



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy half-term it has been especially with lots of different events such as Harvest, the Pleasure for Reading morning, parents evenings, celebrations of learning and class assemblies.

Over the last two weeks myself and families have enjoyed watching Elm and Beech in their class assemblies. The children shared a variety of their learning in Art, History, Geography and of course a song or two. Well done to Elm and Beech class for their wonderful assemblies.

Thank you to all the staff, governors and parents for your continued support and commitment. I wish you all a wonderful half-term.

Miss E Weston

Acting Headteacher

Goldie

Respect for all



Children who have received a Goldie leaf

Ash: Lee, Otilie, Jonathan and Zuzanna.

Willow: Luna, Alice, Sebby and Isla.

Chestnut: Jake, Freddie, Thomas and Harrison.

Silver Birch: Ronnie, Sammy, Oscar and Alex.

Beech: Ava, Conor G and Finley.

Elm: Ellie, Harley, Hadley and George.

Children receiving Goldie's for following Goldie's

Rules around school:

Henry, Alexander, Freddy and Benji (Beech)

Freddie (Elm)



Our Oaklands Tree

Well done to all the children who have received a Goldie this half-term, you should feel very proud of yourselves.



LOOK what we're LEARNING!

Foundation Stage

Ash and Willow have had a very busy half term. The children have all settled into the new routines of school and made lots of new friends. Both classes have completed lots of activities to do with our bodies and ourselves. They loved looking at x-ray pictures and learning about our senses. The children enjoyed painting self portraits, thinking about colours and shape. They



then had a go at painting portraits in the style of Picasso which were very colourful. Lots of books have been shared as a class and fun was had reading the Oi Frog series of books and thinking of our own rhyming combinations. The children are definitely ready for a well deserved rest!



Year 1

We are very proud of the children in Year 1 and the way they have risen to the challenges of a new year group. In History we have looked at how we have grown and changed from when we were born 5 or 6 years ago and at other events that have happened in our lifetime. You can see what we have learnt from the knowledge organiser. In science we have been thinking about our senses. We thought a lot about what we can hear in the story Peace at Last by Jill Murphy and all that disturbed Mr Bear. We told the story with actions. Can your child tell you the story? Molly Haslund is an artist who creates big drawings outside. Our art this half term has been inspired by circles and spirals.



Year 2



Year 2 have had a full and fun packed start to the year. In Geography, we have been on tour of each of the four countries of the United Kingdom, finding out about their capital cities, location and key landmarks. We even got to taste some typical food from each of the countries.

Our History lessons have transported us back in time to 1666 where we have been Historians, looking at different pieces of evidence to find out where, when, how and why the Great Fire of London occurred. We debated whether the Great Fire was actually a good thing as it brought about changes that improved people's lives.

Our Science learning has focussed on the properties and uses of everyday materials. We have done lots of investigating in the classroom and tested different materials to find the one most suitable to make a coat to keep Teddy dry with the rainy winter weather approaching. In Art we have looked at the work of the artist Stephen Wiltshire and the architect Zaha Hadid—drawing city landscapes and creating futuristic structures. Please see our History, Geography and Science Knowledge Organisers on the Year 2 learning page of the website for all the key knowledge covered this half term.





READING NEWS

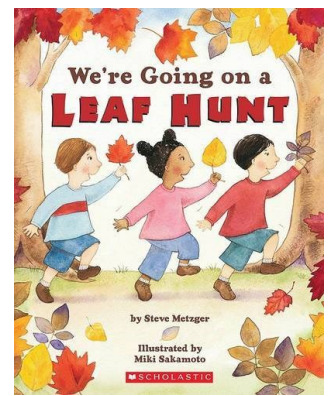
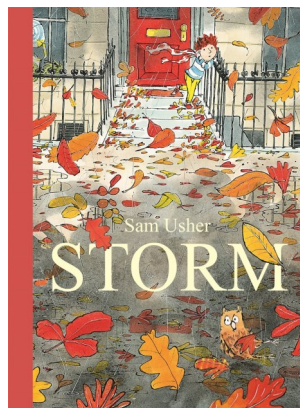
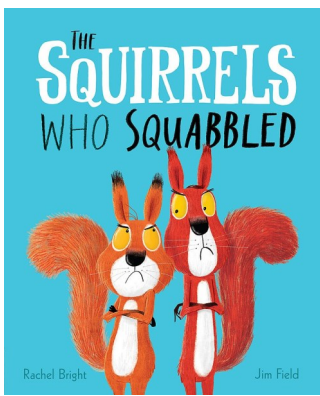
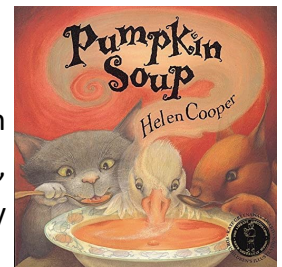


Yesterday we held our Year 1 reading and phonic workshop. Thank you to those who came, we hope you found it useful. The presentation is available on our school website. See the link: <http://oaklandsinfants.org/workshops/>



Autumn is well and truly here!

