



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support with Jeans for Genes day last Friday. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the information evening last night, I hope you found it useful. We do appreciate your support and it is vital that we are able to work together to ensure the best for your child.

Best wishes

*Mrs O'Neill*

Headteacher

### JEANS FOR GENES

Thank you for your support last Friday for Jeans for Genes day. We raised a fantastic £169 for children and their families affected by a genetic disorder.



### AMAZON SMILE CHARITY DONATION

Thank you for supporting Oaklands Schools Parent Teacher Association at no extra cost to you, by shopping at [AmazonSmile](#). You can track your impact throughout the year at [the Your AmazonSmile Impact page](#). AmazonSmile is also available in the Amazon Shopping App on iOS and Android phones. See how to activate <https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/browse?node=17337655031&ref=smi%5Fem%5Fdisb%5Fmhtp&ref%5F=pe%5F26213161%5F620484841&pldnSite=1>

### COVID-19 PCR TEST SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

#### **What to do if your child has symptoms**

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

**Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.**

Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result – they can only leave home to have the test.

### CUTLERY

Please could we encourage children to learn how to use cutlery. Self-feeding is a very complex task and it is common for children to have difficulty using cutlery to feed themselves. Support from home would help with confidence in school.

### GOLDIES

Children who have received a Goldie leaf (now on display on the Oak Tree in the hall):

**Ash:** Mia, Jaxson, Nancy and Lucas

**Willow:** George, Ellena, Rosie and Benji

**Chestnut:** Nathan, Abigail, Maya and Jaxon

**Silver Birch:** Chloe, Hannah, Kairi and Max

**Beech:** Amelie, Natalia, Arthur and Poppy

**Elm:** Isla, Tessa, Isaac and Darcey

The whole school also received a Goldie for amazing effort in their first singing assembly of the year!

To reward the children who receive a character leaf, I have re-instated afternoon tea. I collect the children from their classes and they come to the office for a drink and treat. It has been lovely to be able to do this again and celebrate their achievements.





# READING NEWS

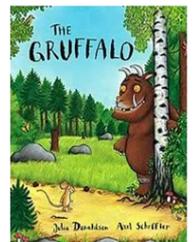
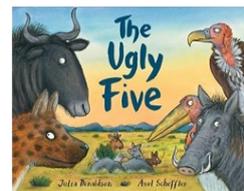
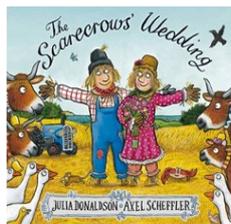
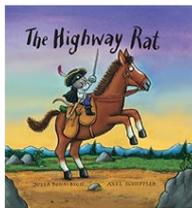
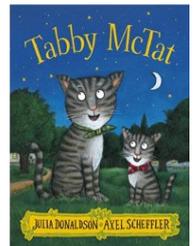
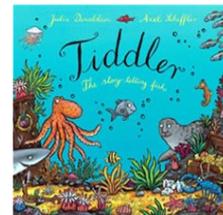
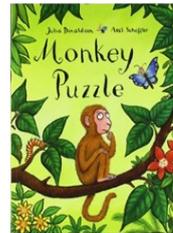
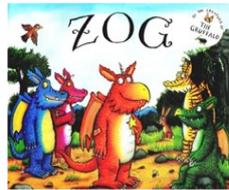
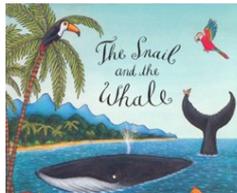


Each half term during Friday's assemblies there will be an author or a book theme. This half term we are looking at the very famous author: Julia Donaldson!

