



Newsletter Spring 2

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I am extremely thankful for what Team Oughty has achieved over these past 6 weeks. Additionally, thank you to all the hardworking staff, who make all this possible and to our school community for their support. I hope everyone has a lovely Easter. School re-opens at 8.50am on Tuesday 22nd April, with an exciting week of Sports and Earth Day to look forward to.

Term Ahead

Please find attached dates for the Summer Term.

Summer Term

1	22nd April	Earth's Day Sports Week	
	23rd April	Year 5/6 Sports Day	
	24th April	Year 3/4 Sports Day	
	25th April	EYFS/ KS1 Sports Day	
2	28th April		
	29th April	Year 6 London Meeting with parents	4pm
	30th April	Year 4 Anderton Centre Meeting with parents	5pm
3	5th May	Bank holiday- School closed	
	8th May	VE day 80th celebrations	
4	12th May	SATs week for Year 6	
5	19th May		
	21st May	New intake meeting for EYFS parents (2025 cohort)	

1	9th June	Multiplication Check week for Y4 Phonics screening check week for Y1	
	12th June	Y1 trip to the Halle	
2	16th June		
	17th June	Mayan Workshop for Y5 all day	
3	23rd June		

	24th June	Year 6 London residential (24th-26th June)	
	27th June	Break the Rules Day	
4	30th June		
	1st July	Class Photos (plus individual photos for Y6 and staff)	
	2nd - 4th July	Y4 Residential (Anderton Centre)	
5	7th July		
	8th July	Whole School Create Day (national celebration of creativity)	
	10th July	Y1 trip to Lytham St Annes	
	11th July	Summer Fair	
6	14th July		
	15th July	Y6 production	6.30pm
	16th July	Y6 production	6.30pm
	18th July	Y6 end of year trip to Gulliver's World Reports out to parents (via email)	
7	21st July	School Council visit to Houses of Parliament	
	25th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly Early finish for Y6 School closes (Rec - Y5)	9am 1.30pm 3.20pm

Easter Hampers



A huge thank you to everyone who donated an item to the Easter Hampers or bought a raffle ticket. A total of £1115 was raised- which is amazing! Miss Swale (our Oughty Owls catering

lead) judged the hampers and the winning classes were RJ and 6H. Both classes have received a £50 voucher to spend on something for their classroom. Well done to both classes.

Congratulations to all of our indivudal winners. We hope you enjoy your hampers!



Eleanor Y1







Sports Week and Earth Day



We will be starting our Summer Term with Earth Day followed by Sports Week this year- we are hoping for lots of sunshine throughout this week!

On Tuesday 22nd April, children are invited to come to school dressed in blue or green to celebrate Earth day. Our focus for this year will be making a difference to our school grounds. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to come and help paint on the day.

Sports days are as follows:

Year 5/6 - Wednesday 23rd

Year 3/4 - Thursday 24th

EYFS/Y1/Y2 - Friday 25th

Each class will be competing in a range of track and field events with their classmates.

The outline of the morning is as follows:

8.30am – If we need to cancel Sports Day because of bad weather, we will notify you around this time via Class Dojo.

9am- The school gates will be promptly locked on these mornings.

9.15am – The pedestrian gate (the one that leads to the front playground) will be reopened and parents are invited to make their way to the field and to take their position in the designated area. Don't forget to bring a chair or picnic blanket to sit on. Prams/buggies can be parked behind the seating area.

9.30am (approx.) - Children will be brought out onto the field and then the fun and games will begin. Please feel free to take photographs throughout the morning but we respectfully ask that you focus on your own child, and that due to safeguarding reasons, no pictures of the morning are posted on social media.

9:30-11:00 - The PTA will be selling refreshments- please bring change.

Once all events are finished, each class will then perform a 'victory parade' as they leave the field. During the parade, please wave and cheer as loudly as you can for your superstars!

Children will need to bring a full, named water bottle into school with them on Sports Day. If appropriate, please also send in a sun hat and make sure that sun cream has been applied to children before they come to school.

For health and safety reasons and to ensure the smooth running of events, we ask that parents remain in the designated area throughout the morning. Please do not go over to your child/children or cross the track at any point during the morning.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SANDPIT MUST NOT BE USED BY YOUNGER SIBLINGS (or parents) DURING THE EVENT.

Finally, we can't wait to have you with us in the crowd supporting the children.

Thank you for your support.

Year 5 Primary Engineer Leaders

The Primary Engineering Competition is held across the UK, where schools apply to showcase their students' amazing engineering designs, ideas and creations. The key focus is 'If you were an engineer, what would you do?' Students are encouraged to research different engineers and identify obstacles or problems we may encounter in 2025. Ranging from everyday problems of losing odd socks, to world affecting problems such as pollution. They will then look to identify those problems through drawing effective but simple plans, so long as the engineers who will be reading their entry can understand what the problem is and how it is best solved.

