



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

*Deep roots for future growth*



Dear Parents/Carers,

During the last two weeks Ash and Willow performed their first ever class assembly; myself, the staff and parents couldn't have been prouder of them. They spoke with confidence, sang beautifully and shared their learning with excitement. Well done to all the children in Ash and Willow.

On Wednesday, we had a successful Sports Day. A huge thank you to Miss Pike for organising the afternoon and the Year 6 Junior children for helping with the different activities and handing out the stickers for the running race. Well done to all our children for taking part and 'having a go.' We hope you all had a wonderful afternoon.

Best Wishes

*Miss E Weston*

Acting Headteacher



### Celebrations of Learning

Chestnut—Tuesday 11th July at 2.55pm

Silver Birch—Friday 14th July at 8.40am

### Year 2 Leavers Assembly

Friday 14th July at 1.45pm (Year 2 families only)

### Music Assembly

Wednesday 12th July at 9.10am

Year 2 children who receive Violin tuition in school will perform to the school, their families and any Parents in Year 1 who are interested in their child taking Violin lessons in September.

### End of Term

Please note the last day of term is Wednesday

19th July at 1.30pm.

(This will be a PTA Crazy Hair Day)

### Children who have received a Casey leaf

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



**Ash:** Carlie, Mariam, Freddie and Sophie I

**Willow:** Vogue, Hugo, Bear and Mason

**Chestnut:** Conor G, Jaxon, Oscar and Leo

**Silver Birch:** Jenson, Leo, Miesha and Frankie

**Beech:** Zerrin, Sasha, Archie and Chloe

**Elm:** Emilia, Billy, Nathan and Kiran

### Goldie awards for children across the school:

Imogen (Willow)



### Voluntary Contribution

[Just Giving Link](#)

# Ducklings!



Last week Willow and Ash classes were very lucky to receive delivery of 5 duck eggs. The children got to see them hatch and have been watching the ducklings get bigger every day. The children loved giving them their first swim and getting to hold them. The ducklings have had lots of visitors and even Mr Bob Elsey from Corvus popped in for a duckling cuddle! We will all be sad when they leave.



## Chinese Workshop

Year 1 have been enjoying their experiences during our Far Far Away topic. In particular, the children were ever so excited during their Chinese Workshop sessions, which gave them a chance to experience elements of Chinese culture. The children spun beautiful parasols and fluttered delicate fans. There is little doubt that being part of the dragon procession was the obvious highlight! The children have also experienced a Chinese school morning during which they lined up in rows to follow us in an exercise session, which was a challenge for everyone's skills of balance and coordination. In the classroom, Year 1 have also tried their hand at Chinese calligraphy and have tried using chopsticks. We are very grateful to the PTA for funding the Chinese Workshop. These amazing learning experiences could not happen without the work that the PTA do and the generosity of all our families. The impact on all the children of these wonderful events is invaluable in so many ways.



# SPORTS DAY

June 2023

On Wednesday we had our Infant School Sports Day with all children able to participate in fun activities. The afternoon was designed to engage all children and give them opportunities to try different activities, learn new skills and to develop teamwork. We were very fortunate to have some year 6 leaders from the Junior School to support us with the activities.

The finale of Sports Day was the running race where children competed against other peers in their class and aimed to run as fast as they could to the finish line, whilst staying in their lane. We had some very fast runners and on some occasions, it was difficult to decide who pipped through the line first.

The children all enjoyed the afternoon, some of the children commented on their sports day:

“The bean bag throw ‘aiming for the target’ was my favourite as I was trying to get as many points as I could.”

“I enjoyed the running races as I could run as fast as I could”

“The skipping was fun and I practiced skipping really fast with 2 feet!”

“The elephant ball game was great fun as we had to react very quickly and try not to get out”

The children were very tired after Sports Day as they had worked so hard and had been on the go all afternoon. We are sure they all slept well on Wednesday evening.





# READING NEWS



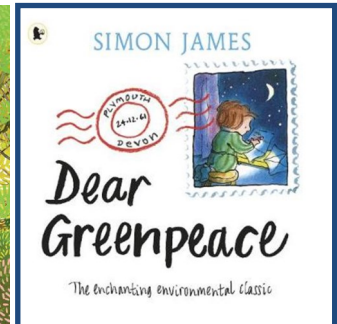
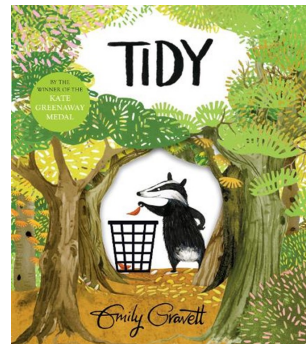
This week we were very lucky to have a visit from the author Alison H Simpson. She visited each class to read her story Bodhi the Pirate Dog and the Great Pile of Litter.

When Bodhi throws his ice cream wrapper in the river, he accidentally sets off a chain of events that leaves the riverbank covered in rubbish. But litter is dangerous for the river, and the creatures who call it home. Will Bodhi realise his mistake and find a way to fix it before it's too late?

<https://bodhithepiratedog.com/>



Alison spoke to the children about the importance on not dropping litter and the impact it can have on the environment and the creatures that live in it. The children all listened incredible well, joined in with discussion's and asked many questions. Below are some other stories linked to looking after our environment.





