

Oakley CE Junior School Newsletter

*Great expectations for all through
Courage, Respect and Grace*

27th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have worked so hard this term and we are very proud of all they have achieved. Thank you for all of your support for your children and the school and to everyone who has completed the parent/carer survey. I would also like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and dedication to the pupils who are always at the centre of everything we do.

Many thanks to the OJSA for organising the amazing Easter bake sale. The winners of the best decorated cakes were: George H in 3N, Phoenix in 3W, Anastasia in 4R, Bella in 4C, Darcey and Rosie in 4C, Eddie H in 5V, Natalie in 5V, Evelyn in 5SP, Rosie and Amy in 5SP, Jarrod in 6G and Lucy in 6Gr. Well done to you all!

Have a wonderful Easter,
Mrs Hill

[Collective Worship](#)

In Monday's collective worship, Karen and Mark from the Disability Forum visited. They spoke to the children about different types of disability. The children also got to look at some different disability aids and how they are used. This gave the children the opportunity to understand more about different types of disabilities including those which are not visible.

Basingstoke Cup Finals-Tuesday 24th March

Over the last six months our boys have been magnificent, have always given 100% effort and played some brilliant football. In the Basingstoke Cup we won our pool (group stage) with 4 out of 4 wins - scoring 23 goals and conceding only 2. We then took Chalk Ridge apart in the quarter final knock out stage with a fantastic 6-0 win, which qualified us into the finals afternoon yesterday against 3 other schools - St Bede's, Park View and St Mary's.

The boys simply could not wait to get started against St Bede's in the semi final. We went 1 up on 5 minutes - only for St Bede's to equalise. St Bede's missed a penalty and then we scored again to put us 2-1 up - and we had good chances that would have secured the win. We were just 7 minutes away from qualifying for the final when St Bede's equalised. We still had chances to score and then with just 3 minutes remaining St Bede's scored to go 3-2 up and we simply ran out of time.

We then had the third / fourth play off against St Mary's - the game was evenly balanced at 3-2 in St Mary's favour.

The boys knew that they were good enough to win the cup and of course to say they were upset and devastated is an understatement. To quote the well known football phrase, we were "gutted" for the boys and their parents who all turned up to support. The boys are a credit to the school and showed total respect to their opponents - so proud of them all.

They will all be buzzing again for the Hampshire semi final after Easter - come on Oakley!

Mr Williams

Basingstoke Gymnastics Event

Some of our pupils in Year 3 and 4 visited Basingstoke Gymnastics Club on Wednesday 25th March. They had the opportunity to try a variety of different gymnastics activities including the trampolines, beam, track, bars and vault. The children had such a fantastic time and showed courage, determination and resilience as they challenged themselves to try new skills and push beyond their comfort zones. They were all very grateful for the experience and made us all very proud.

Mrs Prentice



WhatsApp Groups

We understand how useful parent and carer WhatsApp groups can be for sharing information. Many of our members of staff are parents and use such groups for our own children. However, these groups should never be used to discuss members of staff, individual children or parents/carers. As well as not taking care of staff, pupils' and parents'/carers' mental health and wellbeing, if you do not address your concerns directly with the school, we will not be able to resolve situations. If you have a concern, please follow the process outlined below in the section 'Who to talk to if you have a concern'. Many thanks for your support with this.

Curriculum Overview for Summer Term 1

The curriculum overview for Summer Term 1 for each year group can now be viewed on the school [website](#).

Easter Reading Competition

As part of the National Year of Reading, we are excited to launch our Easter Reading Competition and would love for all children to take part over the holiday break!

To enter, children are invited to take a photograph of themselves reading in an unusual or creative place. This could be somewhere unexpected, imaginative, or simply a little bit different.

Reading in a den or blanket fort, reading while wearing a funny costume. Reading in a cosy corner you've created at home or in the garden up a tree or in a tent.

We encourage children to be as creative as they like while staying safe at all times.

Please send your photos to the school by email by **Monday 13th April** so that we can print and display them on our reading board outside the library. It will be wonderful to see all the different and imaginative places our pupils enjoy reading!

Winners will be announced in our Celebration Assembly on Friday 17th April.

After the Easter break, our Reading Ambassadors will look at all the entries and vote for the most creative or unusual reading spot in each year group.

We look forward to seeing your fantastic photos and celebrating reading together!