Every entry is read by an engineering professional and given a grade; Pass, Merit, Distinction or even Shortlisted. Each entry will receive a certificate with the pupil's name and grade on it. Oughtrington have been fantastic with their designs and problem solving. We can't wait to see the feedback and watch this space for future engineering designs!





World Book Day

This year's World Book Day was a splendid celebration of literature across our school! Students dazzled us with their imaginative costumes, embodying their favourite characters with creativity and flair. Our dedicated reading ambassadors shared their passion for books, inspiring their peers to explore new worlds through reading.

Teachers actively participated in the fun with a delightful "Masked Reader" event, where they disguised themselves to spark intrigue around their favourite titles. Exciting classroom activities

and competitions further enriched the day, fostering a love of reading in our school community. Thank you to everyone for making this day truly unforgettable!















Y5 Speak Life Performance

We are really proud of the Year 5 children who performed a selection of uplifting songs for parents and community members at the Speak Lide Showcase at Lymm Baptist Church. Simon, who has been working with the children this term, said that it was the most well attended of all similar events he's hosted. It was a blast of positivity and joy!

The children were AMAZING.





Opal Play

OPAL Play has been a great success again this term with various additions to the playground. The children have loved the new Lego table and track built by one of our parents. The new trowels in the digging area have allowed the children to 'mine for clay' and the maze been a fantastic 'chill out zone'. Now that the weather is improving we are excited about getting our summer provision out for the children. This will include dressing up clothes, soft toys, blankets, cushions and more small world toys. We are also hopeful for some more large loose parts for the children to build their own dens with.

If you are having a spring clear out during the Easter holidays please consider donating any of your unwanted items to us to enhance our play offer even more! We would be very grateful for dolls, prams, buggies (toy and child size), cushions, picnic blankets, sleeping bags, small world toys or craft supplies (or anything else!).

From all of the Play Team, we wish you a playful Easter!



Art Week

This year the theme for PAN Arts was 'All the change'. We wanted to spread the message that little hands can make a big difference. The children used their painting, printing, drawing and collage skills to create unique pieces.

Reception collaged recycled materials to make little hands.

Year 1 changed the world by painting and collaging a globe to make an iterative resource for the school.

Year 2 used their painting and sculpture skills to create a clean under the sea world.

Year 3 dove deep into the ocean using paint and printing to create their pieces.

Year 4 made mood boards to showcase what their dream world would look like. We had everything from Purple Land to Gaming World.

Year 5 used collaging to make their dream landscapes, some even featured pizza eating animals.

Year 6 shared their important and powerful messages by making textured posters using collaging and stenciling.

Please go to the Golden Square shopping centre to see a collection of artwork from multiple schools across Warrington. You will find our display outside of Primark.











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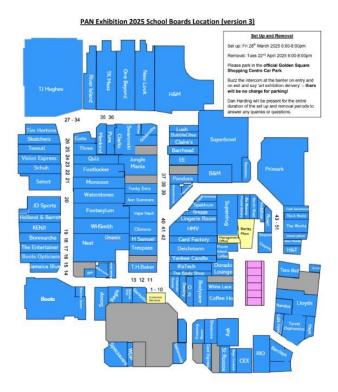








PAN ARTS EXHIBITON



1 - Following on from our Art Week, some of our amazing artwork is now being displayed in the Golden Square, Warrington in collaboration with other primary schools in Warrington. The exhibition will run until Tuesday 22nd April and our work is displayed at location 48 (near the entrance to Primark). We hope as many of you as possible are able to visit and see the array of art work that has been produced across Warrington schools.



Year 6 Perform at Young Voices

Year 6 enjoyed an amazing evening, performing at the Young Voices Concert on Monday 24th February at the Coop Live Arena. This is always a fantastic experience for our Year 6 children as they sang and danced the night away as part of a choir with schools from across the North West and North Wales. A huge thanks to the staff who organised this experience and accompanied the children.









Local Shop Competition Winner



Huge congratulations to Neve in Year 6, who won a competition ran by Cuppollo's in the village. Her design is now displayed in the shop window. Well done Neve, we are all so proud of you!

Outdoor Gym

We are excited to announce that the total monies needed for the Outdoor Gym have now been raised, the OPAL Play maze is in the process of being moved to make room for the new gym.

Watch this space!

