

NEWSLETTER

**Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery
Newsletter : 18th July 2025**

Message from the Head

I'm writing this as the rain falls and the summer fair preparations go on around me. The curtain is closing on another fabulous year at Offley. Lots of learning through a packed curriculum, trips and residential, successes in Early years, phonics, KS1, year 4 times tables and Year 6 SATs. I've just watched some year 3 girls re-enacting scenes from A Midsummer Night's Dream on the stage area of the playing field! They knew all the words already!

The staff have once again worked their socks off and I am very grateful to have such a brilliant team here at Offley. As parents, you have been supportive and allowed us to do what we do best, educate your children and through our Christian values, help them to be lovely children with a will to learn and succeed.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer.
Mr Edwards & Bandit.

Final Bandit Award of the year.

Bandit would like to give his award this week to Nat Thompson, Michael and Jen Weeks and Mel from the Office. Without your efforts the summer fair would not have been possible. You have worked relentlessly to bring joy to many. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Summer birthdays.

All of these children will be celebrating their birthdays over the summer. I hope you all have a fabulous day.

Ramsey, Tillie, Mila, Emily S, Anthony, Laura, Tess, Lily Hall, Isabél, James D, Remiah; all have birthdays in July. Poppy H, Bella S, Callum, Esmé, Madison, Archie S, Charlie, Luca, Dexter, Aurelia, Cooper, River, Joshua O-H, Knox, Sofia, Eva & William, Izzy and Florence S have August birthdays. Happy birthday to all of you.



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BRAVE BRAYING BOTTOM



Donkey-man playing with the fairy's

Last night, a man with a donkey's head was spotted in the woods, just outside of Athens, seemingly scaring all his friends away, the donkey costume looked extremely realistic – could it have been real? Eye-witnesses say the donkey's fur was in a dark grey shade. He was found wandering around the forest, singing a rubbish off-tune song! Another eye-witness hid behind a tree and spotted a strange women with wings complimenting the donkey-man.

The strange woman had a long, light green dress, sat on a fairy-themed decorated bed. The man that called himself 'Bottom The Brave' laid down on the woman's lap, who called herself 'The Fairy Queen', and she stroked and kissed his long, floppy ears.

Other eye-witnesses come with the news that other little fairies had been called to care for him and had looked near possessed when two of his fairies stroked his ears! He had demanded hay and fell asleep.

Earlier on, we found the man under the donkey head and asked him some questions. "I was extremely confused after waking up from a weird dream and I had no idea what to do." We asked him what he felt and what he did after mysteriously being turned into an ass. "I didn't know what was happening. I was extremely scared as I was alone in the woods." He told us his friends had ran away and he hadn't scared him. "I was thinking 'Are they tricking me?'"

Not long after he had fallen asleep, the fairy queen ABANDONED her donkey and started talking about Bottom to a fairy man like he was just a dream! What a dramatic midsummer night!

By Nathalie Hon—Year 4

PRESS CONFERENCE!

Year 4/5 have been studying A Midsummer Night's Dream so that they understood the story when they came to watch the Year 6's performance. They then worked on some newspaper reports and this morning attended a Press Conference held in Year 6 where they asked some probing questions of the characters.

Nathalie— In year 4/5's English lessons, we have been working on newspaper reports. We got the laptops out recently and typed out fictional reports about parts of the story 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by Shakespeare. We asked year 6, actors of A Midsummer Night's Dream play at our school, some questions, which we requested to be answered in character. In the end, we got some brilliant, in-character quotes!

Eden—Today year 4/5 went into year 6 and we interviewed some of the characters that acted in the play called A Midsummer Night's Dream and I will mention a few things we asked year 6: Mistress Quince said, "I last saw Bottom when we met up to rehearse our play in Pyramus and Thisbe". Nick Bottom said, "When my friends had ran away from me I felt that they were tricking me and were going to come back and scare me and when I woke up from my dream I felt confused and weird." Then after we asked all of those questions to the characters, we left the year 6 classroom knowing what the characters of A Midsummer Night's Dream felt .



Mrs.Grieves' class came into year 6 to ask us about our school play for their newspaper reports. Everyone took turns asking questions to different characters about our experiences. Some of the questions asked were "How did Oberon find puck? Did Snout think that Theseus liked the play? " ... the year 6s answered the questions in character. They wrote down our answers to use for their newspaper reports. Asa and Maggie

A Midsummer Night's Dream



In the words of Mistress Quince, 'Oh what a play!'

Over 300 children, parents and relatives packed the hall for four amazing performances this week. Supported by a fabulous choir of 58 year 3, 4 and 5's, the year 6 children belted out the songs and acted out performances of excellence.

Once again the musical talents of Mrs Clark, the seamstress qualities of Mrs Dent came to the fore and the brilliance of Mrs Warne at casting, directing and seeing the bigger picture from the outset, never ceases to amaze me. The Year 6's were absolute superstars and will be walking out of the corridors of Offley to their new schools with heads held high. You were brilliant. Well done to everyone involved.



Day	Date	Mth	Offley Endowed: Future Dates for your diary
Mon	21st	Jul	Potted Sports - 9:15am for all children. (Not parents)
Mon	21st	Jul	Celebration assembly– 11:00 all children, no parents
Mon	21st	Jul	A Midsummer Night's Dream performed for Stagenhoe residents 13:30– Year 6
Tues	22nd	Jul	09:30 Year 6 Leavers Church Service - Year 6 parents are welcome to attend
Tue	22nd	Jul	School breaks up for the summer holiday at 13:30
Wed	3rd	Sep	SCHOOL INSET DAY– closed for children
Thur	4th	Sep	Children return to school for Autumn term