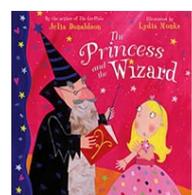
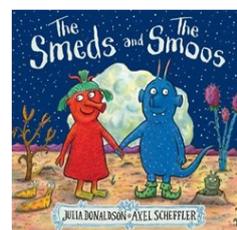
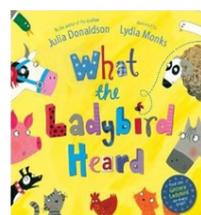
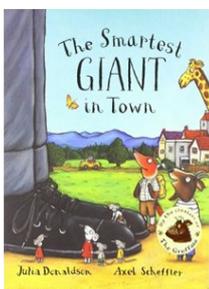
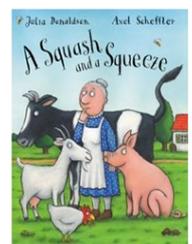
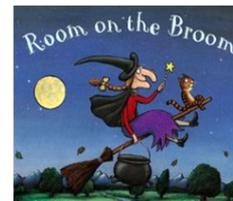
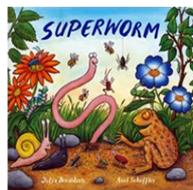
Julia Donaldson, born in London in 1948, is a highly talented author of some of the best-loved children's books in the world. She started her career as a singer-songwriter, writing mainly for children's television. One of these songs, A Squash and a Squeeze, was made into her first book in 1993 in collaboration with the illustrator, Axel Scheffler. The two have since gone on to produce a large number of bestselling picture books together, many of which have also been adapted into Julia Donaldson films on the BBC, such as *The Highway Rat*, *Stick Man* and *The Gruffalo*.

This half term we will be reading a range of Julia Donaldson books in school, have you any of her books at home that you and your child could read too? Did you know, in many of Julia and Alex's books you will find a Gruffalo hiding in the illustrations ... get hunting! Below are just a few of her story books to fall in love with!

Miss Weston (Deputy Head and English Lead)



## ... Which is your favourite?



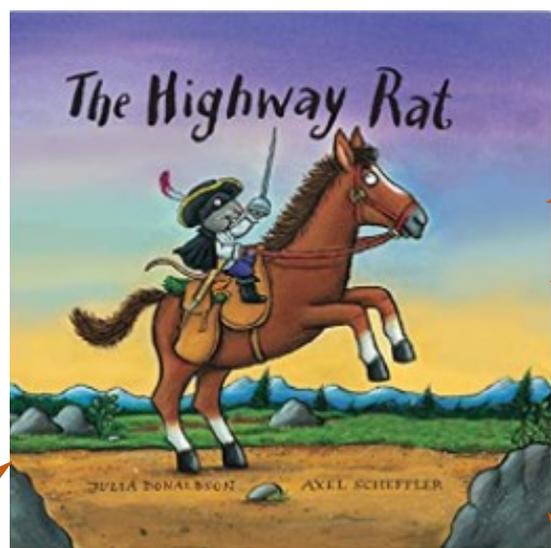


# What are we reading?

## Chestnut's Book Recommendation

We have been reading *The Highway Rat* by Julia Donaldson

This half term we are reading lots of Julia Donaldson books; this was the first one. The Highway Rat rides along the highway stealing all the travellers' food. But a crafty duck and her mysterious sister soon put an end to his crooked ways!