Miss Woodgate

Who to talk to if you have a concern:

Firstly, please speak to your child's class teacher. If the matter remains unresolved, you may wish to speak to the Upper School Leader for Years 5 and 6 (Mrs Sarah Garside), the Lower School Leader for Years 3 and 4 (Miss Emma Woodgate), the Deputy Headteacher (Mrs Hannah Shrewsbury) or the Headteacher (Mrs Sarah Hill). We are always ready and willing to listen and resolve matters quickly where possible.

Diary Dates

April

- Monday **13th** —Back to school for Summer term
- Sunday **19th**—Bags 2 School 1pm—2pm
- Monday **20th**—Bags 2 School 8.15am—9.00am
- Wednesday **29th**— OJSA Colour Run Meeting

May

- Monday **4th**—School Closed Bank Holiday
- Monday **11th** to Thursday **14th**—Year 6 SATS
- Monday **18th**—Year 6 Trip to Paulton's Park
- Monday **18th**—Friday **22nd**—Walk to School Week
- Friday **22nd**—Break up for the May Half Term

June

- Monday **1st**—Back to school
- Friday **5th**—Sports Day & picnic 9.15 am to 12.30pm
- Thursday **11th**—Class Photos
- Friday **12th**—Reserve Sports Day
- Wednesday **17th**—Planetarium Dome

- Thursday **18th**—Planetarium Dome
- Wednesday **24th**—Y6 Winchester Cathedral Service
- Friday **26th**—INSET Day—school closed to pupils
- Tuesday **30th**—Year 5 Parents—Stubbington Meeting

July

- Wednesday **1st**—Year 2 Parents Meeting—5.30pm
- Tuesday **7th**—Year 6 Show—6.00pm
- Wednesday **8th**—Year 6 Show—2:00pm and 6:00pm
- Wednesday **15th**—OJSA School Disco
- Thursday **16th**—Year 6 Leavers' Service—9.00am
- Saturday **18th**—OJSA Colour Run
- Wednesday **22nd**—Break up for the Summer

September

- Tuesday **1st**—Back to school
- Monday **28th**—Year 6 Stubbington Residential

October

- Friday **2nd** —Year 6 return from Stubbington

SCHOOL CLOSED / INSET DAYS
Friday 26th June 2026

[School holidays can be viewed on the school website](#)

Target 98%

Our
current
attendance
is %

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Class and Pupil Awards

Good Presentation Awards:

3N: Dougie
3W: Archie
4R: Austin
4C: Haider
5V: Isla M
5SP: Amy
6G: Leo
6Gr: Lexi

Star of the Week Awards:

3N: Zara
3W: Bailey
4R: Reuben
4C: Darcy A
5V: Tommy
5SP: Mia
6G: Amelia
6Gr: Monty

Singing Stars

4C : Huxley & Emilia
5V: Sam & Isla S

Golden Broom Award

for the tidiest
classroom and
corridor area

3N

Sports Stars

3N: Harriet
3W: Ambla & Izzy
4R: Anastasia and all of 4R
4C: Rosie, Hazel, Emily W
5V: Alfie
5SP: Eloise
6Gr: Aislinn

Congratulations and well done to all!

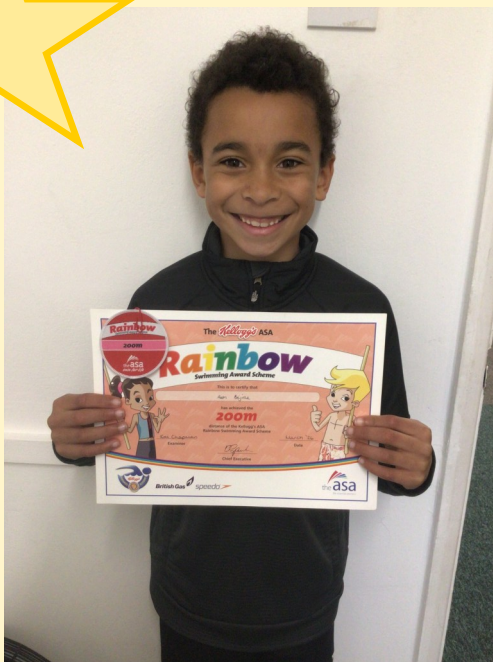
Out of School Achievements



In only the second week of Lily's new swimming lessons, Lily was awarded her first badge and certificate. Well done Lily!



Last weekend, Ava won her first medal at her first Taekwondo Tournament! Well done Ava!



Ash achieved his 200m badge at swimming this week. Well done Ash!



Well done to Zara for achieving her 100 metre distance award in swimming!