Oakley CE Junior School Newsletter

Great expectations for all through Courage, Respect and Grace

9th October 2026

Dear parents and carers,

It is finally starting to look and feel like Autumn. Mrs Shrewsbury and I have been visiting the different classes this week to look at the children's maths learning. It has been so lovely to see the children's enthusiastic and conscientious attitude and the brilliant work they have completed in their books.
On Tuesday, Mrs Sworder, Sochi and some children from across the school took all the food we have collected to the Food Bank. Please see more information about this later in the newsletter.
There is a lot of yellow in school today to celebrate World Mental Health Day. Thank you all for your support with this.
Year 5 are looking forward to their trip to Winchester Science Centre on Wednesday.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Hill

Harvest Festival

After our Harvest Festival worship, a member of each class went with Mrs Sworder to the Basingstoke Foodbank to give them our school donations. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time discovering how the food donations are sorted, distributed and how they help those in need. Please see Mrs Sworder's full report below.

Harvest Colouring Competition

Congratulations to Leia in Year 6, Lillian in Year 5, Benjamin in Year 4 and Ava in Year 3 who were the winners of our colouring competition. We enjoyed seeing everyone's entries and the creativity across the school.

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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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October
Wed 14th - Yr 5 Winchester Science Centre
Thurs 22nd - Dare to be different
Fri 23rd - Inset day
Mon 26th - October half term

November
Mon 2nd - Back to school
Wed 4th - Yr 4 Swimming lessons
Wed 4th - Parents eve
Wed 11th - Parents eve
Wed 11th - Yr 4 Swim lessons
Wed 18th - Yr 4 Swim lessons
Wed 25th - Yr 4 Swim lessons

December
Wed 2nd - Yr 4 Swim lessons

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SCHOOL CLOSED / INSET DAYS

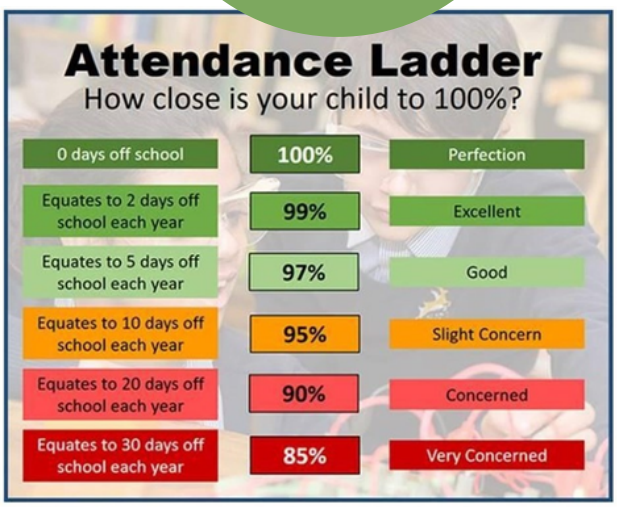
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 12th February 2027
Friday 25th June 2027

School holidays can be viewed on the school website

Target 98%

Our current attendance is

97.2%



After our Harvest Festival worship, a member of each class went with Mrs Sworder to the Basingstoke Foodbank to give them our school donations. The children were able to see where the food is taken to be sorted and then distributed to different centres within our area, and how it helps those in need. The children helped with the weighing of all the food that Oakley Junior school had donated before the total was added up.

We are delighted to announce that the total weight for our school was **180.62kg of food**! The Foodbank staff were extremely grateful for our donations. Although we didn't quite reach the weight of a lion, we are incredibly proud to have collected the approximate weight of an adult male gorilla! It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community showing grace through their generosity and willingness to support those in need.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated. Every contribution made a difference to a lot of people in Basingstoke who are in need. This demonstrates our school Christian value of **grace** in action and gave those of us who went a real '**door**' moment for spirituality as we were donating to our wider community.



Dare to be different

We're looking forward to celebrating Dare to Be Different Day!

Please remember that children should only choose from the differences shown on the poster. Painted nails are absolutely fine, but stick-on or false nails are not permitted. As this is still a normal school day, children will be taking part in their usual lessons and activities, including PE for some classes, so we need to ensure everyone can participate safely.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Half Term Football Club

Age 5-12 Boys and Girls

When: Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th October

Drop off 8.30-10am, Collect 3.30-5pm

Where: Oakley Junior School

Great fun – Develop skills – Friendly matches – Prizes!

Be prepared for grass field, playground and indoor hall.



ONLY £35 per day! Can book 1 or both days.

To book & pay please use the following link:

https://hosted-uk.coacha.app/member_signup/M63XM8DL0B

Please book early to avoid disappointment

NW FOOTBALL COACHING

nwfootballcoaching@gmail.com



OJSA

WHO ARE WE?

Chair - Alison Parker
Vice Chair - Sam Holt
Treasurer - Kay Hawkins
Secretary - Sarah Russell
Parents - A team of parents who the PTA could not run without

WHAT DO WE DO?

We raise money to pay for extracurricular actvities and resources for the children.
Last year, the PTA paid for:

- Pantomime
- Planetarium
- Playground equipment
- Year six leavers' books and party
- Netball posts

THIS TERMS EVENTS

14th October - Non uniform sale-outside school.
22nd October - Dare to Be Different Day
1st Nov- Oakley Fireworks-Light up Toy and Refreshments Stall
Nov 4th and 11th- Non uniform sale-parents' evening.
Nov 27th - School Disco
Dec 4th - Non Uniform- exchange for wrapped gift.
Dec 9th - Nativity refreshments and photo sales.
Dec 11th - Christmas Cracker

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Donate unwanted, good- quality gifts for the christmas Cracker.
- Donate Unwanted Christmas jumpers.
- Save The Date for The Summer Event on 10th JUly -Our biggest Fundraiser of the year.

Class and Pupil Awards

STAR OF THE WEEK

3N: Archie

3W: Will & Aubrey

4LP: Grayson

4C: Elsie

5R: Zinnias

5SG: Lottie

6G: Felicity

6V: Esme

GOOD PRESENTATION AWARDS

Fletcher in 3N; Xavier in 3W; Devon in 4LP; Dylan in 4C; Bella in 5R; Isabella in 5SG; Leomi in 6G; Jacob in 6V.

GOLDEN BROOM AWARD

6V

SPORTS STARS

3N: Imara

3W: Patrick & Seb

4LP: Bailey & Esme

4C: William

5R: Kevin

5SG:

6G:

6V: Grace & Samuel

Congratulations and well done to all!

Out of school Achievements

Finley in 3W has been awarded white red stripe belt in his latest Tae Kwondo grading. Congratulations Finley!

Callie in 3N got her Stage 4 certificate and badge at swimming and also a Super Star Award at after school gymnastics for "beautiful work and awesome concentration". Great work Callie!

Xavier in 3W received a medal for doing the Basingstoke Fun Run at the Memorial Park on Sunday. He ran a whole mile without stopping. in a great time of 9 minutes. Well done Xavier!