



Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

Autumn Term: Issue 2

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Thrive, strive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

This week at school in our assemblies we are thinking about one of our school Learning Values, **Collaboration**.

This morning Year 2 went out on their walk around the village, they looked out for different geographical features and identified whether they were human or physical. The children had to find the pictures of traction man, they had a brilliant time! Year 1 have also enjoyed their PE lesson this week, playing team games with their friends in the school hall. The children in Year R are settling in well and are now all staying for lunch. They are making new friends and picking up the new routines of being at school, we are so proud of them all. Well done everyone.

With today's newsletter Year R parents will be receiving some information regarding the Baseline Assessment which must be completed during the first six weeks of school. Please take a look.

We have the Year 1 and 2 information evenings on Thursday this week, we look forward to seeing you there.

Jennie Clarke
Headteacher



INSET Days 2026-2027

We plan our INSET days with the junior school to minimise the disruption to parents with children at both schools.

23 Oct 2026

4 Jan 2027

12 Feb 2027

25 June 2027

Article 28
A right to an education.

Gardening club

Well done to the school gardening club who have achieved the RHS Level 5 Award, the top level in the Royal Horticultural Society's School Gardening Awards scheme. The scheme supports children's learning and well being, develops their gardening skills and encourages them to think about wildlife and the environment. The children have been learning to dig, plant, water and harvest. They are very proud of the things they have grown including strawberries, raspberries, tomatoes, pumpkins, potatoes and sunflowers. As part of the award, they've received seeds, books, gardening vouchers and a plaque for the school wall. Well done, and thank you Miss Wheeler for making it happen!

Year 1 – Seesaw download

Now that the children are in Year 1 their school work will be shared with you through the work they complete in their books. Please find a letter, going out with the newsletter today, for you to download their journal from Seesaw.

Head Lice (Nits)

We have had a few reported cases of **head lice** in the school. Please take a few minutes this evening to **check your child's hair** using a fine-toothed detection comb. If you find any live lice or eggs, please treat them. Regular checking helps us keep our school community free of headlice! Thank you for your support

Volunteers

Please speak to your child's teacher if you are able to help hear children read or would like to help with cooking in school. Thank you.

Tissues

Please keep your tissue donations coming in for the inevitable cold season which will be upon us soon. We are very grateful for donations and it really helps the school budget not to have to purchase tissues. Thank you.

Bags to School

BAGS TO SCHOOL

MONDAY 21st SEPT

7:45am to 9am

IN SCHOOL LAY BY

WE ACCEPT:

- Clothes
- Paired shoes
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Soft toys
- Jewellery
- Socks
- Belts

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Dates

A few weeks ago we sent out an overview of dates for the first part of the Autumn term to aid in your planning. Over the next few weeks there are a number of meetings for your child’s year group curriculum information and Friends AGM.

Dates	
Thursday 17 th September	Year 1 – Information evening – School Hall, 7pm
	Year 2 – Information evening – School Hall, 8pm
Monday 21 st September	Friends – Bags to School
Wednesday 23 rd September	Friends – AGM, Room 2, 7pm
Thursday 24 th September	Year R – Information evening – School Hall, 7pm

Key Stage 1 and Year R Information Evening

There is an Information Evening for the parents of children in Year 1 and 2 scheduled for 17th September. These short meetings are to give to information about your child’s new year group, the expectations and the content of the curriculum they have moved to.

The Year 1 meeting will take place at 7pm with an opportunity to visit the classroom afterwards when the Year 2 meeting starts at 8pm.

Year R information evening will take place on 24th September at 7pm. Hearing the information first hand is always much better than reading a letter so please try to ensure that one parent is able to attend. This is not a meeting for children.

Reminders

Please ensure that all of the children’s belongings are named, this includes clothing, shoes, bookbags, PE kits, water bottles and lunch boxes. It is surprising where children leave their belongings around school, sometimes nowhere near their classroom! Naming everything helps us reunite children with their belongings no matter where they put them down in or out of school.

Secondly, a reminder to keep water bottles out of bookbags; each year we lose a lot of books due to water damage from water bottles.

Thank you for your support.

Caught Reading

If you have any ‘Caught Reading’ photographs from the summer Mrs Mears would love to see them. Please send them on with your child or email them to the office with the title Caught Reading so that we can print them.

Coats

Please make sure your child has a coat in school with them every day. The children go out to play even when it is a bit chilly and drizzly so please make sure your child is prepared with the right outdoor clothes.