



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

*Deep roots for future growth*



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all who donated bags for the PTA's Bag2School collection. The PTA raised £127! Most of the donations will be going to Ukraine, so thank you. If you haven't already, join the Oaklands PTA (OS parents) Facebook page and Oaklands Infant School Facebook page for updates.

It was good to see so many at our Parent Information Evening last night, I really hope you found it useful. The PowerPoints are now available in the 'Learning' section of the school website. Thank you also for your support with Jeans for Genes today, we will let you know soon how much we raised for this very worthwhile cause.

*Miss E Weston*

Acting Headteacher

Reminders!

**Goldie**  
Respect for all



### Children who have received a Goldie leaf

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

**Ash:** Daisy, Joshua, Sebastian and Jayden.

**Willow:** Elliot, Teddy, Henry and Esme.

**Chestnut:** Jess, Olivia, Tanveer and Dylan.

**Silver Birch:** Toby, Emily, Jack and Samhitha.

**Beech:** Edward, Ella, Leo and Harry.

**Elm:** Freya, Phoebe, Rea and Theo.

To reward the children who receive a character leaf, I hold afternoon tea. I collect the children from their classes and they come to my office for a drink and treat. It lovely to be able to do this and celebrate their achievements.

- Harvest Assembly 9am  
Wednesday 4th October
- If you haven't downloaded WEDUC app, please do so as all our communication be sent this way as well as access to diary dates. Any problems regarding access please contact school admin.
- The school doors close promptly at 8.50am. After this your child/ren is marked as late which impacts their overall attendance.

### CHANGE OF MENU

Thursday 5th October 2023

Culinera invites you to our  
**AMERICAN DAY!**

The team are looking forward to celebrating with you.

Book online using ParentPay now!

#### MAIN COURSE

All American cheeseburger  
or  
Macaroni and cheese  
with  
Sweet potato wedges  
and  
Corn on the cob

#### PUDDING

Apple and oatmeal raisin cookie  
or  
Strawberry jelly  
or  
Fruit yoghurt  
or  
Fresh fruit salad



5th October 2023

**culinera**  
feeding the future



# LEARNING CELEBRATION

## 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	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	2.50pm
Willow	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	2.50pm
Chestnut	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	2.55pm
Silver Birch	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	8.40am
Beech	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am: class assembly in the hall
Elm	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am: class assembly in the hall

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see the school website for information on booking clubs:

<http://oaklandsinfants.org/extra-school-clubs/>



Club	Age group	Day/Time	Location
Multi-Sports	All	Monday	Collect from Junior playground
Step-Up		3.15 – 4.20pm	
Street Dance	All	Monday	Hall
		7:45 – 8:40am	
Multi-skills	All	Tuesday	Collect from Infant playground
Just Play Sports		3.15 – 4.30pm	
Violin	All	TBC	Sycamore room
Football	All	Wednesday	Collect from Junior playground
Just Play Sports		3.15 – 4.30pm	
Judo	Year 1 & 2	Thursday	Hall
		7.45am – 8.40am	
Chess	Year 1 & 2	Thursday	Elm classroom
Chess coaching services		3.15 – 4.15pm	



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am, we are holding our Harvest assembly and all the classes will be participating. This will take place in the hall and we ask that only one parent/ carer attends per family to keep numbers to a minimum, as space is very limited.

Every year, we like to support our local community and we will be collecting donations for Crowthorne foodbank.

Please see the list below of items they need:

- Microwave rice
- Long-life milk
- Carton Juice
- tinned veg
- Tinned fruit
- tinned meat
- Cooking oil
- Tinned fish
- Bulger wheat
- Tinned fish
- Pasta sauce
- Pulses
- tinned spaghetti/beans (with and without meat)
- Tinned fish
- Bulger wheat
- Tea
- custard
- rice pudding
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned tomatoes/Passata
- Tinned new potatoes
- Crisp/treats for lunch boxes
- Buckwheat#
- Flour



## Cycle to School Week

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September

Organised by the Bikeability Trust and supported by Sustrans, Cycle to School Week is a week-long event where families are encouraged to try cycling and scooting to school. It's a great way to celebrate the huge benefits an active school run brings including the positive impact it has on children's health and wellbeing, on local air quality, and on carbon emissions. More information: <https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cyctetoschoolweek/>

## Violins

Is your child interested in learning to play the violin? Lessons are open to our Year 2 children and take place during the school day. The children get an opportunity to demonstrate their musical skills in our end of year music assembly. To arrange a free taster session please email: [admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk](mailto:admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk)





# READING NEWS



## Apply for a Blue Peter Book badge

Introducing the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books with us by answering the questions below! You can apply using our online form or by post. Click the link below for application information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



Make sure you keep us updated if you are lucky enough to earn a Blue Peter Book Badge!



