

# Oakley CE Junior School Newsletter

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

3rd July 2026



## **Dear Parents and Carers,**

It seems like, all of a sudden, we are rapidly approaching the end of the school year and, as this happens, the calendar gets busier and busier!

Many congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Basingstoke Primary Schools Music concerts last week. The children in the choir, chamber choir and orchestra were fabulous. Well done also to Grace and Ava who gave readings. They spoke so maturely and confidently. All of the children were a credit to the school. Many thanks to Miss Woodgate and Mr Heard who practised with and accompanied these children at all of the rehearsals and during the event itself.

Well done to our Year 6 pupils for representing the school so brilliantly at the trip to Winchester Cathedral for the Year 6 Leavers' Service last week. Many thanks to Mrs Sworder, Mrs Garside and Mr Greenley for organising this and thank you to all of the extra adults who helped.

Moving on afternoon went very well today. An email has been sent to you this afternoon to tell you which class your child will be in from September.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Hill**

## **Collective Worship**

This week's Collective Worship was led by our Head Boy Cody, Head Girl Charlotte, Deputy Head Boy Xander and Deputy Head Girl Jessica who explored the theme of **friendship** through the Bible story "**The Calling of the Fishermen**" (**Luke 5:1–11**). Together, we reflected on how Jesus called ordinary fishermen to become His followers and how they supported one another as friends. The children considered the qualities of a good friend, including kindness and trust and thought about how they can show these values in their own friendships at school and beyond.

**Mrs Garside**

## **OJSA Non-Uniform Day-Friday 10th July**

Children are invited to come into school on Friday 10th July in non-uniform in exchange for chocs and bottles for the OJSA Colour Run.

## **PE Next Week for Year 3 and 4**

On Wednesday 8th July, pupils in Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in exciting and inspiring cricket sessions led by a specialist coach from the Hampshire Cricket Board.

On this day, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit and brings a water bottle. As the weather is expected to be warm again next week, we also ask that pupils wear a hat and have sun cream applied before coming to school.

This session will take place instead of the usual PE lesson on Thursday. Therefore, pupils do not need to come to school in their PE kit on Thursday 9th July.

Thank you,

**Mrs Prentice**

## Quad Kids

A big well done to the children who represented Oakley at the Basingstoke Quad Kids event on Monday 29th June. All pupils proudly took part in a 75m sprint, 600m run, standing long jump, howler throw and a team relay. Pupils adapted to a change of team, including one adjustment made on the day and showed great team spirit throughout. They demonstrated our values throughout the event, showing excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. The children encouraged one another brilliantly and gave their best effort in every activity. It was fantastic to see them supporting each other and celebrating everyone's achievements, regardless of the results. They were a credit to the school and should be very proud of their efforts.

**Mrs Prentice**

## Basingstoke Gymnastics Festival

Some of our pupils in Years 5 and 6 visited Basingstoke Gymnastics Club on Tuesday 30th June. They had the opportunity to try a variety of gymnastics activities, including trampolines, beam, track, bars and vault. The track into the foam pit was certainly a favourite!

The children were determined to succeed, showed real courage when trying new skills and grew in confidence as the session progressed. They were excited to return to school and share their experiences with their peers. We are very proud of them all!

**Mrs Prentice**

## Girls Cricket - County Finals Tournament - Monday 19th June

The girls played in the Hampshire Finals Tournament at the prestigious Utilita Bowl Stadium near Southampton, with a total of 12 schools competing on Monday and enjoyed a fantastic day. They were brilliant and an absolute credit to the school. Their batting, fielding, concentration and team spirit were superb and they deserve so much praise. In the pool stage, they lost their first game to Abbotswood from Totton (66-106) and then beat Fair Oak (106-82) to qualify for the quarter finals knock out stage. In the quarter final, they beat Hook from Warsash (84-56) which put them up against a strong team from South Farnborough in the semi final. It was a thrilling semi-final and it came down to the last 3 bowls of the game. We lost the game with just 2 balls remaining. The girls were devastated but, in true character, bounced back to win the third/fourth play off spot against Awbridge from Romsey (95/48). Thanks to the parents who supported and encouraged the children so well. Well done girls - Basingstoke champions and third in Hampshire!