To keep reading fun during the half term you may wish to play our Autumn Reading Bingo (attached to the newsletter). Create a den in the living room, wrap up warm and read a book in the autumn leaves, visit your local library and borrow some autumnal books...have fun reading this half term!



Please find attached to the newsletter an autumn reading bingo that your children might like to participate in to keep reading fun during the half term. A paper copy will also be coming home with your child/ren.

Autumn Reading Bingo

Read a book outside.	Read a book under a blanket.	A book that makes you laugh.	A fairy tale.	A book about Halloween.
A comic.	Visit a library.	Re-read an old favourite.	A rhyming book.	Read a book under or in a tree.
A book with a red or orange front cover.	A book set in another country.	A book with animals as the main characters.	A book about change.	A book written before you were born.
A chapter book.	A book that teaches you something new.	A book with fruit on the cover.	Read a book with a torch.	A book with vegetables on the cover.



Casey's Crew



2023-24

We are proud to announce that this year's Casey's Crew have started their duties on the playground. After completing an application for the job stating their qualities and why they think they would be suitable, undertaking a mini interview and training, this fantastic group of Year 2 children will now help as buddies on the playground during break and lunchtimes to encourage safe and co-operative play.

Some of their duties will include:

- leading games
- chatting with children on the friendship bench and checking they're ok
- helping children to play co-operatively with each other
- patrolling the playground – to help keep everyone safe
- helping staff on duty



The children will be in teams of six and on a fortnightly rota. Each member of Casey's Crew can be spotted by their bright yellow bib.

Knowledge Organisers

What are knowledge organisers?

Knowledge organisers are a summary of the key facts and essential knowledge that pupils need about a unit of work or a curriculum subject.

Each year group has developed knowledge organisers containing key vocabulary and knowledge along with visual prompts.

The Autumn 1 knowledge organisers are being made available to you on the learning pages of the website. This is so you can clearly understand what your child has learnt this half term and a good way for you to review and revise their learning. Regular retrieval of knowledge helps us remember more effectively and helps the children have a deeper understanding over time.

Click here: [Foundation Stage](#) [Year 1](#) [Year 2](#)

All About Me **ES2 Autumn 1**

Key Vocabulary

light	Your eyes let you see all the things around you.
hearing	Your ears let you listen to all the things around you. Your brain is able to tell what different sounds are.
touch	Your skin gives you information of touch. You can tell if something is warm, cold, smooth or rough without any thinking at all.
taste	Your skin gives you the sense of taste. You can tell if something is sweet, sour, bitter or salty without any thinking at all.
smell	You smell using your nose. Your nose can tell if things smell nice or not nice.
balance	To make up of all of our bones.
bones	Bones can stay together.

Senses

Parts of the Body

All About Us **Year 1**

Key Facts

- We go to school in **Cavorthome**.
- King Charles** became **King of the UK** on **9th June**.
- I have been alive **5 or 6** years.
- I know I have changed since I was born.

Our timeline

When was the Great Fire of London?

Why did the fire start?

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

What happened after the fire?

Key Facts

- The Great Fire of London started on **September 2nd** and ended on **Thursday 6th September 1666**.
- The fire started in a **bakery** on **Pauling Lane**.
- In 1666, the buildings in London were very close together and many were made of wood and had chimneys.
- After the fire, many buildings were rebuilt. King Charles II ordered that the buildings were built further apart and made of stone to make sure the fire could not happen again so easily.

Key People

Thomas Farnham King Charles II
St Christopher Wren





HALF-TERM Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October 2023	
Date	Activities in October
Autumn 2	Character Focus: Holly
Monday 30 th	Back to school Flu Spray
Date	Activities in November
Thursday 2 nd	1.30pm: FS Parent workshop: Reading, phonics and early writing
Saturday 4 th	PTA: Fireworks
Tuesday 7 th	8.15 – 8.40am: Reading for Pleasure in the hall
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Date	Activities in December
Tuesday 5 th	Christmas play performance: Time TBC
Wednesday 6 th	Christmas play performance: Time TBC
Friday 8 th	PTA: Elfridges
Tuesday 12 th	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th	Carol Service
Friday 15 th	Christmas jumper day TBC 1.30pm: Break-up for Christmas holidays
Date	Activities in January
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	Trust Inset day
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Children return to school

Voluntary Contribution

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have donated to our voluntary contribution so far; your support means so much to us. Please feel free to share our letter with other family members who might be able to support us in various ways.

[Just Giving Link](#)

Thank you

Thank you for supporting Jeans for Genes day back in September we raised £130!

Last Friday we had a successful school disco raised an impressive 1687.93. The children had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to the PTA and all the volunteers who gave up their Friday evening.



