



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

*Deep roots for future growth*



Dear Parents/Carers,

On a very windy and chilly Monday, I was lucky to join Year 1 on their trip to Windsor Castle. The children were very well behaved and listened beautifully, staff were impressed with the knowledge they already had about the royals and enjoyed their questions. The children showed respect to everyone and everything, especially whilst visiting St. Georges Chapel.

Parents Evening times are now available, please ensure you book your time. These will be face-to-face appointments.

*Miss E Weston*

Acting Headteacher

### 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. This link is also available on our home-page on the school website.

[Just Giving Link](#)



### Children who have received a Solo leaf

(now on display on the Oak Tree in the hall):

**Ash:** Jake, Zuzanna, Alex and Connor

**Willow:** Ezra, Casper, Esme and Arabella

**Chestnut:** Scarlett, Rhomuel, Jake and Vogue

**Silver Birch:** William, Charlotte and El

**Beech:** Mia, Esme, Harper-Jane and Frankie

**Elm:** Sienna, Jenson, Oliver and Chelsea

## Goldie's Rules



- Remember your manners
- Listen to others
- Use kind words and hands
- Look after our school
- Try your best
- Allow yourself and others to learn

### Celebration of Learning

Each half term, we invite parents/ carers to each class to celebrate the children's learning. Please find listed below the dates and times for this half term. Come directly to the classroom for the time stated. Yr2 will be hosting a class assembly showcasing their learning. Please line up at the main entrance, we will open the hall door from 8.50am.



| Class        | Date                  | Time                               |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ash          | Friday 2nd February   | 2:50pm                             |
| Willow       | Friday 2nd February   | 2:50pm                             |
| Chestnut     | Friday 2nd February   | 9.00am: class assembly in the hall |
| Silver Birch | Friday 9th February   | 3:00pm                             |
| Beech        | Thursday 8th February | 8:40am                             |
| Elm          | Thursday 8th February | 8:40am                             |

### Polling

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024  
school open!



The date above was put aside for the school to be closed. We will now be open. Please see a message below from Pauline Helliars-Symons.

*I'm sure you will be pleased to hear that at the main WBC Council meeting last week, we agreed to move the polling station away from Oaklands!*

*The new polling station will be the St. Sebastian's Memorial Hall. We are aware that there is a shortage of parking spaces there, and so I have convinced our officers that WBC will increase the number of parking spaces (the Parish Council owns some land there). Also, some people were concerned about the busy main road, and so WBC has also agreed to assess the viability of putting in a temporary pedestrian crossing, additional signage, and additional staff there on polling day to help with parking and safe access.*

### DROP OFF REMINDER



Please could we just remind you that school drop-off is

**8:40am-8:50am**

At 8:50am the class doors will be shut and you will need to come through the school office, this is recorded as a late in the register.

### Parking

As you know there are constant parking issues and concerns that both schools have been raising with the local council for many months. We are pleased to confirm that at the last WBC Council meeting it has been agreed that additional parking restrictions will be put in place opposite the Ellis Road entrance. They have also agreed to visit the schools at key times to see for themselves the ongoing issues we face, along with officers. Councillors will also meet with both headteachers for us to raise any concerns for the safety of our pupils and families.

## Year 1 Visit to Windsor Castle

Year 1 visited Windsor Castle on a windy, but fortunately dry day! Having arrived safely and put our lunches away, we explored the staterooms. As we walked through the grand, historical rooms we saw Queen Mary's Dolls' House, which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as well as many suits of armour, shields and swords. Several of the children commented on how beautiful the rooms were; they were particularly impressed with the many swords and huge chandeliers! Outside we looked over the castle walls to see a long distance and understood why castles are often built on the top of hills.

Both classes attended a Meet the Monarch session in the Learning Centre. The children learnt about the life and work of His Majesty, King Charles III. Everyone discovered how to know if the King is in the castle and what he likes to do when he takes time off. There were lots of role play activities including inspecting the guards and a rousing coronation ceremony!

After a much-anticipated lunch, we walked to see the guard and admired his concentration and smart appearance. We also visited St George's Chapel to see the sight of many royal weddings. A member of staff commented upon how quiet the children were. We were so proud to see the children showing respect just like Goldie. All in all, it was a wonderful day for everyone.





# READING NEWS



## National Story Telling Week 2024:

Sat 27th Jan - Sun 4th Feb

This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

Everyday next week, each class will have a story read to them by a different member of staff. But what will you be reading during the week? You could share some of your favourite books from your childhood.

A reminder for you....as you know reading is so important and is a huge part of everyday life. We monitor reading records frequently and we have noticed that some children aren't reading at home as much as they used to.

Please remember to listen to your child read as much as possible, even if it's only a few pages each day. Children can read to yourselves, a grandparent, an aunt or uncle etc. **Remember** to sign the reading records so we know they have read at home.



