



Otter Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026



Please could listen to your child read **every day** or **ensure they read independently for at least 20 minutes a day** and sign to say they have read in their Reading Records. We will check the Reading Records on a Monday and, if your child has read at least three times during the week, they will receive two house points. We are happy for the children to bring a book from home into school or to borrow a school book. Reading Records are also a great way to keep regular contact, so please do not hesitate to write a message or note for us. The National Literacy Trust has lots of information and advice on how to encourage reading at home.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/reading-for-pleasure/families/>

PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday for this term. Please ensure your child arrives at school with the appropriate kit on those days. Your child will need either tracksuit bottoms/joggers or shorts (depending on the weather), t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers. It looks like we may still have some warmer days in the coming weeks so please make sure your child has a hat, bottle of water and sun cream, depending on the forecast. All children should have earrings removed (please ensure this is done at home) and have long hair tied back on those days.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the academic year. I'm Mr Brockman-Smith and I'm excited to have joined your warm and welcoming school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Mr Brockman-Smith: matthew.brockman-smith@tilgraceschools.org.uk. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.

Our topics for this half-term:

History: Baghdad AD900

Geography: Spatial sense

Art: Italian Renaissance

PE: Invasion games (hockey)

Science: The Human body

DT: Water walls

RE: Love and forgiveness



Ozzie the Otter:

We have a class mascot! Otters are notoriously secretive creatures but we have got our own otter to join us on our academic journey this year.

Attendance:

We're continuing to focus on supporting excellent attendance for all our pupils, as we know how important it is for learning and well-being. If your child's year to date attendance drops below 96%, class teachers will be in touch to offer support and see if there's anything we can do to help. We really value your partnership in this and appreciate all you do to ensure your child attends school regularly.

Key Dates:

- Marshland High opening evening: 17.9.26
- Meet the teacher parents' evening: 22-23.9.26
- St Clement's High Open evening: 7.10.26
- Hilltop meeting (Year 6 parents only): 19.10.26 TBC
- Last day of the half-term: 22.10.26
- Individual Photos: 9.11.26
- Hilltop (Year 6): 18-20.11.26
- Class learning workshop: 27.11.26
- Last day of the Autumn term: 18.12.2026



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Otter Class Timetable 2026-2027	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:40-9:00	Arrival, register, independent task	Arrival, register, independent task	Arrival, register, independent task	Arrival, register, independent task	Arrival, register, independent task
9:00-9:15	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship
9:15-10:45	English	English	English	English	English
BREAK					
11:00-12:00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
12:00-12:10	Reading for pleasure	Reading for pleasure	Reading for pleasure	Reading for pleasure	Reading for pleasure
LUNCH					
13:00-13:30	Maths MOT	Maths MOT	Maths MOT	Maths MOT	Maths MOT
13:30-14:20	RE	Science	History	Geography	DT
14:20 – 15:15	Art	Literacy skills	PE	PE	RE