

Oakley CE Junior School Newsletter

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

1st May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We sadly said goodbye to Mrs Tracey Wood, our School Administration Manager, yesterday. Mrs Wood had worked at Oakley Juniors for over twenty years. On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to thank Mrs Wood for all of her hard work and dedication to the school. Mrs Wood is going to enjoy more time with her family including her two grandchildren.

Well done to the children who have represented the school in football, hockey and cricket matches over the last couple of weeks. Please see the write-ups from these below. Thank you to Mr Williams and Mrs Prentice for organising these invaluable opportunities for the children.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Hill

Collective Worship

In our collective worship this week, the Spiritual Leaders explored how we can learn from geese, who work together, support one another, and achieve more as a team than they ever could alone. Through this, they reflected on how Jesus taught us to love and care for one another, reminding us of his words: "Love one another as I have loved you." Just like the geese, we all need encouragement and support at times, especially when we feel lonely or face challenges. The worship encouraged us to turn to God, as well as to our families, friends, and teachers, for strength and guidance in tough times.

Mrs Sworder

Football 23rd April - Year 5/6 - Hampshire Plate - Semi Final v Oakridge - Away

The boys have had a magnificent season and after missing out on the Basingstoke final by just 5 minutes they were determined to go one stage further in the Hampshire Plate and reach the final. Unfortunately, it was just a step too far as they were drawn against the strongest team they have played in the last 8 months. I have nothing but praise for the whole squad who gave absolutely everything in the first half when we lead 1-0 at half time. We were under constant pressure and held the lead until 15 minutes remained and then we just could not hold out any longer and conceded 6 goals. Final score 6-1 loss - but the boys can be so proud of reaching the last 4 in both tournaments - they showed good sportsmanship on the final whistle and shook hands with the Oakridge team and referee afterwards.

Mr Williams

Football 23rd April - Year 4 v North Waltham - Away:

The boys played some really good football. They all gave 100% effort and enjoyed themselves. Deservedly, they won 7-0. They were modest in their victory and showed respect to the opposition.

Mr Williams

Hockey Tournament-28th April-Year 5/6

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented the school at a hockey tournament held at the Basingstoke Down Grange Complex. Over the course of the afternoon, they grew into a completely transformed team. Their skills, confidence and teamwork developed with every match and they consistently demonstrated our values of courage, respect and grace throughout.

We are incredibly proud of their determination and sportsmanship. The team finished 4th overall, securing two wins, two losses and one draw. A fantastic achievement — well done to all involved!

Mrs Prentice



Cricket 30th April - Year 5/6 v North Waltham - Away:

This was a good experience and practice ahead of the forthcoming tournament at Mays Bounty. The boys played really well, enjoyed themselves and won. Oakley scored 144 runs and North Waltham scored 81 runs. We showed respect to the opposition and all shook hands afterwards.

Mr Williams

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

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**—Y5 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**—INSET Day—School closed to pupils
- Wednesday **2nd**—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

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 12th February 2027

Friday 25th June 2027

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

Target 98%

Our current attendance is 95.9%

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: Jude
3W: Phoenix
4R: O'Rion
4C: River
5V: Mason
5SP: Gabriel
6G: Amelia
6Gr: Eva

Star of the Week Awards:

3N: Isla
3W: Henry
4R: Harry
4C: Kathy
5V: Leomi
5SP: Matthew
6G: Xander
6Gr: Emily

Singing Stars

3N: Immy
3W: Amber I
4R: O'Rion
4C : Kathy & Ella-Mae
5V: Angus & Louie
5SP :
6G : Beatrice
6GR : Lexi & Jessica C

Golden Broom

Award

3W

Sports Stars

3N: Freddie & Wilfred
3W: Dennis & Amber R
4R: Jack
4C: Darcey S, & T eddy E, & Jack
5V: Tommy
5SP: Samuel & Eleanor
6G: Charlotte
6Gr: Lucy

Congratulations and well done to all!

Out of School Achievements



Lily has successfully passed her Level 4 Swim England and received her certificate and badge. Well done Lily!