

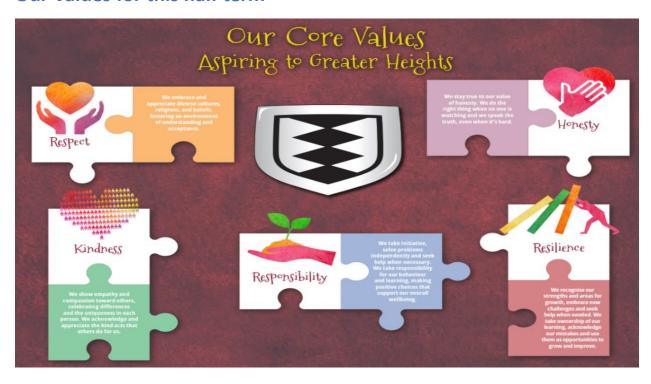
# Oughtrington Primary School



# 3/10/25

# **Newsletter Friday 3rd October 2025**

## **Our Values for this half term**



# KINDNESS



#### Oughtrington's Core Value

We are happy, confident
and well-rounded
individuals. We have
empathy and compassion
towards others.
We celebrate
differences and
uniqueness. We recognise the kind acts that other people do for us.

#### **Related Values**

empathy, compassion, generosity, and respect

#### **Actions that** show this value

Offering words of encouragement: A simple motivational text or a kind word can make a big impact, especially when someone is struggling.
Having a positive attitude: Smiling at others and engaging in friendly conversation can create a more positive atmosphere.

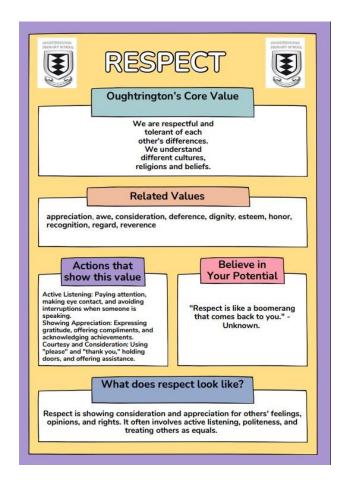
#### Believe in Your Potential

"We rise by lifting others."

"It's cool to be kind."

#### What does kindness look like?

Kindness is an action, a way of showing compassion and generosity towards others, often involving helping or doing something nice for someone without expecting anything in return. It can be displayed through small, everyday actions or larger, more deliberate gestures.



# Online safety talk with Cheshire Police

We were recently visited by PC Andrew who delivered a hard-hitting and thought provoking assembly to the children challenging them to think about their digital footprint and how to keep their personal data safe. Please have a look at the online safety section of our website which includes helpful links and advice for grown-ups and children alike. Watch out for an invitation to attend a presentation for parents - I can promise it will be very useful. https://www.oughtringtoncps.co.uk/page/online-

safety/148157https://www.internetmatters.org/









## Write a story you would love to read



The BBC 500 Words competition is now open!

We would love as many children as possible to enter this competition. Please visit the following link for more information and to submit an entry. If you do submit an entry, please share this with Mrs Forrest via Class Dojo.

Good luck and be as creative as you can.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

### Attendance and Lateness

We have had an increase in the number of children arriving late for the school day, this is causing disruption to the children and delaying the start of their learning. The classroom doors open at 8.50am, we ask that all children are ready to enter at this time and start their day. Thank you.

### School Meals

Dear parent/carer

Please be advised that the cost of a school meal is set to increase from £2.80 to £3.05 per meal from 1st of October 2025. This will result in an overall weekly increase of £1.25 per child.

This does not affect children accessing Free School Meals. The government continues to support the universal infant Free School Meals (FSM) project and this means that all children from reception, year 1 and year 2 will be provided with a school meal free of charge. Any child in years 3-6 can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. To find out if you are eligible, please visit: <a href="https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals">https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</a>\*

The council has been subsidising the service over the last few years to try and keep the cost of a meal down. However, increases in food and staffing costs mean that we unfortunately have no option but to increase the price of a school meal.

The three weekly rolling menu detailing each day's main course and dessert, with the additional daily offer of a vegetarian option and jacket potato will remain in place. The school meals service will continue to provide a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises. We will continue to offer theme days, treat lunches and inviting families to join children for special lunches through the year.

