



Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

The end of term is almost upon us, my final personal words will come separately as there is quite a lot to cover in this final newsletter for the academic year.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported the Colour Run and Summer Fayre on Saturday, it was a brilliant event. Well done to all the runners, I hope the paint did not take the rest of the weekend to clean off. Thank you to Friends and OJSA for organising, I know the planning of big events has to start early, at least 6 months ago.

The library and independent reading books have now been collected in but if you find any stray ones at home we would be grateful for their safe return. Please hand into your class teacher at the door.

As we reach the end of another school year I would like to say a heartfelt goodbye to the families who leave us this summer, those who have been associated with the school for a long time through your only child, second, third and fourth children attending the school. I have appreciated your supportive company and wish you all well as you continue your children's learning journey.

This summer Miss Knight is getting married, we wish her well and hope that the day is full of celebration and joy. When we return in September she will be Mrs Anderson.

The last day of term is Wednesday 21 July with the school closing at the usual time of 3.15pm. Please make a note that the first day of term will be an INSET day and the Year 1 and 2 children will return on Wednesday 2 September at the usual time of 8.45am.

I have put some reminders for the new school year on the final slide, please pin this email and take a look at the last slide at the end of August. Have a super summer.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

INSET Days 2026-2027

1 September 2026
23 October 2026
4 January 2027
12 February 2027
25 June 2027

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Home Reading

Apple Class scored the final win of the school year, after our 'Superchamps' Sycamore of course!
Thank you for supporting your children at home with their reading, it is the most important skill of their infant learning journey.

I have totalled up the wins for the year and the final standings are as follows-

W/C	6.7.2026	13.7.2026
Sycamore	73%	60%
Apple	55%	46%
Cherry	50%	29%
Hazel	56%	43%
Holly	50%	28%
Willow	62%	34%

1st	Sycamore
2nd	Willow
3rd=	Holly
3rd=	Apple
5th	Hazel
6th	Cherry

Summer Reading Challenge

Last Thursday the Library Team came to talk to the children about this summer's reading challenge. Read to the Beat is the theme for this year and the sign up is now open. Please follow the link to find out more
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone>

If your child takes part, please remember to tell us about it in September.
Thank you.

Reading Round Up

Mrs Mears is sending out her Reading Round Up today. Please take a look over the holidays.

Thank you to Mrs Mears for looking after the library and opening it up after school this year, I am really grateful to her for giving up her time.



Oakley Show- 8 August 2026

The Oakley Show is being held at the Infant School again this year. The show opens at 1.30pm.

As part of the show there are some competitions open to the children. Last year there were not many entrants but I know there are many creative children in our school who would love to be part of the show. The categories for the children are as follows-

For children up to and including school year 2 (as at June 2026):

Class 77 A decorated cupcake (decoration only to be judged)

Class 78 A model from recycled materials (max 30cm x 30cm)

Class 79 Grow your own cress character

Class 80 A Summer themed picture

All you need to do is bring along your entrant along on the morning of the show between 9-11am. Please bring a small card with your child's name and age to slip under your entrant.

Good luck and I hope to see many of you there.



Celebration Assembly

The final Celebration Assembly of the school year will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, after drop off at 9.10am. We will celebrate the final out of school achievements and all the birthdays up until 31 August.

School Uniform

There is an extraordinary amount of unclaimed school uniform around the school, all unnamed or it has been bought from the second hand uniform and not been renamed. I have asked the staff to put it outside each classroom and I would urge you to take whatever you may use and need. It really has been hanging around the school for a long time now so please help yourself.

Year 2 parents- Mrs Barrett has requested that if you have any PE shorts or PE t-shirts that you no longer need or want, she would like to give them a good home. Please hand them to her at the end of term or pop back and deliver back to her in September. She is looking to re-stock her classroom spares.

Earrings

If you are thinking of allowing your child to get their ears pierced now is the time to do it while they have the long summer break to recover and heal. Please remember that earrings must be removed for PE at school so if they are pierced during term time your child will miss 6 weeks of PE and fun. Having earrings while at infant school is quite a responsibility so please think carefully if this is a road you are thinking of travelling.

September 2026

A reminder of how the school will be configured from September 2026 with two new teachers joining us who have both chosen new class names.

There is also a new Teaching Assistant joining Mrs Barrett in Sycamore Class and a new Teaching Assistant joining Mrs Anderson in Cherry Class.

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching Assistant/s
Apple	Miss Moody	Mrs Ware
Cherry	Mrs Anderson (Miss Knight will be getting married in the summer)	Mrs Chippett and Mrs Owen
Sycamore	Mrs Barrett	Mrs Denning
Beech	Miss Russell	Mrs Meyer
Maple	Miss Le Maistre	Miss Wheeler
Willow	Miss Fawcett	Mrs Crawford

I would like to wish the outgoing members of staff good luck and Oakley’s very best wishes as they all begin new adventures. It has been an absolute pleasure working with so many of you for a very long time. Oakley’s children have benefitted from your dedication and enthusiasm so I thank you for your efforts.

On behalf of the staff I would also like to thank you for you all of the kind words, thoughts and gifts that have made their way into school. It really is quite overwhelming and we are thankful to be thought of at this very busy time.

New School Year- September 2026

A few reminders to think about over the summer holidays to try and ensure your child is ready for the new school year.

- If you were thinking of getting your child's ears pierced please do this over the summer holidays. Children cannot do PE with earrings in so while they are healing and cannot be taken out **they cannot do PE.**
- Once pierced studs or small earrings are the safest.
- Check PE kits fit, particularly trainers.
- **Make sure everything is named**, if they can take it off it can get lost. Any second hand purchases need YOUR child's name not the original owner.
- Make sure PE kits fit comfortably into a draw string bag, please nothing larger as there is not room on their pegs in school. **NO RUCK SACKS**
- Only one keyring on the bookbag, please use the summer to decide on your favourite and take off any extras.
- Please make sure your child's name is visible on their bookbag either under the flap or on the outside- a lot of time is spent looking for bookbags.
- The bookbag should be tidied out over the summer and come back empty.
- When choosing school shoes, please avoid shoes with laces unless your child can do them up independently.
- Please practise turning clothes back in the right way- socks, arms on jumpers etc..
- Please practise using a knife and fork at the dinner table, the more independent your child is the less time they have to wait for adult assistance.
- Please remember The Friends' Trails are not to be used before or after school. They are only to be used during the school day.
- Do not drive up the school drive.
- Do not allow your child to play on the bank along the far side of the school drive, it is steep and dangerous
- Make sure scooters and bikes are not ridden inside the school site.

Thank you.

This term ends on Wednesday 23 July at the usual time of 3.15pm.

Dates for your
Diary

Date	Event
21 July	Year 2 Leaver's Treat
21 July	Year 1 trip to Hillier Gardens
8 August	Oakley Show from 1.30pm- held at Oakley Infant School