The best bit was when they got their food back again - **Amelia**

The picture of the party was so colourful - **River**

It was exciting when the Highway Rat took all the food - **Frankie**

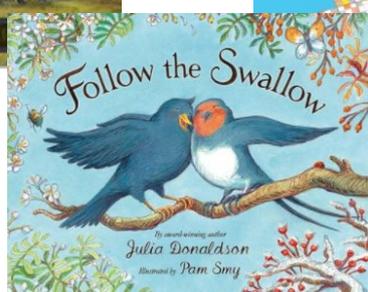
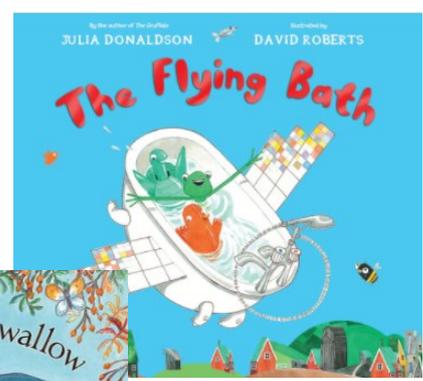
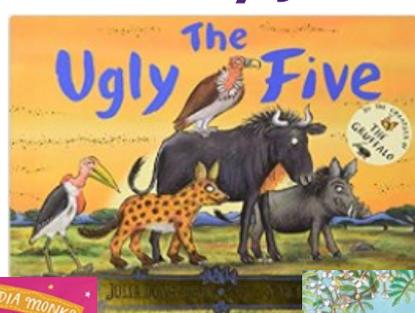
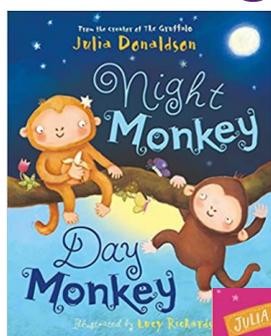
It was good when the rat was free from the cave  
**Benji**

We liked it when he ate crumbs from the floor – **Isla, Abigail, Jia and Maya**

My favourite part was when the rat walked through the cave - **Leon**

I liked it when the rat learnt his lesson - **Jia**

## Other books by Julia Donaldson



## YEAR 2

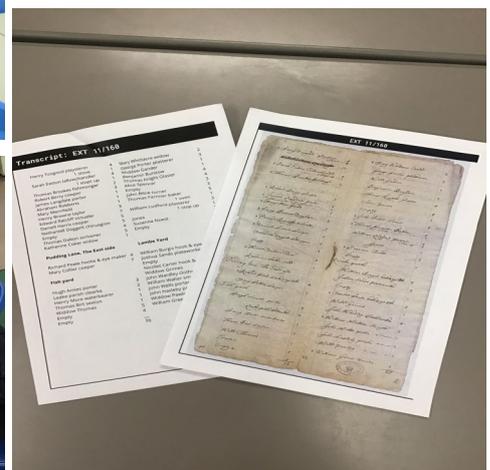
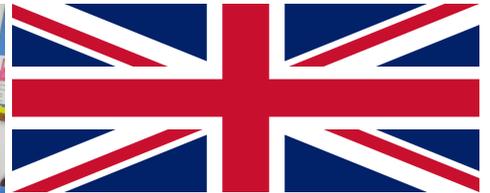
Year 2's topic this half term is 'Panic in Pudding Lane'. To start our topic, we examined documents and artefacts in a virtual session led by the National Archives Education Team. By looking at maps, tax documents and paintings we were able to prove where the fire in London started, how it started and the damage it caused. We have also started to compare past and present London. Looking at famous London landmarks and writing short descriptions of the city. In Geography, the children got to taste a range of foods from the four United Kingdom countries. Year 2 definitely have a sweet tooth!

London is the capital city of the United Kingdom and England. London is a busy and noisy full of amazing sights like Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace. Through the centre of London the River Thames swishes and flows. You can see enormous, soaring buildings across the skyline.

By Elodie

London is the capital city of the United Kingdom and England. London is a loud and crowded city full of brilliant sights such as Big Ben and the Underground. Through the middle of London the River Thames twists and swirls. Across the city, you can see sky scraping, soaring buildings.

By Kian



## AUTUMN | CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

Please note that our Celebrations of Learning are at:

Ash - 12th October at 2:50pm

Willow - 18th October at 2:50pm

Chestnut - 20th October at 3pm

Silver Birch - 14th October at 8:40am

Beech - 20th October at 8:40am

Elm - 20th October at 8:40am

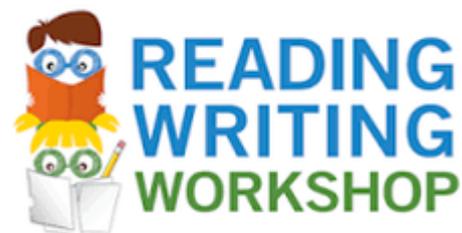
Please do come along and see you children in their class.

