



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We are already full swing into the summer term. Please do check the summer term dates, these are also on the WEDUC calendar.

National offers for school places were announced last week. I'm really pleased to say that our numbers for Foundation Stage 2024 are nearly full, this will really help the finances of the school. You may have seen on some Facebook pages an advert for school places, we would love for you to share this with your friends, neighbours and on social media. There are still some spaces for next years year 1 and 2 so please mention us.

Today was a very special afternoon, we invited in some of our grandparents of our Ash and Willow children. Bob Elsey, Corvus Trust CEO also attended to be an extra grandparent for those who couldn't attend. The children performed some songs and shared a snack and juice whilst showing off their classrooms to the grandparents. Such a joyous afternoon of smiles and laughter.

Miss E Weston



Children who have received a Laurie leaf

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

Ash: Isla and Dominic

Willow: Alex and Esme

Chestnut: Freddie and Olivia

Silver Birch: Oscar and Sophie I

Beech: Alfie and Charlotte N

Elm: Elif and Freya

Mrs Thuambe was really proud of how well the dance group listened to their dance teacher and how they waited sensibly and quietly at the end of their dance session this week.

A Feast at
Hogwarts

Thursday 2nd May 2024
The team are looking forward to celebrating with you.

Book online using ParentPay now!

MAIN COURSE

- Hogwarts Hog (Ham and cheese burrito wrap)
- Hogwarts hand held wrap (mixed bean and cheesy burrito)
- Whomping Willows (Cauliflower, broccoli)
- Ravenclaw's rice (savory braised rice)

PUDDING

- Philosopher's Scone (Scone with jam)
- Snape's Surprise (Fruit salad)
- Hagrid Slime (Jelly)
- Weasley's Potion Pot (Yoghurt)

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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.

Willow 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 24th May	2:50pm
Willow	Friday 24th May	9am class assembly in the hall
Chestnut	Thursday 16th May	3pm
Silver Birch	Monday 20th May	3pm
Beech	Tuesday 21st May	3pm
Elm	Wednesday 22nd May	3pm

Home-Learning

We do not provide the children with formal homework but expect children to regularly practise basic skills such as reading, spelling and number facts.



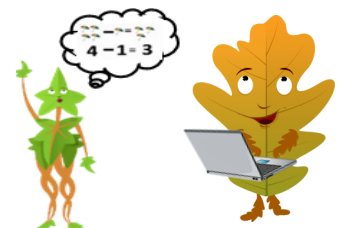
Home learning sheets are shared half termly which link to our topics. They contain ideas and activities you can do at home to support work ongoing in class. Children are encouraged to bring in any learning tasks completed at home to share with their class. Alongside the home-learning sheets we have created Victor Vocabulary sheets, these provide a list of key vocabulary being taught.

Please **click** the links below for your year group:

[Foundation Stage: Ash and Willow](#)

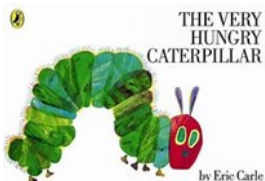
[Year 1: Chestnut and Silver Birch](#)

[Year 2: Beech and Elm](#)





Foundation Stage

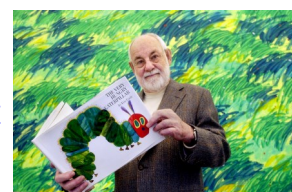


This half term our topic is In the Garden. We will be learning about minibeasts and then looking at birds. The children have all been outside hunting for minibeasts and managed to find an earwig, woodlice, a ladybird, spiders, ants and even a toad! We will look at some features of different minibeasts and talk about their habitat. One of our focus texts is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We will be using this to learn about the lifecycle of a butterfly and as a prompt for some writing. In Maths we will be looking at odd and evens, doubles and completing some addition number problems. Our creative tasks will include printing, painting and minibeast drawing as well as practicing our cutting skills. We are all looking forward to another fun packed half term of learning.

Year 1

This will be another jam-packed half term full of new experiences and knowledge for our Year 1 children. Our topic is 'And It Grew', which focuses on the science of plants. The children will be making the most of our fantastic school grounds by getting outdoors to learn more about plants, both wild and garden. They will begin to identify plants, the parts of plants and to know the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. We are sure the children will love our trip to Woolley Firs Nature Reserve, which will of course enrich their learning for this half term perfectly.

The children will focus on non-fiction writing this half term, but we will also be introducing them to traditional tales, such as Jack and the Beanstalk and Little Red Riding Hood, in order to spark their imaginations for their own story writing in the future. In Art we will be recreating a picture by Eric Carle, author of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and in PSHE the children will learn about being a good friend and how to help themselves when they feel upset. In PE the children will be practising their bat and ball skills as well as learning a dance inspired by Jack and the Beanstalk!



Year 2

We have kicked off our 'Day in the Life' topic this half term by learning about Rosa Parks' life and how her brave actions led to important changes. The children are going to also learn about Emily Davison and discuss the similarities and differences between the two important women.

Year 2 have enjoyed walking to Crowthorne library where they learnt more about how the library works and what sort of books are available to borrow. The librarian gave the children suggestions of new authors they might like based on those they are currently enjoying.

In English we have been writing our own poems based on the poem called 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. We are going to also be reading the text *Rosie Revere, Engineer* and the children will write their own stories and explanation texts.