\*If your child is eligible for means tested free schools meals you could also be eligible for other funded support, such as <a href="Household Support Fund">Household Support Fund</a> (funding for food and utility bills) and <a href="Holiday Activities and Food">Holiday Fund</a> (summer holiday free activities and food). There are also other financial support schemes available, which you can find on the council website: <a href="holiday-varington.gov.uk/localsupportscheme">warrington.gov.uk/localsupportscheme</a>

Regards

School Meals Management

# Calling all Dentists or Dental Hygienists

Our Reception teachers are looking for someone who works as either a dentist or dental hygienist. We would love someone to come into school, at some point this half term, to speak

to our children about the importance of brushing their teeth and to talk to them about how to do this properly. If you would be willing and able to spend 15-20 minutes with our Reception classes at some point, please send a dojo message to either MIss Jones or Miss Smith.

## **Aspirational Day**

We're excited to announce our Aspirational Day on Monday, 20th October. This year, our focus is 'I have a dream'. We invite all children to come dressed as someone they aspire to be, or to bring along an item related to their dream career. Whether it's a doctor, artist, or engineer, we can't wait to see their creativity! We'd also love to have some parent volunteers join us to share their career journeys with the children. If you're interested in speaking to the children (a class, year group or whole school) about your profession, please get in touch with your class teacher to arrange a date during week beginning 20th October.

Thank you for your support!

# Parents' Evenings

A reminder that Parents' evenings are being held on Thursday 9th October and Tuesday 14th October. If you still need to make an appointment, this can be done via the School Spider App. If you have any problems, please contact your child's class teacher via Dojo.

For children who are in 5OH, parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 11th November 3.30pm-5.30pm and Thursday 13th November 3.30pm-6.30pm. Booking will go live via the School Spider App on Monday at 9.30am.

1R's parents' evenings will be postponed. Once a date has been rearranged, we will notify parents to rebook.

Amanda Howard, our Early Help Partnership Link Worker, will be available at parents' evening on Thursday 9th October.

Amanda plays a vital role in supporting families through early help services and supporting us as a school. If you would like to learn more about what early help means, how it works, and how it can offer support to you and your family when life gets a little more challenging than usual, please stop by and she will explain how early help can support children and families in a variety of ways — from emotional wellbeing and parenting support to accessing local services and resources. It's a great opportunity to ask questions, share thoughts, and discover how this support can benefit your family, should you ever need it.

# My Happy Minds

We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called myHappymind.
myHappymind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to
support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

 $\underline{myHappymind} \ is \ delivered \ in \ schools \ by \ class teachers \ through \ a \ series \ of \ interactive \ lessons \ and \ then \ the \ children \ apply \ these \ learnings \ throughout \ the \ day.$ 

To further embed this learning, <u>mytlappymind</u> has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring <u>mytlappymind</u> Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <a href="https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources">https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources</a> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is XXXXXXX
\*Replace the X's with your school's 6-digit URN\* Or simply

scan this QR code to sign up

Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with on downloading the app.

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

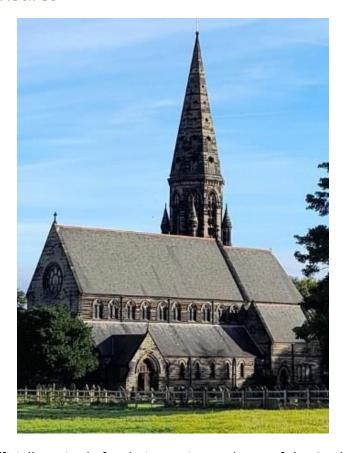
If you have any questions about my Happymind, please contact your class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myHappymind.org

Want to learn more? Check out <u>myHappymind</u> founder Laura Earnshaw's <u>best selling</u> book on <u>Amazon.</u>



## Father Michael Retires



Father Michael has officially retired after being an integral part of the Oughtrington community for over 25 years. His dedication has enriched so many aspects of our school life, including: our Harvest and Christmas services at St. Peter's Church, creating cherished memories for all. To honour his remarkable service, Mrs Cooper facilitated a wonderful surprise. She recorded a song sung by some of our children, which was played during Father Michael's final church service last Sunday. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude, stating, "What a wonderful surprise... It has been a great delight and privilege to be of service to the school."

As Father Michael embarks on this new chapter, we wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement filled with joy and relaxation.

# PTA Pumpkin Patch



Calling all parents and carers!



Are you frustrated by the problems caused by school traffic on Howard Avenue? This year the School Council are on a mission to improve the traffic problems on Howard Avenue and we would welcome your involvement. This could involve attending meetings and working with the School Council on ideas to improve things or perhaps you have some relevant experience and advice that you could share.

