



# Oakley Infant School



**Newsletter**  
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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

Last week our focus in school was on mental health and the children took part in some activities which included Relax Kids; every child took home a breathing stick and some affirmation cards and Silly Scott came to entertain the children on Friday, just for fun! Thank you to Friends who funded these activities and through the fundraising ensure that we can keep on inviting visitors into school.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and significant adults who were able to join the children in the classroom last Friday afternoon, it was a great turn out. The focus was on oracy, encouraging children to speak and share ideas as well as being creative.

This week our thoughts in Year 1 and 2 turn to the British Value of Democracy. Over the next fortnight we will be discussing democracy and the children's voice at school. This will culminate in a new vote for the members of the School Voice, our School Council, for this academic year. Mrs Barrett has put some information together so that you can support your child if they would like to be considered for this role. Year R will choose their School Voice children later in the year when they know each other a bit better.

This week Apple and Cherry class will be joining us for Celebration Assembly on Friday at 2.45pm. If your child has turned 5 already this term or completed the Summer Reading Challenge you are welcome to join us in the hall on Friday afternoon.

**Niamh Hutchings**      **Headteacher**



## INSET Days 2025-2026

24 Oct 2025

5 Jan 2026

13 Feb 2026

26 June 2026

## Article 28

**A right to an education.**

## Movie Night

This Thursday evening Friends will host a Movie Night in school. The children stay after school and will watch their film in their year groups in one of the classrooms. The children will be dismissed from their normal classroom door at 5pm, the class teacher will be there to dismiss them safely.

While the film is playing the volunteers from Friends will oversee the children not the teachers.

I would like you to consider carefully whether your child will be able to sit through a film, if they would not usually at home this is probably not the event for them. Unfortunately when children are sent to Movie Night and they are not able to watch a film it can spoil it for children who are desperately keen to watch.

## Bake Off

I hope you are all thinking about your Bake Off entrants for the spooky competition next week. Please bring your entries into school on Monday morning ready for judging during the day. All entrants will be sold at the end of the day from the library and you are invited for a cuppa and cake after school.



## Reading

Once again Harvey Bear was won by Sycamore Class, well done, with a staggering 80% of the class reading at least 4 times a week. A huge well done to the children in Sycamore Class, quite an achievement. I have included the data for comparison.

Sycamore	Hazel	Holly	Willow
80%	68%	64%	65%

## Scholastic Book Fair

We're excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be held at our school from Tuesday 21st October to Thursday 23rd October! The fair will run in the school hall after school each day. It will also be open during Parents' Evening on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October.

This is a fantastic opportunity to stock up on books your children will love — and every purchase helps support our school! A portion of all sales goes towards buying new books for our school library.

## Bookmark Design Competition

Last week, all our pupils took part in a bookmark designing competition. We're thrilled to announce that the winning design from each class will receive a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair. Well done to everyone who took part — we can't wait to see the creativity on display! We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for supporting a love of reading in our school community!

## **Cooking Volunteers**

Thank you for the cooking donations now we need some volunteers to help with our cooking sessions. If it is something you may be interested in or if you know a grandparent who would like to come and help please let the teacher know.

I am devastated to announce that Debbie Smith who has been a cooking volunteer for the last 23 years is going to hang up her apron at Christmas. If you are interested please get in quick as she does some great training!

## **Rotary Donations**

Thank you for all the donations for the Rotary boxes. We will let you know how many boxes we manage to put together next week ready for collection.

## **INSET Day- 24 October 2025**

The second INSET day will be the final day of the term, Friday 24 October. The children do not attend school that day. If you need cover for your child Active Me will be here to offer a day of childcare. Please book using their platform.

## **Year 3 Tours**

Sent with this week's newsletter are details of tours for the parents of the Year 2 children going to the Junior School in September 2026. Please book your space.

## **Home Items in School**

We are still seeing a lot of items from home being brought into school. Please remind your children that toys etc.. should not be brought into school. Things get lost or broken easily when the audience is large and children just can't help but show the items, some can be quite precious.

## **Photos**

Last week the children had their individual photos taken in school. Thank you to anyone who came early to have photos done with siblings. These will be coming home with your child today.

## **ABM Pumpkin Competition**

Our new caterers want to see your pumpkin creations. Over half term if you are carving pumpkins for Halloween please send a photo to their special email address on the poster which has gone out with this newsletter. There is a prize for the winning entrant.






## **GOL Holiday Club**

This half term GOL are offering a holiday club, please see the poster going out with this newsletter.

# BRITISH VALUES

The children will be finding out about **British Values** and how it is represented in our school. They will begin to find out more about the values and in particular **Democracy** and the **Rules of Law**, as we move towards electing our new School Voice ambassadors. We will be thinking about our rights and in particular 'Article 12' - 'the 'right to be listened to and taken seriously'. The children will, be exploring the types of skills and qualities that we will be looking for so there is an good understanding of the expectations of the role. The elections will take place next week and we are looking forward to welcoming our new ambassadors to the role.



British Values	What does it mean for us?
	We have a say in what happens in our school. We vote for who represents us in the 'School voice' ambassadors. We help to decide which charities we would like to raise money for.
	We understand the importance in having laws, and know that they protect us and influence our behaviour. We understand the consequences of breaking laws and rules. We help develop fair rules for our class and school.
	We can make our own choices in school. We know that everyone has rights and responsibilities. We know that we need to work within boundaries to make safe choices. We know, understand and exercise our rights and personal freedoms safely. We have the freedom to make choices about joining extra-curricular clubs. We have the freedom to make choices about choosing the level of challenge in some lessons.
	We know that our behaviour affects our rights and the rights of others. We treat other people with respect. We help together to help one another. We make all visitors feel very welcome in our school.
	We enjoy learning about different faiths and cultures from around the world. We promote diversity through celebrations of different faiths and cultures We know that we are part of a culturally diverse society and have opportunities to experience different cultures.



## Article 12

I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously.

# Democracy week

Democracy

Over this coming week, we will be talking to the children about Democracy and what that means for us at Oakley Infants.

This year we are looking to elect two children from each class to represent the views of all pupils and to work on ideas to improve our school.

These children will be known as our 'School voice' ambassadors.

## Why do we need a 'School voice'?

A School voice can provide a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact them.

The United Nations Article 12 'we have to be listened to, and taken seriously' is at the heart of our school.



The qualities that would support the role of the ambassador are;

- \*Good listener
- \*Sensitive speaker
- \*Trustworthy
- \*Committed
- \*Helpful
- \*Reliable
- \*Honest
- \*A good role model
- \*Able to work in a team
- \*Able to share good ideas
- \*Ability to discuss and not argue
- \*A willingness to develop skills such as negotiations and confidence.

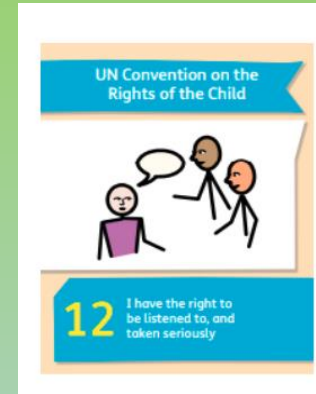
Please talk to your child(ren) about whether they would like to be considered for this role.

We will be meeting alternative weeks.

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## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
16 October	Movie Night- 3.15-5pm
20 October	Bikeability
20 October	Friends Bake Off- details to follow
21 October	Book Fair in school- sale after school
21 and 23 October	Parents' Evening- please see your child's teacher if you have not booked an appointment
24 October	INSET Day- Active Me available for childcare
27-31 October	Half Term
3 November	Start of new half term