonderful **£176** as a school community. Your contributions will help make our local area shine extra bright this festive season!

Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember

- **Monday 2nd November** - INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- **Tuesday 3rd November** - School reopens
- **Wednesday 4th November** - Year 3 trip to Burwardsley
- **Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th November** - Year 6 Conway Centre Residential

For our OJS Autumn / Winter Events Schedule over the festive season, click here:

Some of our star Litter Pickers, helping OJS become an even better place to be.



From Tuesday 3rd November, children will have the opportunity to buy wristbands, pencils, badges and reflectors in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Bloom Enrichment Update: Connecting with Our Local Community



As part of our Bloom Enrichment offer, we have been working to foster civic engagement by strengthening our connections with the local community.
On Monday afternoon, a group of children visited Manor Care Home to read letters to the residents. This activity followed lunchtime letter-writing sessions with Mrs. Elwill, where the children were delighted to receive letters from residents sharing stories about their jobs, families and hobbies. In response, our students wrote thoughtful, personal letters of their own to share during the visit.
The children demonstrated our core respect values throughout the visit, with many residents commenting on how polite, caring, and attentive they were. We were also proud to see their speaking skills shine—a direct reflection of our ongoing Oracy work as a Voice 21 accredited school.

Autism Together

Autism Together Newsletter & Events
Autism Together has published a fantastic newsletter packed with free family events and activities across this autumn and winter!
You can check out their full newsletter and find out more details here: https://autismtogether.co.uk/newsletter/

Growing Every Child Beyond the Classroom with OJS Bloom



OJS Bloom is our unique enrichment framework designed to ensure every single child experiences a rich variety of personal development opportunities before leaving Year 6.

Our enrichment journey is guided by The Five Bloom Petals:

Lead: Building responsibility and confidence by taking on leadership roles across the school.

Care: Fostering kindness, empathy and citizenship through environmental work and community support.

Create: Unlocking imagination and self-expression through music, art, drama, design and creative performance.

Explore: Discovering the world through outdoor learning, workshops and residential visits.

Move: Encouraging healthy habits, physical confidence, sportsmanship and teamwork through active opportunities.

Whether participating in sports competitions, fundraising, residential trips or extra-curricular clubs, OJS Bloom guarantees equal opportunity for all pupils to discover new talents and build lifelong skills.

Don't forget to check Arbor to view next half-term's exciting line-up of extra-curricular clubs and sign your child up today!

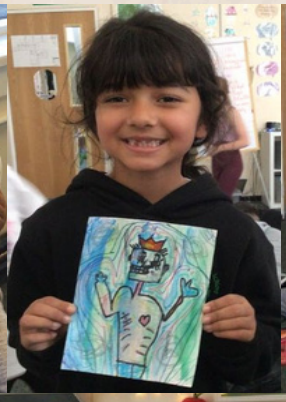
BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT OJS!

Celebrating Black History Month has been a wonderful experience for our school community. We've compiled a few of the activities OJS took part in this monthfor you to enjoy. Please take a moment to look through the photographs below!









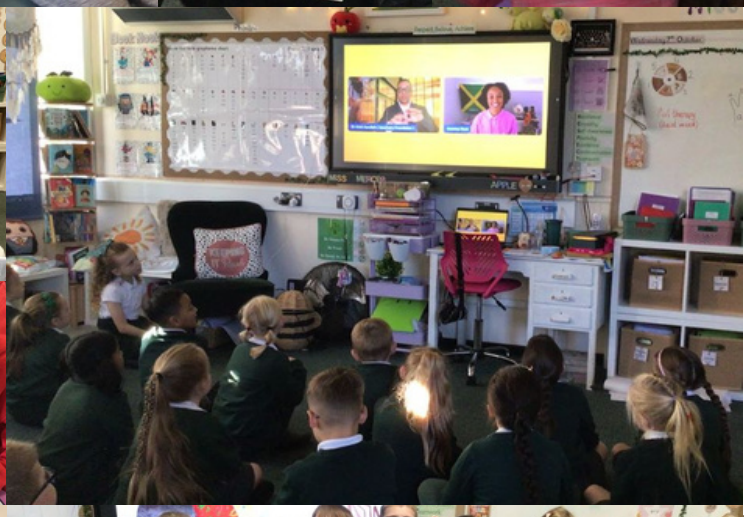
















GOLDEN TICKET
ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

WEEK BEGINNING 3rd NOVEMBER



BE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY!

EARN YOUR TICKET
ATTEND 100%
FROM TUES 3rd NOV
TO FRI 6th NOV
TO BE ELIGIBLE!

THE PRIZE:
HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY MEMBER OF STAFF!



REMINDER: School is closed on Mon 2nd Nov for INSET

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS. ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR DETAILS.

WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

Attendance Winners

Apple: 94.6%
Mulberry: 96.2%
Pear: 99.6%

Cherry: 97.7%
Pine: 93.7%
Silver Birch: 97.5%

Beech: 98.5%
Hawthorn: 95.7%
Willow: 98.2 %

Lime: 97.7%
Rowan: 98.1%
Sycamore: 91%



RESILIENCE
EMPATHY SELF-AWARENESS
POSITIVITY
EXCELLENCE
COMMUNICATION
TEAMWORK

RESPECT Award Winners

Apple: Gerard L
Mulberry: Myles E
Pear: Avelia A

Cherry: Brayden F
Pine: Mylo L
Silver Birch: Arlo S

Beech: Apryl B
Hawthorn: Kreed C
Willow: Saoirse A

Lime: Oscar W
Rowan: Lennie R
Sycamore: Olivia R

Reading Award Winners

Apple: Paisley M
Mulberry: Poppy A
Pear: Jacob A

Cherry: Alfie P
Pine: Josh W
Silver Birch: Harry R

Beech: Jess B
Hawthorn: Lyla B
Willow: James L

Lime: Darcy T
Rowan: Blake J
Sycamore: Olivia B





Maths Award Winners

Apple: Amelia-Mae B
Mulberry: Milo K
Pear: Dineth S

Cherry: Harry S
Pine: Nate H-P
Silver Birch: Mollie M

Beech: Willow J
Hawthorn: Abi G
Willow: Jess D

Lime: Immy N
Rowan: Frankie S-S
Sycamore: Georgia N

Writing Award Winners

Apple: Ben E
Mulberry: Olivia M
Pear: Serena P

Cherry: Finley G
Pine: Emilia D-N
Silver Birch: Poppy F

Beech: Bella D
Hawthorn: Ella-Rose R
Willow: Harper M

Lime: Ella-Jaine C
Rowan: Ellie N
Sycamore: Hugo B





WIRRAL MHST
Parent & Carer Newsletter

NHS
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Welcome back to our Wirral Mental Health Support Team (MHST) parent & carer newsletter. This is our regular update from the local team supporting Wirral schools and colleges with all things mental well-being.

If you would like to share your feedback with us, please scan the QR code above and select our service, MHST Wirral. Your feedback is really appreciated as it helps us improve our service for other children, young people, and families that we support. The feedback we capture will be anonymous.

World Mental Health Day
Self Care Tips For You & Your Child

World mental Health Day 2026 is an international day observed on October 10, 2026, dedicated to global mental health education, awareness, and advocacy against social stigma. Below are some self care tips for you and your child.

Self-care for Parents:

- Prioritize basic needs: aim for stable sleep routines and eat nutritious meals to keep your energy and patience levels steady.
- Set firm boundaries: Give yourself permission to say "no" to non-essential tasks, social events, or extra favours when you feel overwhelmed.

Supporting your child:

- Encourage open check-ins: ask gentle, open-ended questions about their day and practice active listening without rushing to fix their problems.
- Get outside in nature: Spend time in local green spaces or parks to naturally lower stress and encourage physical movement.

New Family Hub

Woodchurch C of E, have created a new Family Hub/Community room.

Their aim has been tYour oparagraph te xtcreate a welcoming, inclusive and comfortable environment where children, families and professionals can meet, access support and feel at ease. We're delighted that the space will also be used to host the MHST Riding The Rapids group as we continue to develop the support available to our families.







ADDvanced Solutions Community Network
Supporting you to find the answers

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network is an open access offer that supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them.

Click here for more information

MHST PARENTING PROGRAMMES

Wirral MHST offer a range of parenting support groups.
Speak to your school's Mental Health Lead, if any of the below are of interest to you and your family.

From Timid To Tiger:
An evidence-based, 10-session parenting programme designed to help parents and carers support children (typically aged 5-12) dealing with anxiety and related behaviours that challenge.

Riding The Rapids:
An evidence-based program designed for parents of children (typically aged 3–16) with autism or on the pathway, severe learning disabilities, or complex needs. The course focuses on understanding, managing, and reducing anxiety-related or behaviours that challenge while increasing parental confidence and well-being through practical, neuro-affirmative strategies.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSON'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND TO ACCESS A RANGE OF OTHER RESOURCES ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH, PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK MYMIND.ORG.UK

Play Soccer ⚽ Learn Soccer ⚽ Love Soccer

OCTOBER HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOL

WE ALL PLAY SOCCER@SCHOOL

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER – THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

CO OP BEBINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



- All Soccer Schools held @ Co-Op Bebington High School
- 9am – 3pm
- £75 for 4 days or £22 per day
- Open to Boys and Girls aged 5–12
- Children can attend individual days



4 DAY SOCCER SCHOOL

MON 26TH	OCTOBER – Fun, Skills & Team Games
TUE 27TH	OCTOBER – Skills Development & Match Play
WED 28TH	OCTOBER – Build Confidence & Have Fun
THU 29TH	OCTOBER – Friends, Football & Great Times

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Fun and engaging football sessions
- Skills, tricks and game play
- Teamwork and fair play
- Confidence building
- A great way to stay active!

BOOK ONLINE

WWW.SOCCERSCHOOLWIRRAL.COM

BONFIRE NIGHT
MENU

Thursday 5th November

Hotdogs / veggie dogs
with
Crisp potato cubes and corn on the cob

Toffee apple muffins
or
Jelly and fruit

This menu contains gluten, milk and egg

Gluten free and dairy free options will be available.