Parent Governor Vacancy- Expression of interest

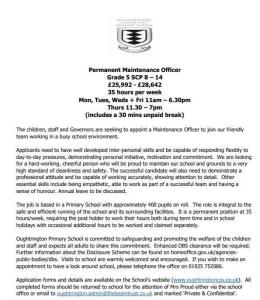
Due to a governors Term of office coming to an end, we are seeking expression of interest from parents and carers who are interested in joing our governing body.

Following a recent skills audit of the governing body, an area where we would welcome expertise is finance, financial management and budgeting.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Sandra Donnelly, our Chair of Governors, via the school office: <u>oughtrington.office@thebeamtrust.co.uk</u> to arrange a meeting with her to find out more information.

Vacancies

Please see the attached advert for a Maintenance Officer and Play Worker.



Closing date:	12pm 9th May 2025
Short Listing:	w/c 12th May 2025
Interviews:	w/c 19th May 2025
Job Sharing:	This post is not available for job sharing

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Before & After School Club Play Worker bus hours per week. Term tin Starting Date: ASAP (£12.65 per hour) ne only

The Governing Body would like to appoint a caring, enthusiastic and dedicated Before & After School Club Play Worker to help in our wraperound provision, Oughty Owls. Duties will be varied and will involve running play activities; administering first aid; working closely with other school staff; cleaning duties and some administrative tasks. You must enjoy working with primary age children, be self-motivated and possess the ability to provide creative play activities in a safe, caring environment. Recent experience of working with children is required as is a willingness to undertake training related to the role. Applicants must have excellent interpersonal skills, be able to develop effective relationships with pulps, parents and the wider school community and must be highly motivated and committed to providing the highest level of service.

We can offer the successful candidate:

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 An extremely welcoming, caring and fully inclusive ethos
 Pupils with exemplary behaviour and positive attitudes to learning
 Supportive staff, parents, governors and trustees
 Excellent professional development opportunities

The post is open to applicants who can provide ideally morning and afternoon cover. However, we are willing to consider just mornings or afternoons, or a combination of the two for the right candidate.

The hours of work will be working term time only, a combination of these sessions could be considered: morning hours will be 7.30am-9.00am; afternoon hours will be 3.00pm-6.00pm.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful candidate will be required to apply for enhanced disclosure from the Disclosures & Barring Service. Further details can be found at homeoffice.gov.uk/agencies-public-bodies/dbs/

If you are interested in applying, please download an application form from the school's website and return it to Mrs Proud in the school office via email. We are unable to accept CV's without a completed application form.

More information about our school and Oughty Owls can be found on our website, the address is

Email Address to return the application form to is: oughtrington.admin@thebeamtrust.co.uk

Closing Date: 12pm Tuesday 22nd April 2025

- Shortlisting: 23rd April 2025
- Interviews: 24th April 2025

Oughty Recycling



This term we have introduced a new reycling system in our school. The children and staff are very keen to help make a difference and we have 'Planet Protector' ambassadors who help to monitor our recycling efforts and celebrate successes with classes.

Changes to school uniform

After consultation with govenors and discussions with our school coucil, we have decided to change the colour of our school polo shirts to maroon across the school. Historically, the

maroon polo shirts have only been worn by Year 6, but after discussion we have decided that the maroon looks smarter and is easier to keep clean. This change will come into affect from September and the polo shirts can be purchased from a range of sources, including Touch line, Warrington Schoolware cente and online stores, for example Amazon. Please note that it is not compulsaory to have the embroidered badge.

To ensure that our next cohort of Year 6 children have that something 'special' for their uniform, we are will be discussing with the School Council on what this may be. Some of the ideas are having a maroon leavers' hoodie for the duration of Year 6 or having a badge they can wear all year round. When this has been finalised, we will communicate this further.

Save the Date - Lymm May Queen

The May Queen Committee is excited to announce the dates for this year's selection process, as well as the May Queen event for 2025, which will now take place in July to ensure better weather. Please see the attached flyer for dates.





Forest Holiday Club

7th - 11th April and 14th - 17th April



Dunham Massey National Trust

At CommuniTree we facilitate a nurturing and safe environment for children to play, explore and take risks at their own pace and rhythm.

Dates: 7th - 11th April and 14th - 17th April Time: 9am - 3.15pm Location: Dunham Massey National Trust

Suitable for children Year 1 – Year 6

£44.40 a day (includes campfire snacks)

Activities

- Den building
- Tree climbing
- Crafting with tools
- Foraging and cooking
 Woodland

How to book a place

- Pay online via credit/debit card
- Childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare accepted
- Families that are eligible for universal credit could claim back up to 85% of childcare costs
- 35% discount available for children on benefit-related free school meals - email info@communitree.co.uk for a discount code

For more information:

Visit: communitree.co.uk/dunham-massey

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