If you would like to get involved, please email <a href="mailto:sarah.hodgkinson@oughtringtoncps.co.uk">sarah.hodgkinson@oughtringtoncps.co.uk</a>
Sarah Hodgkinson, Parent Govenor

### **UPCOMING DATES**

- Thursday 9th October: Parent's Evening 3.30pm-7pm
- Tuesday 14th October: Parent's Evening 3.30pm-7pm
- Wednesday 15th October: Reception children taking part in Balance Bike Day Event 9am-3pm
- Thursday 16th October: Year 5&6 Harvest Festival at St.Peter's Church at 1.30pm
- Monday 20th October: Aspirational Day
- Thursday 23rd October: PTA Pumpkin Patch 3.30pm
- Friday 24th October: School close for half term at 3.20pm
- Monday 3rd November: School re opens at 8:50am
- Monday 10th November: Anti- bullying week
- Wednesday 19th November: Last swimming session for Y6
- Tuesday 25th November: Maths workshop for parents of Y2 children
- Wednesday 26th November: Swimming start for Y5 children
- Wednesday 26th November: Online safety sessions with Cheshire Police
- Tuesday 2nd December: Y1 Christmas performance at 2pm
- Wednesday 3rd December: Y1 Christmas performance at 6pm

- Thursday 4th December: Breakfast with Father Christmas for Y3 and Y4 at 8.15am
- Thursday 4th December: Strory with Father Christmas for EYFS and KS1 children at 9.15am
- Friday 5th December: Breakfast with Father Christmas for Y5 and Y6 at 8.15am
- Friday 5th December: PTA Christmas Fayre at 3.30pm
- Tuesday 9th December: Y2 Christmas performance at 2pm
- Wednesday 10th December: EYFS Christmas assembly at 9.15am
- Wednesday 10th December: Y2 Christmas performance at 6pm
- Thursday 11th December: EYFS Christmas assembly at 9.15am
- Thursday 11th December: Y3 and Y4 Carol concert at St.Peter's Church at 6pm (Confirmed)
- Saturday 13th December: Lymm Dickensian Day
- Wednesday 17th December: Elf Day and Elf Run. Fundraising for St.Rocco's Hospice
- Thursday 18th December: Class Christmas Parties
- Friday 19th December: Christmas Jumper day
- Friday 19th December: Pantomine for EYFS and KS1 children
- Friday 19th December: School Closes at 3.20pm
- Please also refer to our Year Ahead

## **Vacancies**

Oughtrington Primary School

SCHOOL CLEANER REQUIRED ASAP

16 HOURS PER WEEK (term time)

£12.65 per hour

3pm-6pm (Monday-Friday) & 3pm-7pm (Thursday)

Term time only
(plus extra hours in the school holidays to deep clean the whole school if possible and required)

We are looking to appoint a permanent school cleaner to join our friendly and highly motivated team. A reliable and conscientious individual is required to help ensure the school is a safe clean environment for both pupils, staff and visitors.

The successful candidate will need to work within a team and be able to use his/her own initiative when working alone. They will also need to be fit to be able to fulfill this physically demanding role.

Experience would be an advantage as would any relevant training, although training will be given to the right candidate.

Oughtrington Community Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and staff and expects all adults to share this commitment. Enhanced DBS clearance will be required. Further information about the Disclosure Scheme can be found on homeoffice.gov.uk/agencies-public-bodies/dbs. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged.

If you would like to be part of our friendly team, please download an application form from the school's website and return it to Mrs Proud in the school office on oughtrington.adming/bebeamtrust.co.uk

We are unable to accept CV's without a completed application form.

Further details can be found on our website www.oughtringtoncps.co.uk

Closing date: 12pm Friday 10th October 2025

Interview date: w/c 13th October 2025

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Lymm WA13 9EH

Headteacher: Gillian Marsland M.Ed. https://oughtringtoncps.co.uk Tel: 01925 752086



#### MID-DAY ASSISTANT REQUIRED ASAP

#### 10.00 HOURS PER WEEK (term time)

£13.05 per hour

#### 11.30am-1.30pm (Monday-Friday) term time only

We require a Mid-day Assistant to help us during the busy lunchtime period. The successful applicant will be required to supervise children both in the dining hall, playground, classrooms and around school. It also involves some lifting, i.e. setting up tables and benches etc.

The role requires a lot of positive interaction with the children and all MDA staff to be aware of confidentiality issues.

No experience is necessary, as training will be given.

