Oakley CE Junior School Newsletter

Great expectations for all through

Courage, Respect and Grace

16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, Year 5 enjoyed their trip to Winchester Science Centre linked to their space topic. I heard that some brilliant questions were asked of the King's Astronomer who was visiting the centre on the day. Many thanks to all of the staff and volunteers who helped with this.

On Monday next week, our caterers, ABM, are running a taster session for parents and carers in the school hall straight after school. Please come along for some tasty food and to find out what your children are able to order for lunch.

Next Thursday is the last day of the half term as we have a staff training inset day on the Friday. On Thursday, it is Dare to be Different Day. The OJSA have organised this exciting day to raise money for the school. Please see the poster below for more details.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Hill

Positions of Responsibility

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our head girl and head boy and the deputies for this academic year. Angus and Isla are our head boy and girl and Georgie and Grace are our deputy head boy and deputy head girl. A huge well done to them all, we know they will be fantastic role models. I would also like to take this opportunity to say how proud we were of all of the year 6 children who applied, all of the candidates were very strong and their speeches were outstanding.

Next week in school, we will be announcing the leaders of our other pupil voice groups. In celebration assembly today I shared with the children what roles they can apply for and when their applications need to be in for. There are a range of different pupil voice groups which we know the children will enjoy. Please see the powerpoint sent out in a separate email to support your children further. The children need to bring in their applications by Wednesday 21st October.

Mrs Shrewsbury

Collective Worship

This week in collective worship we listened to the bible story of Jesus walking on water. We noticed that Jesus showed one of our school values, courage, and discussed how he did this. We then thought about how we can have courage and have faith in ourselves. The children wrote down ways they would have faith in themselves in their classrooms and it was wonderful to read their ideas.

Miss Collier

Winchester Science Museum

Year 5 had a fantastic day out at Winchester Science Centre yesterday! The children enjoyed getting hands-on with science, making their very own rockets and watching them launch using ignited methylated spirits. There was plenty of excitement as we explored the interactive exhibits and discovered science in action.
We then blasted off into space in the planetarium where we explored the wonders of our solar system. To make our day even more special, we were incredibly lucky to meet Professor Catherine Heymans, the Astronomer Royal for Scotland, who was visiting for one day only! She talked to us about our solar system and answered the children's brilliant questions, inspiring us to think even more about the mysteries of space. It was a truly out-of-this-world experience filled with fun, discovery and plenty of curious questions. What a fantastic day had by all!

Yr 5 Teachers







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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
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 - Yr 6 Weighing & Measuring
Wed 4th - Parents' eve
Thurs 9th - Cinderella Pantomime
Tues 10th & Wed 11th - Yr2 Parent visits
Wed 11th - Parents' eve
Wed 11th - Yr 4 Swimming lessons
Wed 18th - Yr 4 Swimming lessons
Tues 24th - Flu immunisations
Wed 25th - Yr 4 Swimming lessons
Fri 27th - School disco - Lower: 3:45-4:45; Upper: 5:00-6:00

December
Wed 2nd - Yr 4 Swimming lessons
Wed 9th - Nativity 2pm and 5pm
Fri 11th - Christmas Cracker
Mon 21st - Christmas holiday

January
Mon 4th - Inset day
Tues 5th - Back to school

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SCHOOL CLOSED / INSET DAYS

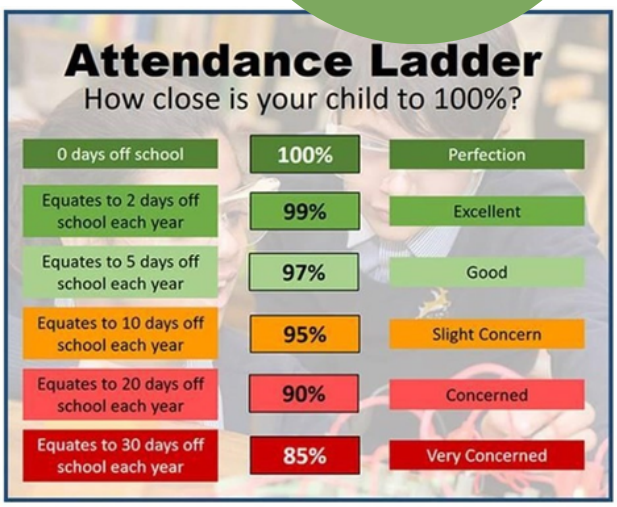
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 12th February 2027
Friday 25th June 2027

School holidays can be viewed on the school website

Target 98%

Our current attendance is

97.2 %



Aged 4 & in Yr R?
IT'S FREE!!

£28 per day

9am-4pm

For ages
4 - 12

THIS HALF TERM, 26-29 OCT

COLOURBURST

SPORTS CARNIVAL

ColourBurst Multi-Sports Carnival holiday camps.



At Oakley Infant School

Alongside our multi-sports camp there is also a range of exciting pop-up activities to choose from!

Battlezone Archery

Test your aim!

Thurs 29 Oct

Pedal Karts

Ready, Steady, Go!

Weds 28 Oct

Football

1 day football workshop teaching technique, ball skills & game strategy

Mon 26 Oct

FIND OUT MORE & BOOK NOW!!

active me 360 Active Holidays

Scan the QR or visit
activeme360.com
for more information

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: Levi

3W: Reuben

4LP: Rylee

4C: Scarlett

5R: Evelyn

5SG: Milo

6G: Louis

6V: Heidi

GOOD PRESENTATION AWARDS

Noah in 3N; Beatrice in 3W; Elizabeth in 4LP; Izzy in 4C; Henry in 5R; Ella, Ash & Georgia in 5SG; Sam in 6G; Gabriel in 6V.

SINGING STARS

3N: Kiiyanna

3W: Tommy

4LP: Zara

4C: Jack P

5R: Ronnie

5SG: Lottie

6G: Tommy

6V: Gabriel

SPORTS STARS

3N: Ava

3W: Amara

4LP: Dougie & Freddie

4C: Rory & Amber

5R: Darcy

5SG: Grace, Eleanor H & Milo

6G: Eloise & Emilia

6V: Louis, Mason & Rex

GOLDEN BROOM AWARD

5SG

Congratulations and well done to all!

Out of school Achievements



Kiiyanna in 3N was awarded a certificate for all her hard work in gymnastics. She is now able to do front flips on and off the trampoline. Well done Kiiyanna!