Regarding the problems we all experience with parking, I know many parents share our concern with the dangerous driving/parking we see regularly not only outside the Ellis Road gate but also outside our Butler Road gate. Despite our best efforts and the support of Highways and community police, this is still taking place. Oaklands Schools, as well as Acorns Under Fives, are extremely worried that our families cannot cross roads safely with unrestricted views in both directions, due to inconsiderate road users and careless parking.

Both I and Mrs West met with Wokingham Highways towards the end of last term and we have agreed that we would like to take part in a new initiative for Wokingham called 'School Street' which has worked well in other local authorities, including Reading. It is a traffic management scheme which temporarily restricts motor vehicles from accessing the street(s) surrounding a school during normal school drop off and pick up times, with of course highway signs to alert road users to this when in force. We feel that this would help to keep all our families safe at the busiest of times and encourage safer walking, cycling and scooting to school. It would however mean finding roads outside of this area to park safely. At present Wokingham are considering Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras which will ensure that our staff/immediate neighbours are not affected. At this stage, Wokingham have a lot of work to do before this happens and they will go out to a public consultation with the local community, including our neighbours first.

Traffic and Transport Team are pleased to launch their Be Bright Be Seen competition, focusing on safety in the winter months when it gets dark earlier in the day.

They are asking pupils to design a logo for a high vis jacket. The winner's design will be printed onto high vis jackets for their class.

Please find attached a flyer for the competition. Further details can also be found on the My Journey website at: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/design-a-logo-for-a-high-vis-jacket/>

Please send your designs to us by 25th November to:

myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk

Good luck!

DESIGN A LOGO FOR A HIGH VIS JACKET



This competition is open to all primary aged pupils in Wokingham borough. The winner's class will each receive high vis jackets with the design printed on.

Simple black and white designs will look best.

Send your designs to us by
25 November to:
myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk





**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Libraries

Spooky Activities this October half-term

The Enchanted Performers Theatre Company

Join us at Wokingham Library as we welcome The Enchanted Performers Theatre Company for Julia Donaldson story tales.

This is a storytelling session with drama, puppets, props and music, with lots of fun and interaction.

The event takes place on Thursday 26 October from 10.30am to 11.30am and it costs £2, with parents required to attend. It is suitable for children aged three to six.

Spooky Tales

Dress up in your best spooky outfits and join us for stories and crafting. Sessions are suitable for children aged four to ten and are free, but places must be booked. These are being held at:

- Twyford Library, Tuesday 24 October, 10.30am to 11.30am
- Wokingham Library, Tuesday 24 October, 4pm to 4.30pm
- Spencers Wood Library, Thursday 26 October, 10.30am to 11.30am
- Winnersh Library, Friday 27 October, 10.30am to 11.30am

Take part in a spooky picture trail at Woodley and Twyford libraries between 11 and 24 October for a chance to be entered into a free prize draw.

Rhymetime

Suitable for children under the age of five, join us at Emmanuel Church Hall in Woodley on Monday 30 October for fun rhymes followed by colouring. This session will run from 10.15am to 11.15am and it is free to attend, but [places must be reserved](#).

Get Arty

Come and get creative at our fun and spooky arts and crafts sessions. These are suitable for children aged four to ten, but children must be accompanied by an adult. There is a £2 charge payable on the day and places must be booked. Join us at:

- Woodley Library, Wednesday 25 October, 10.30am to 11.30am
- Lower Earley Library, Thursday 26 October, 3pm to 4pm
- Wokingham Library, Friday 27 October, 10.30am to 11.30am
- Finchampstead Library, Friday 27 October, 10.30am to 11.30am

To find out more about the events taking place at our libraries, visit our [events website](#).

Breast Cancer Now Shopping Evening

BREAST
CANCER
NOW
The research
& care charity

St Sebastian's Memorial Hall, Crowthorne

5pm - 9pm

Friday 3rd November

In aid of Breast Cancer Now
and raising awareness to
check your breasts

Over 20 stalls

- ⊗ Cakes ⊗ Sweets ⊗ Personalised Gifts
- ⊗ Boredom Boxes ⊗ Beauty ⊗ Jewellery
- ⊗ Pies ⊗ Bath Bombs ⊗ Takeaway Curry
- ⊗ Handbags ⊗ Wax Melts ⊗ Paint your own figures

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The lost property box continues to be growing in the school hall. Please do go and look to reclaim any lost clothing or property.

Exciting experiences at...

October Half-Term Clubs 23rd-27th October

The Beehive
OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS

Join us for an October half-term of fun, creativity & adventures

Times & Prices	8am-1pm £22 All Day £38	Includes all activities & snacks!
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Open to all children aged 3-11 years

- Drama workshops
- Super Mario Party!
- Witches Corner
- Potion Making
- Ceramic Painting
- Face Painting
- Football
- ...and much more!

www.beehiveclub.co.uk

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