**Mr Williams**

## STEM Fair at QMC

On Wednesday, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children attended a STEM Fair at QMC. Throughout the day, they enthusiastically took part in a wide range of exciting activities including using VR headsets to explore a submarine, programming robots and designing and building towers capable of withstanding floods and earthquakes. The children represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating our values through their respectful behaviour, curiosity and responsible attitude. They embraced every opportunity to learn and should be very proud of themselves for representing the school so positively throughout the visit.

**Miss Vincent**

## Clothing Bank

We have some exciting news—we now have a clothing bin which is situated outside the Year 3 classrooms.

If you notice that it is full, please report to reception.

Please use with caution.

Thank you

**CLOTHING BANK**

**Access Times**  
Before and after school

**We Accept**

- Wearable Clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags
- Belts

**We Do Not Accept**

- Workwear
- Uniforms
- Wet/Soiled Clothes
- Curtains
- Towels
- Duvet and Duvet Covers
- Pillows or Pillow Cases
- Blankets
- Table Cloths
- Linens
- Cushions
- Carpets
- Suitcases
- Books
- Bra's
- Clothes Hangers
- Electricals

**IMPORTANT**  
If the bin is full **DO NOT** leave bags next to bin.

**ALL FUNDS SPLIT BETWEEN:**  
OJSA  
QUAD KIDS PROJECT

Thank you for helping us keep our site tidy and supporting textile recycling.

# COLOUR RUN

## 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY

### TIMINGS FOR COLOUR RUN

	<b>12:30</b>	<b>GATES OPEN</b>
	<b>12:45</b>	<b>WARM UP</b>
	<b>12:50-1:20</b>	<b>BUBBLE RUN</b>
	<b>1:25-1:55</b>	<b>KEY STAGE 1+ PRE SCHOOL</b>
	<b>2:00-2:30</b>	<b>KEY STAGE 2</b>
	<b>2:40-3:10</b>	<b>TEACHERS</b>
	<b>3:20</b>	<b>BIG PAINT THROW</b>
	<b>3:30</b>	<b>END OF EVENT</b>

**GET READY FOR A BRIGHT,  
FUN-FILLED DAY!**

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oakleyschools/?event=event&eventId=119599>

[https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=5614913440122#choose\\_event\\_page](https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=5614913440122#choose_event_page)

### 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

### July

- Tuesday **7th**—Year 6 Show—6.00pm
- Wednesday **8th**—Year 6 Show—2:00pm and 6:00pm
- Friday **10th**—Non-uniform Day for Chocs and Bottles
- 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**  
**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 95.5%

### 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

## Star of the Week Awards (Weeks ending 25/06/26 and 03/07/26)

3N: Lily S and Jude  
3W: All of 3W and Ashton  
4R: Oscar and Keira  
4C: All of 4C, Ronnie and Evelyn  
5V: Edie and Georgia  
5SP: Eloise, Alex and Freddie  
6G: All of 6G and Kayson  
6Gr: All of 6Gr and Jessica O

## Good Presentation Awards (Weeks ending 25/06/26 and 03/07/26)

3N: Dougie and William  
3W: Ella  
4R: Ella E and Clara  
4C: Olivia  
5V: William P and Dana  
5SP: Daniel and Alice  
6G: Theo  
6Gr: Rayyan

## Singing Stars (Weeks ending 25/06/26 and 03/07/26)

Elsie in 3N, Izzy and Rory in  
3W, Oscar and Olivia in 4R,  
Tilly in 4C, Everyone in 5V

## Sports Stars (Weeks ending 25/06/26 and 03/07/26)

3N : Grace  
3W: Bailey  
4R: Ralph  
4C: Henry  
5V: Roisin and Eddie A  
5SP: Basil and Mia  
6G: Brooke  
6GR: Zoya

## Golden Broom Award

**4C**

Congratulations and well done to all!

## Out of School Achievements

Both Olivia S (4C) and Isabella R (4R) took part in a gymnastics competition last Sunday, where Isabella came 2nd and Olivia came 4th.

Isla G in 4R has been awarded Vice Captain in her football team, Chineham Tigers, for the next season due to her great communication and encouragement to her fellow team players.

Ayla in Year 3 achieved two milestones this weekend. She not only achieved a personal best in Junior Park Run of 10:03, she also won the gold medal in the Basingstoke Gymnastics Club Festival.