



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

*Deep roots for future growth*



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy half term comes to an end, and what a fantastic few weeks it has been. We've had many exciting extra-curricular activities taking place across the school. Year 1 enjoyed their Royal Banquet and trip to Windsor Castle, while Year 2 have been busy learning about Kenya, finishing their topic with a wonderful African dance and drumming workshop today.

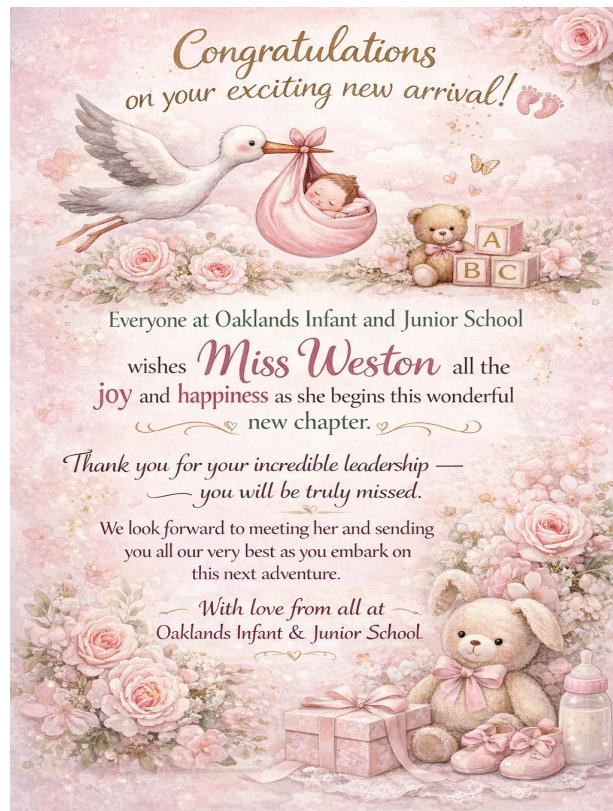
Well done to the children and staff in Silver Birch class for their impressive class assembly. They showcased an incredible amount of learning in such a short half term. Both the audience and I were very impressed with their History and Geography knowledge, and of course their fantastic singing.

This week we held our Parents' Evening appointments with class teachers. I hope you found these meetings valuable and enjoyed looking through your child's books. Last week we also held our first *Celebration of Reading* event, which had an excellent turnout across all classes. We hope you found this useful and enjoyed seeing your children show off their reading skills. We welcome any feedback on this new event.

Today is my last day before I start my maternity leave. Firstly, thank you to everyone who has shared their congratulations and kind wishes. Today is filled with mixed emotions. I have been in teaching for 18 years, so it feels strange that I won't be returning after half term as I change roles from looking after 180 children to just one — not sure which is easier! I look forward to sharing the news of my baby girl's arrival. I will be back for some visits in the summer and plan to return in the new year. I know I leave the school in the very capable hands of Mr Holland, supported by Miss Davies and Mrs Shrieve.

Best wishes

*Miss E Weston*





## Children who have received a Solo leaf

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

**Ash:** Daisy, Freddie, Ava, Theo, Harry, Sophia, Michael, and Zora.

**Willow:** Delilah, Jessica, Ruairi, Eli, Albie, Scarlet, Alice and Isabella.

**Chestnut:** Mabel, Larson, Hayley, Evie, Shayden, Martha, Liam and Hudson.

**Silver Birch:** Alfie, Maisie, Ford, Teo, Lily M, Heidi, Jude and Mayla.

**Beech:** Margot, Fred, Eden, Joshua, Athena, Cesar, Ryan and Elodie.

**Elm:** Henry, Ryder, Alfie, Jayden, Arabella M, Thomas, Beau and Esme.



### These children were also awarded a Goldie:

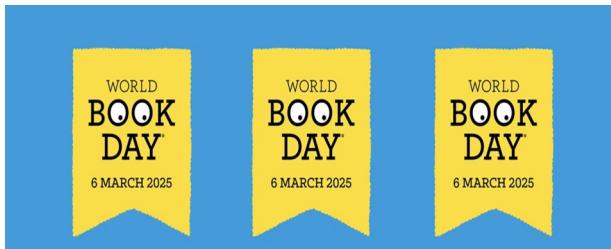
Arhan (Silver Birch) for tidying up the classroom, even when the items didn't belong to him.

Archer (Elm), Elliot and Caspar (Beech) for studying the reading shed during their lunch break without being prompted.

## World Book Day

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be taking part in 'World Book Day' to promote a love of reading.