## SAVE THE DATE

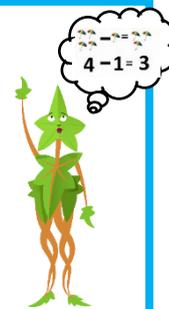
Afternoon of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Early reading and writing workshop for  
Foundation Stage parents

More information soon.



# Marvellous Maths



We would like to welcome you to our Marvellous Maths section of the newsletter. We are the Maths Subject Leads in the school and are responsible for overseeing the Maths curriculum. At Oaklands we follow a Maths Mastery approach which we look forward to sharing with you during the course of the year via workshops, links to useful information and via in the newsletter.

## What Is Maths Mastery?

A mathematical concept or skill has been mastered when a child can show it in multiple ways, using the mathematical language to explain their ideas, and can independently apply the concept to new problems in unfamiliar situations. Mastery is a journey and long-term goal, achieved through exploration, clarification, practice and application over time. At each stage of learning, children should be able to demonstrate a deep, conceptual understanding of the topic and be able to build on this over time.

## How can you help your child at home?

Be positive about Maths

Point out Maths in everyday life

Praise your child for effort rather than talent

Here's an activity to get you started:

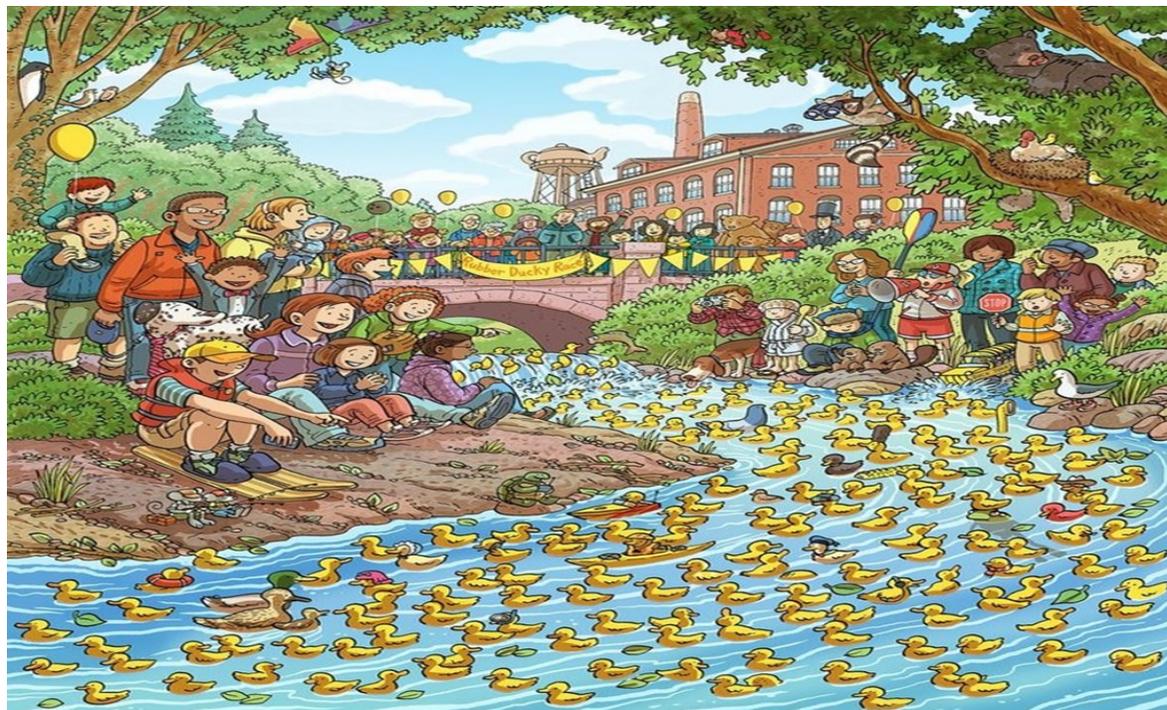
What shapes can you see?