The Summer Reading Challenge and the Winter Mini Challenge encourage children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure.

There are two ways you can take part in the Summer Reading Challenge:

You can join at your local library and take part in person. The library will give you a special collector folder, stickers, and other special incentives, and help you find books to read for your Challenge.

Alternatively, take part in the Challenge online. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock a virtual badge and certificate.

Certificates and medals are only available via the library.

Once completed, you will be awarded your certificate in assembly.

For more information visit your local library or click here:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>





Another successful school disco raised an impressive £1298.53. The children had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to the PTA and all the volunteers who gave up their Friday evening.



Well done to our Year 2 children for raising £97.48 from selling ice-pops during the Sports Day picnic. Look out for the PTA selling further ice-pops after school.

Please click the link below for details on purchasing School Uniform.

From 4th July there will be a 20% discount for a limited time subject to availability.

<http://oaklandsinfants.org/school-uniform/>



Class jumper boxes are full of unnamed jumpers/cardigans. So, a reminder for any parent missing a jumper to check the class jumper boxes.

**Tips to avoid your child's property:**

1. Name it! Every time you wash it check the name is still visible. We find lost items all day and manage to return to children's pegs because they are named.
2. If your child comes out of class without their property LOOK FOR IT STRAIGHT AWAY—wait until all children have left the classroom and ask to check the class.
3. If you think the item may be unnamed keep checking lost property, they sometimes take a while to find their way.

**PLEASE NOTE ALL REMAINING UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS RECYCLED.**



## Drowning is Preventable

### Stay safe in the water this summer

#### Did you know?

- More than **300 people** accidentally drown in the UK and Ireland every year.
- Inland waterways, such as **rivers, lakes and canals**, are where most drownings happen.
- Alcohol and drugs are a factor in almost **one-third** of all UK accidental drownings.
- Anything **below 15°C** is defined as cold water. Average UK and Ireland sea temperatures are just 12°C. Rivers and canals can be colder.

#### Our Advice:

- If you are in trouble in cold water, remember '**Float to Live**'. Try not to panic. Float on your back for up to **90 seconds** until the shock passes, swim to the edge or call for help.
- If someone else is in trouble - **Call, Tell and Throw** - Call 999, tell the person to float on their back and throw something to help them float, like a throwline.

#### Safety around water:

- If you are thinking of entering the water, consider your **exit point** before you enter.
- 'Tombstoning' - **Do not jump into open water from bridges or ledges**. There maybe hidden dangers beneath, such as sharp objects, reeds and strong currents which could pull you under.
- Avoid swimming alone. **Join a group** if taking part in sports such as paddle boarding or kayaking.
- Tell someone **where you are going** and when you are likely to return.
- Stay clear of the water's edge if you are running or walking. **Riverbanks and cliff edges can be unstable**. Keep an eye out for slip or trip hazards.
- Never enter the water to try and save someone or an animal, **even if you are a strong swimmer**. Call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service if you are inland. If you are at the beach or near the sea, ask for the Coastguard.





# Summer Club!

For a summer of fun, creativity & adventures

*Exciting experiences with...*

- Birds of Prey & Reptiles
- Petting Farm
- Inflatables & outdoor sports
- Face painting
- Ice cream van visits
- Science experiments
- Pizza Making

*And much more!*

Open to all 3-11 year olds!  
Running 24 July - 25 Aug  
At Nine Mile Ride Primary School, Crown Wood Primary School  
AND...Hatch Ride Primary School  
Individual club dates vary

10% Sibling Discount!  
HAF Bookings Accepted

Times & Prices  
8am-1pm £22 Includes most activities\* & snacks!  
1pm-6pm £22  
All Day £38  
\*Some activities/days will have an additional fee to cover costs of activities

[www.beehiveclub.co.uk](http://www.beehiveclub.co.uk)



## PINEWOOD GYMNASTICS CLUB

# summer CAMP

For children who are 5 years +

### Dates

- 24th July - 28th July
- 31st July - 4th August
- 7th August - 11th August
- 14th August - 18th August
- 21st August - 25th August

### Times & Prices

- Full day: 9-4pm  
Members £40.00, Non-members £45.00
- Half day: 9-12pm  
Members £22.50, Non-members £25.00

### What to bring?

- Full day campers: Lunch, outdoor shoes/clothes, water & suncream
- Half day campers: Small snack & water
- ALL snacks & lunches **MUST** be nut free

Book online at

[www.pinewoodgymnastics.co.uk](http://www.pinewoodgymnastics.co.uk) or call 01344773237



## just play sports

[Autumn] Term  
[11/09/23] -  
[08/12/23]

Use your childcare vouchers or pay with tax-free childcare

# Just Play Sports Clubs

From the sport-mad to the have-a-gos, here you'll find clubs packed with games for any ability and a ginormous focus on fun.

### Multi Skills Club

Tuesday  
3.30 - 4.30pm

£7.50 a session

### Football Club

Wednesday  
3:30 - 4:30pm

£7.50 a session

Book online at  
[bit.ly/oaklandsclubs](http://bit.ly/oaklandsclubs)



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