## Wokingham Children's Book Festival

There is just under a month to go until the return of the [Wokingham Children's Book Festival](#) and we can't wait to welcome lots of brilliant authors to town. The festival is being held on the weekend of 14th and 15th October and many of the 13 events are already proving to be popular.

This year's [line-up](#) includes Nick Sharratt, Holly Webb, Iszi Lawrence Jane Elson and Clare Bevan. Each workshop is followed by a book signing and sessions are always interactive and family-friendly.

Children can meet their favourite authors, learn more about the creative process of coming up with characters and have a go themselves by taking part in drawing activities.

Tickets remain priced at £3 per person and can be purchased from the [Wokingham Children's Book Festival website](#).

## Reading Guardians

We are looking forward to welcoming volunteers into school to support with reading. We are going to take a slightly different approach this year and have a team of 'Reading Guardians' made up of parents, carers and volunteers who go into class to listen to children read 1:1. This year we would like all volunteers to take part in a short training session where we will go through the best ways to support children when hearing them read 1:1 and to share with you the key principles behind our phonics scheme 'Sounds-Write', to ensure we have a consistent approach to teaching children how to read.

Each 'Reading Guardian' will be assigned a class to read with for the term. This will ensure each class has a similar number of volunteers visiting over the week. If you volunteer to become a Reading Guardian you will not be always guaranteed to be in your child's class as you will be visiting different classes over the year.

The training will take place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**, following drop off. At 8:50 we will meet in the Year 2 library. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend the training on this date.



In recent years the internet has become an integral part of our children’s lives and it can be hard for parents to keep up with developments and to know the best way to keep their child safe online.

In school, we deliver a planned, progressive e-safety curriculum and key messages appropriate to your child’s age.

We are using Project Evolve, a tool kit that provides opportunities for discussion; prompted by appropriate questions accompanied by honest and useful information to shape thinking and challenge misconceptions.

**This term the theme is: [Self Image and Identity](#)**

**What we will cover**

I can recognise that anyone can say ‘no’ - ‘please stop’ - ‘I will tell’ - ‘I will ask’ - to somebody who makes them feel sad, uncomfortable or upset.

If something happens that makes me feel sad, uncomfortable, frightened or worried, I can give examples of when and how to speak to an adult I can trust and how they can help.

I can explain how other people may look and act differently online and offline.

I can give examples of issues that might make someone feel sad, worried, frightened or uncomfortable; I can give examples of how they might get help.

**Below are a selection of questions we will be asking the children:**

Who can help you if something ever worries or upsets you?

How can you ask for help? What would you say?

What are the different ways you can tell someone ‘no’?





# Attendance matters!



## Did you know?.....

Two school days missed each month during your school life, adds up to one whole year of school lost.

90% attendance may seem high but that adds up to approximately 19 days of absence each academic year

Pupils with 90% attendance or less are considered persistent absentees. These figures are reported to the local authority on a termly basis.

