



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

*Deep roots for future growth*



Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week we celebrated one of our favourite events of the year, World Book Day. The children (and staff) all looked amazing in their costumes or snuggly outfits. Our book fair was a huge success, thank you to all those who bought books, we are looking forward to sharing the total raised with you soon. A massive thank you needs to go to Mrs Brown for volunteering her time to run the book fair.

Last week we had our annual PTA AGM, I shared in the meeting that without your generosity we would not be able to provide the children with all the extra curriculum opportunities such as the African drumming, Chinese and Kapla workshops. These workshops extend the children's education; academically and socially, as well as giving our children life long memories. A huge thank you to all the PTA members and volunteers for everything you do and to our families for supporting our incredible PTA.

Its lovely to see everyone in red today and I am pleased to say we have so far raised £122.81. Thank you for all the donations so far, you can still donate on the just giving page using the following link.

[Oaklands Schools PTA is fundraising for Oaklands Schools PTA \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Oaklands-Schools-PTA)

*Miss E Weston*



The PTA is thrilled to share our profit from the disco on Friday - a grand total of **£1,782.13!**

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers - parents and teachers. Without you these events couldn't run so we are really grateful to you for giving up your Friday evening.

Next event is the pre-loved uniform sale on the Juniors playground at pick up on **Friday 15th March**.



### Children who have received a Solo leaf

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

**Ash:** Oliver, Lee, Jools and Jonathan

**Willow:** Beau, Demi, Isla and Raphael

**Chestnut:** Dylan, Laurie, Marija and Louise

**Silver Birch:** Carlie, Jack M, Ronnie and Sam

**Beech:** Freddy, Alexander, Edward and Mia

**Elm:** Rea, Oliver, Ava and George

### Children who also received a Goldie leaf:

Evie, Edward and Charlotte B in Beech class for helping the lunchtime controllers tidy the hall. The whole of Willow class received a Goldie for using their manners when receiving their lunches.



Are you members of our local library? Did you know that as well as borrowing books from the library you can also enjoy other activities?

Drop in to Lego engineers from 10.00am-11.30am on a Saturday (it's free).

For the youngest members of the family there is 'Bounce and Rhyme time' on Mondays at 9.30am and Tuesdays at 2.00pm, 50p per child.

'Tot's Time' £1.50 per child no need to book, just turn up.

For adults why not try chess or scrabble clubs? As members you have access to all the libraries in Bracknell Forest, their books and other resources.





## Crowthorne Carnival – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024

It's that time again when the community of Crowthorne start planning the bi-annual carnival celebrations. This year's theme is *Surfing the Seven Seas*.

Carnival week kicks off on Saturday 6th July 2024 with a procession from Wellington College, through the high street and finishing at the Morgan Recreation ground, where there will be stalls and entertainment galore.

Oaklands Schools entry will focus on *The Pacific Ocean* where tropical waters meet desert islands. The concept will highlight the biodiversity of the region and how it is being effected by climate change.



The Carnival itself is about community spirit and getting involved. We would be delighted to have an army of volunteers to take part in the procession, making it quite the spectacle – and hopefully win best entry!

The children and adults will be dressing up as the sea, its creatures and surrounding our 'desert island' float. In keeping with our theme, we want to make the procession as sustainable as possible using recycled materials, crafts and costumes that we can collect or have donated by our parents/local businesses.

Look out for a list of useful items we will need in future announcements.

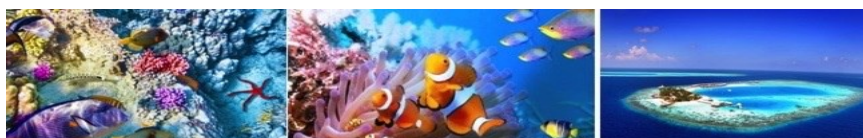
If your child would like to be involved in the procession, they would need to be free from approx. 09.30am – 13.00pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Please take a couple of minutes to fill the [online form](#) by April 15<sup>th</sup> 2024. Many thanks!

### LAUNCH EVENT - Non-uniform Friday 28th March

To celebrate the launch of our carnival event and to raise much needed funds, we are holding a non-uniform day on the last day of term for a £1 donation.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oaklandscarnival?utm\\_term=Na2nzdmzX](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oaklandscarnival?utm_term=Na2nzdmzX)



The Oaklands Carnival Committee thank you in advance for your support.

We can't wait to get our entry started with you all!