In Maths we are learning about measures including counting money and giving change, measuring in cm, m, g, kg, ml and l and comparing and ordering height, weight and volume.



Year 1 Woolley Firs Trip

Our wishes were granted for our trip to beautiful Woolley Firs Education Centre today! Year 1 were blessed with dry weather right up until the very moment we got on the coach to return to school. During our visit, the children relished the freedom to explore the beautiful setting. We spent the day in the stunning woodland and meadows connecting with nature, and deepening our understanding of the life cycle of plants and the interdependency of plants and pollinating insects. There was great excitement from all, as the children took part in a number of fun learning activities that linked with our 'And It Grew' topic. The two classes explored the woodland to find seeds, planted sunflower seeds, took part in the 'Secret names of Trees' identification game, and even dressed up as bees to pollinate a flower! The children made their own pots out of nothing more than newspaper, which one child described as being 'like magic'.

We were so proud of the children's engagement, curiosity and desire to learn more about the natural world around them. It was a day to remember for everyone.



This term our focus for the school character is Laurie.

In the first Olympics in Greece, the winner needed to have a crown to wear. They couldn't use gold or silver so they chose laurel. Laurie was very proud to be used to make the first wreath that was worn on the heads of the winners.

Laurie often says....

- Be proud of yourself and be proud of others.
- You're the best!
- I'm so proud of my achievements.
- Be proud of who you are.
- Are you proud of your work today?
- What have you done to be proud of yourself today?



“Take Pride” like Laurie

Our Oaklands Tree in the hall



Well done to all the children who received an Ivy and Goldie leaf last half term. You should feel very proud of yourselves!



The Noticeboard

School Equipment

PLEASE, PLEASE make sure that there are no children on the school playground equipment at any time. It is **only** for use during school times, this is for health and safety reasons. This also includes our reading shed as some of our books have been ruined. This is school property and needs to be respected by our whole school community. *Thank you*

Uniform Reminders

- Now that we are heading into summer, the children often take their jumpers and cardigans off and leave them out on the playground. Please ensure they are named so we can return them.
- We have noticed some children coming into school in trainers. Children should be wearing school shoes. <http://oaklandsinfants.org/school-uniform/>
- Hair must be tied back if it can be tied back, this is for health and safety reasons. Headbands with ears are not permitted as part of the school uniform.
- Please check your child's PE kit and other clothes are labelled and that they still fit. Some children are struggling to get changed as they can't get their jumper or dress over their head.



We would like to wish those celebrating in our community a Happy Passover

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.

Birthdays

Please can we remind you that sweets are not allowed in school. This includes bringing them in for birthdays to hand out to children in class or at the door. To celebrate their birthdays pupils are allowed to wear home clothes to school on the day of their birthday or on a Friday if their birthday is on a weekend.

Reading for pleasure



Please come along to our next session on **Tuesday 30th April** at **8.15 – 8.45am** in the Infant hall.

Siblings are welcome too.

Scooters

This is a reminder that no scooters or bikes are to be ridden within the school grounds, children must dismount at the school gates.



Oaklands Infant School
Summer Term Dates 2024

Date	Activities in April
Tuesday 30 th	8.15am: Reading for Pleasure morning in the hall
Date	Activities in May
Thursday 2 nd	Am: Yr1 Crowthorne library visit Pm: Maths Parent workshop— Postponed
Monday 6 th	Bank holiday
Thursday 16 th	CENSUS day AM: Ash and Willow library visit
Thursday 23 rd	FS to Crowthorne library visit
Friday 24 th	9am: Willow class assembly
HALF-TERM Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024	
Date	Activities in June
Summer 2	Character Focus: Casey
Monday 3 rd	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 th	Return to school
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th	Y1 phonic screening check and Y2 retakes
Monday 10 th	School photos
Friday 14 th	Foundation Stage school trip
Tuesday 18 th	8.15am: Reading for Pleasure morning in the hall
Friday 21 st	9am: Ash class assembly
Wednesday 26 th	Sports Day
Thursday 27 th	Year 2 school trip
Date	Activities in July
Wednesday 3 rd	12.05pm – 1.15pm: Yr2 lunch at OJS
Thursday 4 th	10.15am: Yr2 assembly/playtime at OJS
Saturday 6 th	Crowthorne Carnival
Thursday 11 th	9.05am – 11.20am: Whole school transition including OJS
Friday 12 th	Reports out to parents
Saturday 13 th	Crowthorne Flower Festival
Wednesday 17 th	1.45pm: Yr2 Leavers Play to parents
Thursday 18 th	Pm: Yr2 PTA Leavers afternoon
Friday 19 th	PTA: Crazy Hair Day
Monday 22 nd	INSET day
Tuesday 23 rd	INSET day

OAKLANDS SCHOOLS PTA PRESENTS
FRIDAY 17TH MAY
 at Oaklands Junior School Hall

Quiz NIGHT

BRING YOUR OWN
 DRINKS AND SNACKS

DOORS OPENS 7:30PM
 QUIZ STARTS 8:00PM

TICKETS PURCHASED LAST YEAR WILL
 BE TRANSFERRED OVER

£10
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	Football & Dodgeball		
Wed 29th May	Bubble Show	PM	
Thurs 30th May	Science Show	PM	+£5
Fri 31st May	Street Dance Class	AM	

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 games and outside play!

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