Can you see any repeating patterns?

What numbers can you see?

How many..... can you see?

Look at prepositional language, e.g. behind, next to, beneath, above etc.



We forward to sharing updates and achievements through the year with you.

Miss Davies and Miss Devereaux

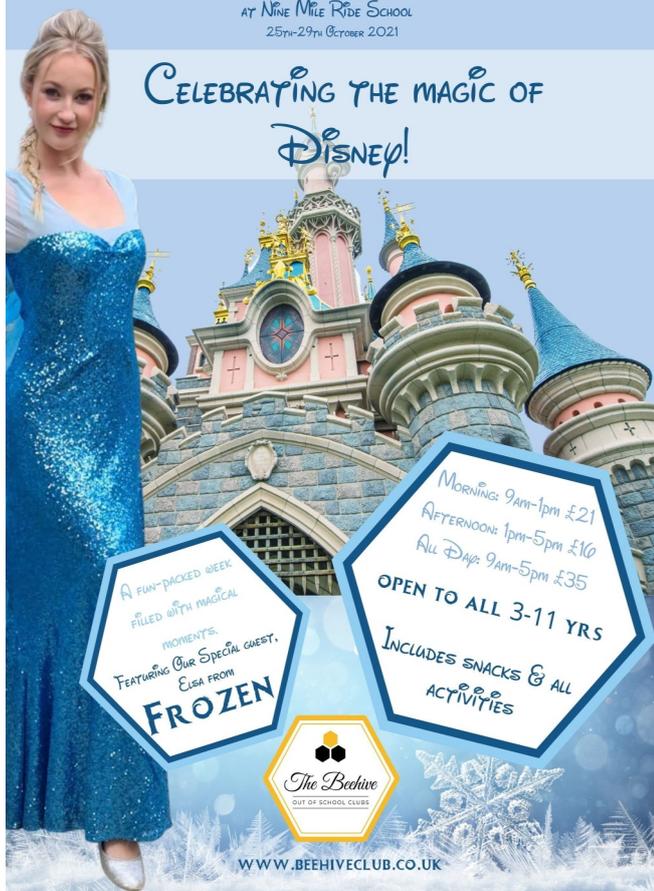


## BEEHIVE HALF TERM CLUB

# HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

AT NINE MILE RIDE SCHOOL  
25th-29th October 2021

CELEBRATING THE MAGIC OF  
DISNEY!



A FUN-PACKED WEEK  
FILLED WITH MAGICAL  
MOMENTS.  
FEATURING OUR SPECIAL GUEST,  
ELSA FROM  
**FROZEN**



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AFTERNOONS 1pm-5pm £10  
ALL DAYS 9am-5pm £35  
OPEN TO ALL 3-11 YRS  
INCLUDES SNACKS & ALL  
ACTIVITIES

## PACK LUNCHES

Please could we request that a simple pack lunch is given at lunchtime. Too much is overwhelming. An example is a cheese and ham sandwich, salad or fruit, a yogurt and a small cake or mini cheddars.

## REMINDERS

- Please do not allow your children to play on the playground equipment before or after school.
- Do not allow children to run across the grass outside the main reception as we have planted new trees.

