Oakley CE Junior School Newsletter

Great expectations for all through Courage, Respect and Grace

23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Already we are at the end of the first half term. It has been very busy but also very rewarding. The children have worked hard and we are so proud of all they have achieved. I would like to thank all of the staff for the effort and dedication they put into the children's learning and wellbeing each and every day.
Many thanks to the OJSA for organising our Dare to be Different day to raise money for the school. The children looked fabulous with their odd shoes, nail varnish and coloured hair to name but a few different looks!
This week, we have been informed that Mrs Mears at Oakley Infant School will be leaving on 6th November (the last day of the first week back after half term). Mrs Mears has worked at the infant school for 17 years and has had a hugely positive impact on many children and families over the years. If you would like to send your well-wishes, please contact Oakley Infant School.
We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 2nd November when we have our first Prayer Space week of this academic year. Thank you to Mrs Sworder and volunteers for setting this up ready for when the children return. Please see the diary dates section for further details of what is coming up next half term.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and half term,

Mrs Hill

Collective Worship

This week, our Collective Worship explored Jesus' Parable of the Sower. The children heard how a farmer scattered seeds, with some falling on the path, some on rocky ground, some among thorns, and some on good soil where they were able to grow and produce a harvest.
We thought about how the different types of soil can represent the ways we respond to God's word. We talked about how, when we listen to God and allow His love to take root in our hearts, we can grow and show that love through our actions towards others.
As our sending task, the children were challenged to be "good soil" during the week. They were asked to look for opportunities to listen to someone, do something kind without being asked, and try something that might be difficult but is the right thing to do.

Mrs Sworder

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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
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
Thurs 17th - Christmas lunch
Mon 21st - Christmas holiday

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

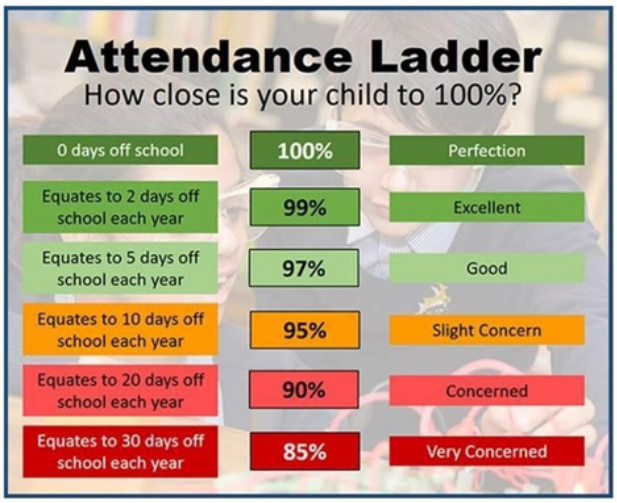
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SCHOOL CLOSED / INSET DAYS

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
97.0 %



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

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: Kiiyanna

3W: Milan

4LP: Evie

4C: Lilia

5R: Rosie

5SG: Issy

6G: Alfie

6V: Alice

GOOD PRESENTATION AWARDS

Joshua in 3N; Charlie in 3W; Ashton in 4LP; Rory in 4C; Emily W in 5R; Anastasia in 5SG; Anahita in 6G; Mia in 6V.

SPORTS STARS

3N: Mila

3W: Sadie

4LP: Grace

4C: Immy

5R: Teddy H

5SG: Joshua & Keira

6G: Eddie H

6V: Basil

Congratulations and well done to all!

Out of school Achievements

William (4C) received an out of school achievement this week with player of the week at football training. Well done William!