As part of the day, children will be allowed to dress up as either their favourite character, or a title from a book (which their friends have to then guess). Alternatively, they could be dressed to 'snuggle up and read' by wearing cosy clothes such as pyjamas or a onesie.



## Spring Book Fair

**24th February till 9th March 2025**



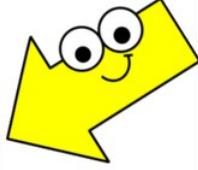
Celebrate reading books and earn free books for your school! Books start at just £2.99. **This will be in the Year 2 library after school for two weeks from 3:10pm.** Coupons and World Book Day vouchers can be used at the Book Fair, these will be handed out after half term. The voucher entitles you to £1 off the purchase of any book at the book fair. There will also be 'pocket money' items available to buy. The school benefits hugely from the commission generated by these sales (we get 60% off on all sales). At the last book sale this resulted in £617.56 worth of 'free' books for the school. This makes a huge difference to the school's library and topic resources, so all your support is much appreciated. **Card payments available using a QR code or exact cash, no change is available.**

## Reminder

If you need to contact the school via email, please use the [admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk) and not the admissions or office manager email. Thank you.



# LOOK what we're LEARNING!



## Foundation Stage

We have had a busy half-term learning about our planet Earth's Polar Regions. We learnt about the different animals and their habitats. Lars from the story, The Little Polar Bear ended up floating all the way to the jungle. We sorted animals into groups, those that live in the jungle, and those that live in the polar regions. We enjoyed watching some nature clips about emperor penguins, narwhals, whales and other polar animals. The children were full of ideas of how we could rescue Lars from the ice (gummy bear in an ice cube) and then ate him! We also had Number Day and were excited to dress up in clothes with numbers on and we had some great costumes!

## Year 1

We have been learning about the different features of a castle, why castles were built and the different roles of those who once lived in a castle. We were lucky enough to visit Windsor Castle, one of the real castles originally built by William the Conqueror!



We were also fortunate enough to take part in an amazing scooter workshop at the start of the half term.

## Year 2

Year 2 have spent an enjoyable few weeks touring the country of Kenya. We have found out lots of information about this diverse and interesting country. As Geographers we have studied the location, climate, topography and landscapes, comparing and contrasting with our life in the U.K. In English, we read the story of *Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion* which is rich in descriptive language. We collected our own 'wow' words and wrote setting descriptions.

In Maths, we have learnt various addition and subtraction strategies and looked at different types of questions, identifying key words so we know which calculation to carry out. Finally, in Science, we learned about animal offspring and what all living things need to survive. To finish the topic, we enjoyed a day with Kwame from African Activities and produced our own non-fiction books about Kenya. A fantastic half term's learning— well done Year 2!





## Oaklands Infant School

### Spring Term Dates 2026

<b>HALF-TERM Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>Spring 2</b>	Character Focus: Ivy
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	INSET
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Children return to school  Yr1: Science visitor
Date	Activities in March
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.30am – 12pm: Yr2 Pizza Express trip
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am – 12pm: Yr2 Pizza Express trip
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Newsletter 7
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr1 Library Visit
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	2.15pm: Foundation Grandparents afternoon
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9am: Chestnut class assembly
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Comic Relief: Red Nose Day
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	3.00pm: PTA Easter raffle and OIS Easter bonnet parade
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Newsletter 8  1.30pm: End of term
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Monday Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Start of summer term

### Knowledge Organisers

Spring 1 knowledge organisers are available for you to view on the learning pages of the website. This is so you can understand what your child has learnt this half term and they are a good way for you to review and revise their learning. Regular retrieval of knowledge helps us remember more effectively and helps the children have a deeper understanding over time.

Click here: [Foundation Stage](#) [Year 1](#) [Year 2](#)

# Playground Progress





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### Art & Yoga Club

When: Monday 16th February | 10am – 12pm

Where: Buckler's Community Hub, Crowthorne

Cost: £25 per child



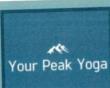
A unique blend of yoga flow and creative art to help your child recharge, express themselves and find their calm



Led by experienced educators:  
Sami Rich (Primary PE & Yoga Specialist) & Colette MacManus (Former Deputy Head & SENDCo)

Limited to 30 spaces - Book your spot via the link [HERE](#) or the QR code!

For more information, contact [colette@thriveinclusionwellbeing.com](mailto:colette@thriveinclusionwellbeing.com) or [yourpeakyoga@gmail.com](mailto:yourpeakyoga@gmail.com)



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