Just some stories to view on: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks1-english/z67ncqt>



### Tales From Around The World

A series of short animated films based on folktales from around the world.



### Little Red Riding Hood

The story of Little Red Riding Hood told over the course of seven fun video clips.



### Jack and the Beanstalk

An animated version of the classic fairy tale featuring Jack, Daisy the cow, some magic beans and a very big Giant!



### The Tales of Beatrix Potter

Age 5 - 7. A collection of Beatrix Potter's best-known stories, read by famous voices.



### Traditional Tales - Lakshmi and the Clever Washerwoman

The traditional Hindu tale is told in two animated videos for KS1 pupils.



### Traditional Tales - Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock

The traditional West African tale is told in two animated videos for KS1 pupils.



Oaklands Infant School

Spring Term Dates 2024

| Date   | Activities in January  |
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| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb                             | National Storytelling Week   |
| Date   | Activities in February   |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | NSPCC Number day<br>9am: Chestnut class assembly                                       |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Children's Mental Health Week  |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Safer Internet Day<br>3.30pm - 6.00pm: Parents Evening                                 |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Yr2 African workshop<br>2.35pm: Yr2 parents invited to African dance/drumming assembly |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 3.30pm – 7.00pm: Parents Evening   |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 3.15pm: End of half term   |
| <b>HALF-TERM Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> |  |
| Spring 2   | <b>Character Focus: Ivy</b>  |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Children return to school  |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 100 days in school   |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | AM: Yr2 Pizza Express trip   |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Whole school Kaplan workshop: lunch in classrooms                                      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb till the 12 <sup>th</sup> March                               | Book Fair  |
| Date   | Activities in March  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.15am: Reading for pleasure in the hall   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>   | World Book Day   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | PTA Disco  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Red Nose Day   |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>  | PM: Maths workshop   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 9am: Silver Birch class assembly   |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>  | 1.30pm: End of term  |
| <b>EASTER HOLIDAYS Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> |  |
| Date   | Activities in April  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Children return to school  |

# NSPCC Number Day

Once again we are going to be participating in this years NSPCC number day on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**. On this day the children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a digit/number and bring in a minimum donation of £1. The money raised will go directly to the NSPCC.

Dressing up ideas:

- \* Dress up as a digit- Wear a onesie to represent 1, a tutu to represent 2, or a three piece suit to represent 3.
- \* Dress up as a dice.
- \* Wear something with a number on it like a football kit
- \* Dress up as a playing card
- \* Decorate an old t-shirt with numbers or number representations
- \* Dress up as a clock
- \* Dress up as a piece of Numicon

Get as creative as you want!



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

FIRST DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY

# Heart Trail

10th-18th February

**A family event at Lightwater Country Park this February half term**

Purchase a map for £3 from **Lightwater Adventure Golf or the Country Park Café**

Follow the trail around the lakes and take part in the **Fitness Trail** at the same time (approx 1km)

Find the letters that spell out the secret word

Learn fun facts about your heart and spot all the hanging crocheted hearts

Once completed, take the map back to **Lightwater Adventure Golf or the Country Park Café** and receive a sweet treat

Massive thanks to the **Barkham Hookers** for creating beautiful hearts for this trail.

Lightwater Adventure Golf

Free Parking

Building money for First Days Charity

FIRST DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY  
www.firstdays.net

First Days Children's Charity reg number: 115 7855

Please see the following link for details, and our competition flyer.

[Primary Schools Art Competition \(myjourneywokingham.com\)](https://www.myjourneywokingham.com)

We are asking primary school age children in the Borough to either draw or take a picture of something they like about walking, cycling or scooting to school, with a short explanation of why they like it. We ask parents to send their children's entries to us at [myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk)

The prizes for this competition are: a family ticket to Reading Football Club; a family swim ticket at Places Leisure; a Move More class at Places Leisure.

The closing date for the competition is 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

**WOKINGHAM HIGHWAYS ALLIANCE**

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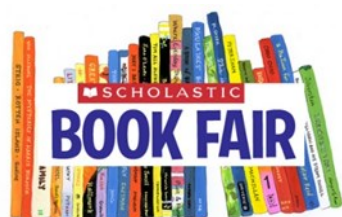
**VolkerHighways**

Delivering highway services for Wokingham Borough's residents

## Spring Book Fair

**27th February till 12th March 2024**

Celebrate reading books and earn free books for your school! Books start at just £2.99. **This will be in the Year 2 library after school all week from 3:10pm.** Coupons and World Book Day vouchers can be used at the Book Fair. These vouchers will be handed out after half term. The voucher entitles you to £1 off the purchase of any book at the book fair. There will also be 'pocket money' items available to buy, should you wish. The school benefits hugely from the commission generated by these sales (we get 60% off on all sales). At the last book sale this resulted in £617.56 worth of 'free' books to the school. This makes a huge difference to the school's library and topic resources, so all your support is much appreciated.



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