Oaklands Infant School

Spring Term Dates 2024

Date	Activities in March
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am: Silver Birch class assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	PTA non uniform day—£1 donation
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg raffle  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



**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	Wednesday 27th March	2:50pm
Willow	Monday 25th March	2:50pm
Chestnut	Thursday 21st March	3.00pm
Silver Birch	Friday 22nd March	9.00am: class assembly in the hall
Beech	Tuesday 26th March	3.00pm
Elm	Tuesday 26th March	3.00pm



Last week was a very exciting week in school for reading! On Thursday 7th March, the children and staff celebrated World Book Day 2024! Everyone made an amazing effort to dress up as a range of book characters or in something snuggly. During the afternoon we had lots of reading fun with children from the Junior School. It was lovely to see all the children with big smiles on their faces all day.





# Book Day Competition



We set the challenge to create a book character from a paper plate. We were overwhelmed with the amounts of entries we received! Miss Weston and Mrs West (Junior Headteacher) were given the difficult decision to choose a winner from each class, it was a tough choice! Congratulations to the children below who won, they received a brand new book from the School Book Fair. A huge well done to everyone who took part in the competition.



## The winners

Ash: Avery

Willow: Ryan

Chestnut: Laurie

Silver Birch: Edward

Beech: Evie

Elm: Leo

## A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



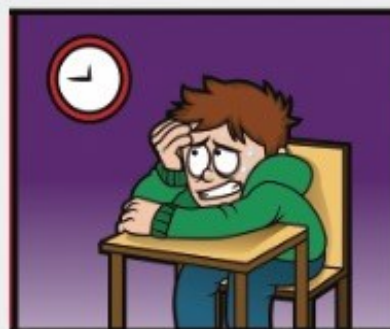
scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

**Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.**

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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## Ramadan 2024

In 2024 Ramadan begins on March 10th plus or minus a day, dependent on the moon sighting. Eid-ul-Fitr (the festival marking the end of Ramadan) falls on 9th April (plus or minus a day).

Muslim school staff and pupils will be marking this holy month in the Islamic calendar by fasting between dawn and sunset each day, in order to devote themselves to their faith, show what life is like for those less fortunate and show self-discipline.

Once Ramadan is finished, Muslims will celebrate Eid ul-Fitr, the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast, spending time with family, friends, loved ones and the local community, who come together to rejoice, enjoy good food and exchange gifts.

Ramadan Mubarak



## Funding to help your child and the school

Schools get extra funding, known as the 'Pupil Premium', for every child registered as eligible for a free school meal if their parents are receiving benefits.

Schools use this money for activities such as art therapy, booster classes, educational trips, and after-school clubs.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

### [Income support](#)

Income based [Job Seekers Allowance](#)

Income related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)

### [NASS support](#)

Guarantee element of [State Pension](#)

[Child Tax Credit](#), provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

[Working Tax Credit](#) for the four weeks after employment ends

[Universal Credit](#), provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child school.

[Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's website.



# Squirrels

## Seeking bright eyed and bushy tailed new recruits

2nd Crowthorne are currently running a pilot Squirrels section on Tuesdays 4.30pm-5.30pm. This new group is based at the Pinewood Centre and is open to all children aged 4-6 years old. It aims to provide fun, adventure, friendship, and of course, badges.

We are interested in hearing from potential Squirrels and adults who might be interested in helping to form a new team to run the group beyond Easter.

Please contact [sandra@gtdgroup.com](mailto:sandra@gtdgroup.com) to register your interest and join our pilot project, which is running until 26th March.

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# Easter Egg Raffle

Thursday, 28th March  
in Junior's Playground at 1:30 pm

3 Raffle Tickets for Every £1

### Calling for Easter Egg Donations

We are collecting Easter egg donations (no nuts, please!) Kindly drop off your donations at the School Office by the end of the day, **Tuesday, 26th March.**

just play sports

2-12 April

## Easter holiday clubs

Banish holiday boredom with our jam-packed sessions for children aged 4-12

### Discover a new sport or game

Play awesome games, competitions and matches across:

- Football • Multi-skills • Archery • Parachute games
- Tennis • Rounders • Dodgeball • Cricket • Arts and crafts

### Savings to suit every pocket

**Save:**  
10% when you book the whole week  
10% for siblings

Use your childcare vouchers or pay with tax-free childcare

### Where you'll find the fun

St Paul's Junior School, Wokingham  
Colleton Primary School, Twyford  
Oaklands Junior School, Crowthorne\*  
Cranford Park Primary School, Yateley\*

**Get 15% off at Colleton, Oaklands and Cranford Park**  
Use code JPSEB15 until 22 March  
(works with other discounts)

HAF spaces available

### Flexibility to suit you

Standard day: 10.00am - 3.30pm  
Extended day: 8.30am - 5.30pm  
4-year-olds: 10.00am - 2.00pm

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