**ELM CLASS ASSEMBLY** is on the **15TH OCTOBER**. More details will follow.

## CENSUS DAY

On Thursday 7th October the Infant children have the option of a free school meal paid for by central government. They put this money into the budget and we pay the catering company. Rather than take actual numbers, the school is funded according to how many hot meals are taken on census days. If take up is low on these days, funding will be lower and the school will need to make up any shortfall out of the budget. This is the budget used to pay staff salaries, utilities and course equipment. To support you in this we have swapped over the Thursday and Friday meals as follows:



### Thursday 7th October

Fish fingers & chips

Leek & cheddar quiche

Garden peas / Baked beans

Jacket potato baked beans / tuna mayo / cheese

Mandarin orange jelly & ice-cream

### Friday 8th October

Beef Lasagne with garlic slice

Red lentil roasted vegetable pasta

Broccoli / Carrots

Jacket potato baked beans / tuna mayo / cheese

Pear & oat crumble with custard

## PTA EVENTS



### Oaklands Schools PTA

**SAVE THE DATE**

Bear with us whilst we bring the online booking system out of hibernation – tickets will be available to purchase online SOON!

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

School Disco in Junior School Hall

Infants: 4.30pm – 5.30pm, Juniors: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Fireworks on School Field

We're busy working on events for you know when...(Christmas 😊) – watch this space!

More details to follow soon!



OAKLANDS  
PTA  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

### URGENT REQUEST

Please could we ask for any spare boys and girls socks, boys and girls underwear and tights. Sizes 4-5, 5-6 and 6-7. All donations would be very welcome at the school office.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival celebrations this year will be held on **Wednesday 6 October at 9am**. All the classes will be participating in the assembly. You are very welcome to attend, but we will need to limit numbers this year as much as we can. We would be really grateful if babies & toddlers were not brought to the assembly. Entry will be by ticket only, **for 1 parent/ carer per family** via <https://forms.office.com/r/hsywh3f9Vu> PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ALLOW ENTRY WITHOUT A TICKET Advanced tickets only. Last response day: 29.9.21.

### HENLEY LITERARY FESTIVAL

There is fun to be had for all ages at the Henley Children's Literary Festival, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October. They have a wonderful range family favourite authors and illustrators joining them in Henley, or you can join some virtually from the comfort of your own home.

Stars from the entertainment world include fitness phenomenon Joe Wicks who presents his first children's book Burpee Bears, and much-loved broadcaster Clare Balding brings her inspiring non-fiction book Fall Off, Get Back On, Keep Going. Henley favourite Sir Michael Morpurgo is joined by an actress and cellist for a very special performance of Carnival of Animals. We are also joined by fantastic illustrators Chris Riddell and Rob Biddulph. Other fun children's events include Tom Gates creator Liz Pichon, Rapping Princesses, a writing workshop with Katya Balen, Space Detectives with Dapo Adeola & Mark Powers, Kate Pankhurst's Great Women Scientists, The Pirate Mums, and Serena Patel's Granny Trouble. Younger children will love That's Not My... storytime, Wonderbly story workshop, and even a visit from Elmer the Elephant.

Tickets available at

<https://henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk/whats-on/>

or phone our Box Office: 01491575948

### BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Amelie in Beech, Esme in Ash,  
George in Willow, Ella in Ash,  
Iris in Silver Birch,  
Jeev in Silver Birch,  
Nathan in Chestnut, Lucas in Ash  
and Abigail in Beech.



### PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

#### **IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE?**

We want to make sure we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for pupil premium. The additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving benefits. Children in Years 1 & 2 have had forms in their book bags this week. Please return them to the school office to be checked.

### CONTACT US

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SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS  
Oaklands Infant School Office: 01344 774644 or email  
[admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk)

#### GOVERNING BODY

The governing body is a committee that is in place to steer the school's strategic direction and to make sure that the school remains accountable. If you have a concern about your child, normally it is best to speak to their teacher or Mrs O'Neill first as they know them well and will probably be able to deal with it quickly. However, do get in touch if you feel this isn't working or you have other things you wish to discuss - we are happy to hear from you! Thank you.

Mat Parker (Chair of Governors)  
[governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk)  
Or via the school office

Please let us know if you have a **POSITIVE** COVID-19 case in your family.

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If you have any feedback about our newsletter, please email

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