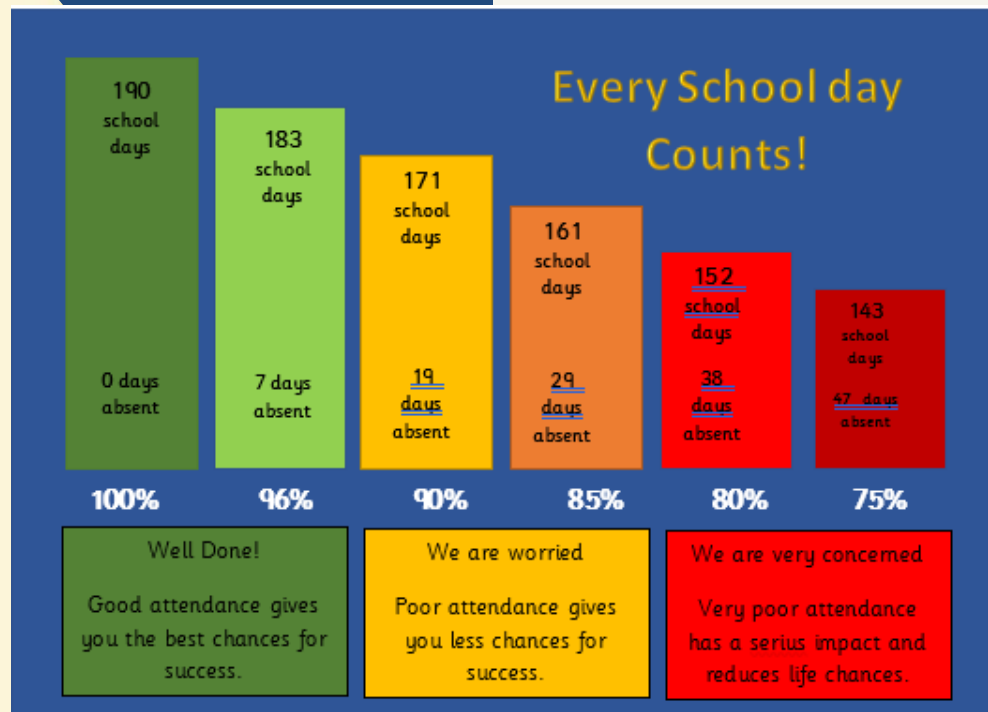
Daily lateness equates to...

- 5 minutes late = 3 days lost learning
- 10 minutes late = 6 days lost learning
- 15 minutes late = 10 days lost learning

## Miss School Miss Out!

Taking an unauthorised holiday is a criminal offence and may result in either a fixed penalty notice or prosecution.

5 consecutive or individual days of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period will be referred to Education Welfare to issue a fixed penalty notice. This is equal to £60 per parent per child.





Oaklands Infant School  
Autumn Term Dates 2023

Date	Activities in September
Autumn 1	Character Focus: <b>Goldie</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.50am: Reading Guardians training
Date	Activities in October
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.15 – 8.40am: Reading for Pleasure in the hall: Information soon
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am: Harvest Festival Assembly
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	CENSUS: School menu change
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	AM: Individual and sibling school photos
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9am: Beech class assembly  PTA Disco
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm: Yr1 Parent workshop: Reading, phonics and early writing  Parents evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am: Elm class assembly
<b>HALF-TERM Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	
Date	Activities in October
Autumn 2	Character Focus: <b>Holly</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school  Flu Spray
Date	Activities in November
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.30pm: FS Parent workshop: Reading, phonics and early writing
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	PTA: Fireworks
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 – 8.40am: Reading for Pleasure in the hall
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
Date	Activities in December
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas play performance: Time TBC
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas play performance: Time TBC
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	PTA: Elfridges TBC
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	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



COLLABORATE . ENRICH . SUPPORT

**DISCO NIGHT – 13<sup>th</sup> October (see poster)**

**FIREWORKS NIGHT – 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Our biggest night of the year! Tickets will be going on sale in the next couple of weeks.

In order for us to run this event as smoothly as possible, we need lots of volunteers! If you are able to donate your time either for set up, or at the actual event, please do let us know by clicking on the link below. Huge thank you in advance for anyone that is able to support us.

[VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - Oaklands Fireworks 2023 signup sheet](#)

We're also looking for business sponsorships. If you, or anyone you know is able to help sponsor our fireworks night, please email [Oaklandschoolspta@gmail.com](mailto:Oaklandschoolspta@gmail.com).

**ELFRIDGES – 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Such a fun morning for the children! More details will be coming out closer to the time, but if you do have any gifts that you would like to donate, please do take them to reception.

Oakland Schools PTA



# DISCO

**13 October 2023**

JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL

Infants 4:30 - 5:30PM (£5)

Juniors 6:00 - 7:30PM (£6)

**BEAT THE QUEUE AND BUY TICKETS ONLINE!!**

**Buy your tickets here:**

**[Oaklands Schools PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://Oaklands Schools PTA (pta-events.co.uk))**

SNACKS AND WATER AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS  
TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE FOR JUNIORS  
TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD ON THE DOOR VIA CASH OR CARD PAYMENTS.



## CONTACT US

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*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

<b>Times &amp; Prices</b>	8am-1pm	£22	Includes all activities & snacks!
	All Day	£38	

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!**

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