If you would like to be part of our friendly team, please download an application form from the school's website and return it to Mrs Proud in the school office at oughtrington admingthbearturus. Co.u. kn olater than 12pm, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

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Successful applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Shortlisting Monday 20th October 2025 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 Interviews



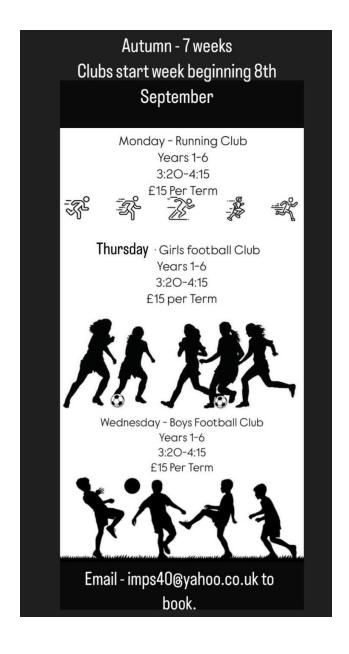








# Clubs





Book at edstart.org.uk

**Follow @edstartsports** 



### Gendai Martial Arts

After - school Class

The sessions will be held at Oughtrington Primary School for Year 3 children and above.

Classes are on Monday 3.15pm until 4.15pm

The first session will be on the 8th September and will run for 13 weeks, with the last session being on 8th December

Please note that we do not run-on inset days / Sats weeks / or when the school is closed for holidays.

To register your interest please email – <a href="mailto:shiptdav@aol.com">shiptdav@aol.com</a> .

All spaces will be on a first come, first served basis and will be confirmed back if you have been successful in securing a place.

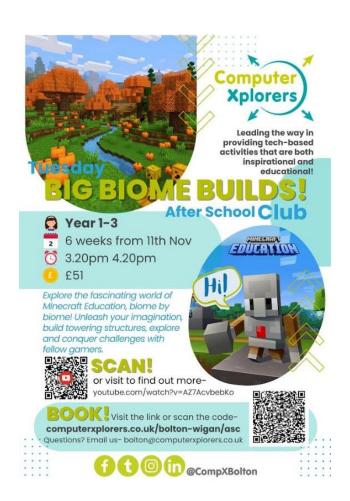
We would ask that the full payment is paid in advance, once confirmed.

The cost is £5.50 per lesson. Total cost: £71.50

Do not make any payment until your place has been confirmed

There will be an extra cost if your child wishes to go for a grading at the end of the term (Grading date TBA)

> Kind Regards Sensei Dave Shipton Sensei George Bainton







# FRENCH CLUB AT OUGHTRINGTON

#### September 2025

We are now entering the  $17^{\rm th}$  year of the French Club at Oughtrington. Here are the details for the autumn term.

KS1 (Reception — Yr2)
French will resume on Monday 15th September.
Last session for the term: Monday 15th December.
Time: 12.20pm: 12.50pm
Cost for this term: £55.25

KS2 (Written French)
French will resume on Thursday 18th September.
Last session for the term: Thursday 18th December.
Time: 3.20pm-4.20pm
Cost for this term: £113.75

Please be advised that places are limited and processed on a first-come,

To register a place for your child or if you require further information, please contact me on 0.7925 800342 or email me at les\_copains@btinternet.com

Sabine Power Les Copains French (lubs



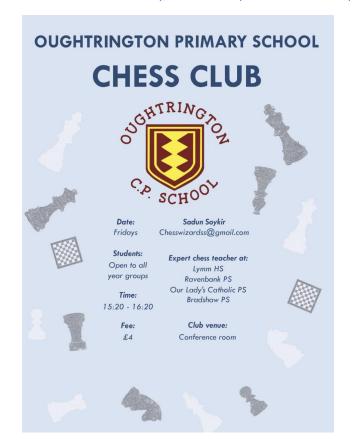
Les Capains is a French club that runs every Monday lunchtime and Thursday after school. We introduce French in a fun way by exploring the language through games and activities. Sessions to a designed using detailed lesson plans that are structure children's natural enthusiesm for language. At Key Stage Two the focus shifts towards writing skills and grammar although the emphasis remains on learning in a fun and stimulating way.

The Les Copains formula has proved to be hugely popular with children of all ages and ability. It doesn't matter if your child has had no previous exposure to the French language, the programme is designed with a lot of repetition and children soon pick up the basics from the activities.

Our three stage approach to learning begins in pre-school at age 3. It's never too early to introduce a second language, in fact, research has shown the earlier the better.



1 - Please note Street Dance is Tuesday, not Wednesday as advertised on the poster





## Half Term Clubs





# **Local Community Updates**











