



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to warmly welcome all our Infant children and families back after the Christmas holidays. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break.

The children have settled back into their routines well and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm, smiles, and eagerness to share news from their holidays. This term will be full of exciting learning opportunities, including new topics, creative activities, and continued development of reading, writing, and maths skills.

Thursday marked the deadline for applications for school places. I'm delighted to share that I've conducted over 80 parent tours, with plenty of positive feedback about our wonderful children, staff, and school environment.

This newsletter includes important dates for the Spring term, they are also on Weduc. In a couple of weeks, we will be sending out booking information for Parents' Evening.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. We look forward to another happy and successful Spring term together.

Miss E Weston



Children who have received a Solo leaf

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

Ash: Sophia D and Zachery

Willow: Casper and Cleo

Chestnut: Annie and James

Silver Birch: Hattie and Sofia

Beech: Caspar and Elliot

Elm: Daisy and Archer



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.

Oaklands Infants Character

This half term our character focus is: Solo

Solo would say:

- use your own ideas to be creative
- encourage others
- be independent
- be brave and try it on your own
- be your own person



When at home encourage your child to be like Solo and do things such as...

- tie up shoe laces
- zip up your coat
- tidy your bedroom
- complete a puzzle
- look through a picture book



School Clubs

Extra Curricular Clubs – Spring 2026

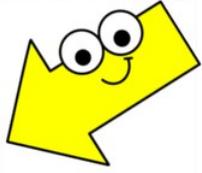
There are still plenty of spaces for the following clubs, if your child is interested please click on the links below for more information and how to book. As you all know at Oaklands we believe in growing roots for future growth. Clubs add another dimension to this ethos and help our children grow.

The following clubs are fee paying:

<u>Multi-Sports: Step-Up</u>	Monday's 3.15 – 4.20pm	All age groups
<u>Mindful Minis</u>	Monday's 3:20 – 4:20pm	All age groups
<u>Footlights</u>	Tuesday's 3:20 – 4:20pm	All age groups
<u>Little Musketeers</u>	Wednesday's 7:45 – 8:40am	All age groups
<u>Violin</u>	Wednesday lunchtime	Year 2
<u>Football: Just Play Sports</u>	Wednesday's 3.15 – 4.30pm	All age groups
<u>Judo</u>	Thursday's 7.45 – 8.40am	Years 1 and 2

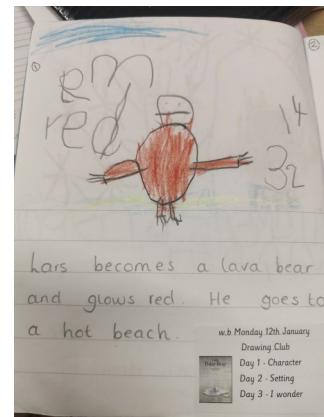
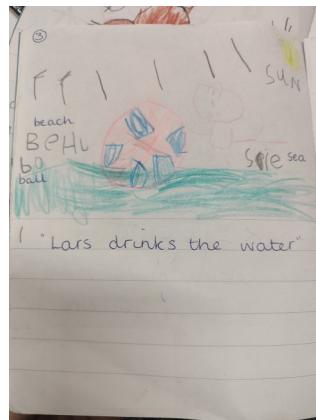
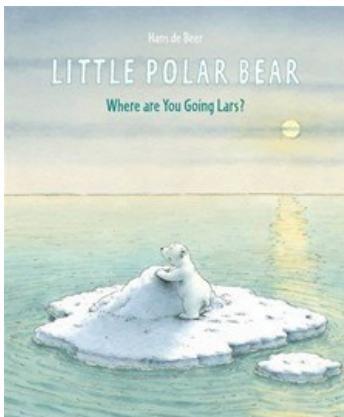


LOOK what we're LEARNING!



Foundation Stage

We are excited to start the Spring term by learning about our amazing planet and its Polar Regions! We will be exploring the unique animals that live in these icy habitats and discovering how they survive in such extreme conditions. We will learn lots of fascinating facts about polar animals and think about how their habitats differ from other places on Earth. In Drawing Club, we will explore a range of polar-themed books to inspire our creativity and mark making. The children will have the chance to bring these chilly worlds to life through their drawings and magic word and number codes. There will be plenty of opportunities for hands-on activities, discussions, and creativity to make learning fun and memorable. It's going to be an exciting half term full of exploration and imagination!



Year 1

We are sure the children are going to love our Lower the Drawbridge topic this half term, which has both a History and Geography focus. Earlier in the year, the children's history focused upon their own lives; this half term we will be thinking about the past and how it differs from the way we live now. The children will learn a little about William the Conqueror, King Harold, and the Battle of Hastings. We will think about how and why castles were built so differently to the houses we live in now. We will also spend a day at Windsor Castle! This trip never fails to deliver the awe and wonder that will create memories and learning that last a lifetime.



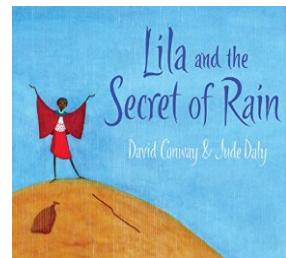
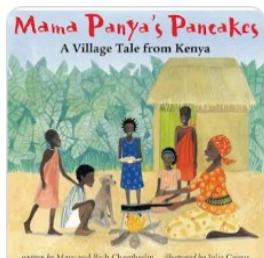
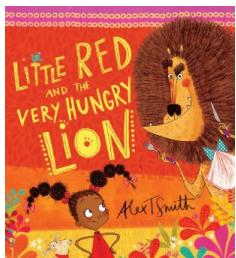
As part of Geography, we will be looking at maps of the United Kingdom and learning the countries and capitals cities that are comprised within it and the seas that surround it. The children will begin to think about whether the features they see in the world around them are human features or physical features.

In Science, we will be thinking more about the seasons, particularly how winter is different to autumn. Thinking like scientists, the children will regularly record the temperature and rainfall and check our Oaklands weather station <https://app.weathercloud.net/d9878357425> as well as noticing other changes over the coming term. This might vary from the clothes we wear outside, the time it gets light in the morning to the changes in the trees.



On Monday 12th January, Year 2 left behind the grey, cold weather of England, packed their bags, had their passports stamped and boarded Oaklands Air on a flight to Nairobi, Kenya. After a safety briefing the flight took off and the children enjoyed some inflight entertainment and a snack. Fortunately, it was a smooth flight, there was little turbulence and after a successful landing the children touched down in Nairobi to begin this half term's topic Home and Away.

In English, our focus will be on adding detail to sentences through description and use of conjunctions such as **because**, **when** and **if**. You can see our Clever Writer texts for this half term pictured below.



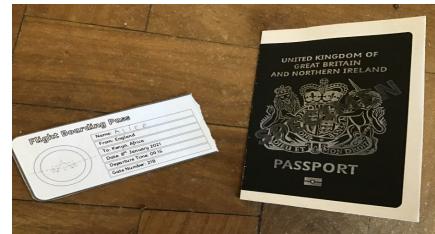
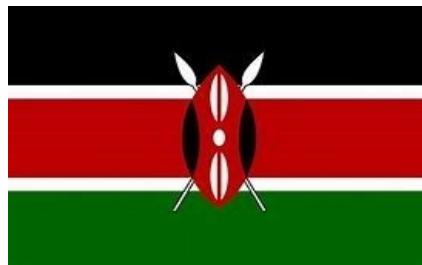
This is a Geography led topic so we will be finding out about the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

In Maths, we will be looking at more formal written methods to solve addition and subtraction calculations as well as learning about measuring length and height.

Our Science learning this half term focuses on finding out about the basic needs of animals including humans for survival.

In Art, we will be learning about the importance of masks in African culture, the children will design their own mask using cardboard relief to bring it to life.

The topic will end with an exciting African workshop, where we will have an opportunity to take part in African dancing and drumming. An exciting half term ahead!



School Council



Zuzia



Seb



Isla



Henry

Before the holidays, Miss Weston met with the School Council. The meeting was led by the School Council members, who discussed several important areas.

School Council Roles

The School Council would like posters of themselves displayed around the school so that staff, visitors, and children know who they are. They would also like to take a more active role in school life by speaking in plays and assemblies, for example by introducing assemblies or explaining safety rules.

Reading at Home

The children discussed the importance of reading and shared ideas on how we can encourage more reading at home.

Playtime

The School Council raised concerns about some rough play happening at playtimes. One suggestion was to address this in a whole-school assembly, with support from Casey's Crew.

Next Meeting

In their next meeting, the School Council would like to discuss fundraising projects for the school.



We need your help!

Some of our garden areas around the school are in need of some major TLC. If you or a family member could offer any time to help please contact the school office.





Oaklands Infant School

Spring Term Dates 2026

Thursday 22nd	All day: Yr1 Windsor Castle trip
Date	Activities in February
WB 2nd	National Story Telling Week National Mental Health Week – assemblies, walk & shared lunch
Wednesday 4th	9am: Silver Birch class assembly
Friday 6th	NSPCC Number day PTA disco
Tuesday 10th	Safer Internet Day From 3.30pm: Parents Evening
Thursday 12th	From 3.30pm: Parents Evening
Friday 13th	Newsletter 6 AM: Yr2 African workshop 3.30pm: End of half term
HALF-TERM Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February	
Spring 2	Character Focus: Ivy
Monday 23rd	INSET
Tuesday 24th	Children return to school Yr1: Science visitor
Date	Activities in March
Tuesday 3rd	9.30am – 12pm: Yr2 Pizza Express trip
Wednesday 4th	9.30am – 12pm: Yr2 Pizza Express trip
Thursday 5th	World Book Day
Friday 6th	Newsletter 7
Friday 13th	2.15pm: Foundation Grandparents afternoon
Thursday 19th	9am: Chestnut class assembly
Friday 20th	Comic Relief: Red Nose Day
Wednesday 25th	3.00pm: PTA Easter raffle and OIS Easter bonnet parade
Friday 27th	Newsletter 8 1.30pm: End of term
EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 30th March – Monday Friday 10th April	
Monday 13th	Start of summer term

HALF-TERM FUN & ADVENTURE

16TH-20TH FEBRUARY

8AM-6PM £45 AGES 3-11 YEARS

MON 16TH BEEHIVE EXPRESS BUS
TUES 17TH BIRDS OF PREY
WEDS 18TH K-POP DISCO
THURS 19TH JUDO
FRI 20TH ARTS & CRAFTS

GAMES, TOYS, OUTSIDE PLAYTIME
...AND SO MUCH MORE!



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Hidden Treasure

18th - 20th Feb 10-3pm

Explore Uncover Discover

The way...

Start your adventure here



EEA Kids Holiday Club
EXPERIENCE

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Council Tax Funding Consultation

Have Your Say

Take part in a consultation on how your fire service is funded. The consultation closes at 9am on 2 February 2026. Please contact us for more information:

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