

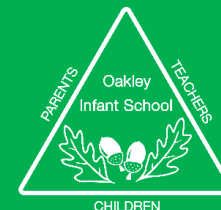
Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Thrive, strive and achieve together



INSET Days 2026-2027

23 Oct 2026
4 Jan 2027
12 Feb 2027
25 June 2027



Article 28

A right to an education.

Dear Parents,

This week, the children have started the week by learning about road safety. We are supporting International Walk to School Month by being part of Walktober, an initiative encouraging pupils to walk to school at least once a week during October. Starting the morning with exercise boosts focus and helps children feel energised for the day ahead.

If walking the entire way isn't feasible for your family, why not try Park and Stride? We are sending out a map with the newsletter showing some suitable parking spots (e.g. Kennet Way), allowing you to park nearby and enjoy a short walk to school together.

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the Year R Information evening last week. With the newsletter today Year R parents will receive the presentation and the support materials the staff spoke about during the meeting last week.

Jennie Clarke
Headteacher



Harvest Collection

This week we are celebrating Harvest in assembly and would be grateful for any food donations for the foodbank. Please send any donations in with your child on Thursday 1 October. Currently the food bank are particularly looking for long-life juice, long-life milk, tinned meats and multipacks of crisps and snacks. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Home Items in School

A gentle reminder that children should not bring items from home into school. There has been an influx of toys, comforters and other items making their way into school. Unfortunately these items are often lost, get dirty or break resulting in upset so please do not allow your child to bring things into school. Items should only be brought into school in agreement with the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Governor Vacancies

As shared at our recent information evenings, we have vacancies on our school Governing Body. We are looking for applications from those with expertise in Finance, Health and Safety or Education.

If you, or someone you know is interested in this opportunity please contact the school office for an application form.

School Census - 1 October 2026

We are fast approaching School Census day. This is an important day for setting a school budget. Many calculations are made based on this day in October including funding for the **Universal Free Infant Lunch**.

Of course you may think we are funded for each child but it is not that simple. We are funded for the year on whoever has a school dinner on 1 October. So, as you can see it is important that as many children as possible have a dinner on Census day, otherwise the school has to fund the 'Free Infant Lunch' from the normal budget next year.

As a result there will be a change to the menu to try to hit the highest number possible.

On this census there is also an audit of Pupil Premium children. Again if children go on at a later date we do not receive any funding. So I would urge everyone to follow the link to see if you are entitled to the payment.
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

We are also grateful if you can make us aware if your child is from a military family. Please email the office to confirm or if there has been a change in your child's status, please let us know.

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.

Individual Photos

The children will all have their individual school photo taken on Wednesday 7 October during the school day. Please make sure they have a school jumper or cardigan with them.

If you have more than one child at the infant school they will also have a photo taken with their sibling. Unfortunately it is not practical to take photos of infants with junior siblings during the school day.

School Nurse Advice Drop-In

On Wednesday 7th October, the Community Nurse will be visiting our school to offer a free advice clinic for parents. They can provide guidance and support on topics such as sleep, toileting, behaviour, eating habits, and healthy lifestyles.

If you would like to book an appointment, please contact the School Office.

Reading

Class	18.09.26	25.09.26
Sycamore	50%	77%
Beech	70%	81%
Willow	65%	72%
Maple	70%	67%

Well done to Beech Class who have won Harvey Bear this week. Keep up the great reading everyone, remember read **at least 4 times a week** at home and sign the reading diary.

The Year R children have recently started their phonics lesson and guided reading lessons. Once they have had their books for a few weeks we will start including them in the count for the Harvey Bear prize.

Lunchboxes

Please remember to cut all grapes in half if part of your child’s lunch. Cutting them lengthways rather than whole or across the middle ensures they are safe for young children to enjoy.

Rotary Christmas Shoebox Collection

This year we will be supporting the Rotary Club Christmas collection again where gifts are collected for children less fortunate for distribution during the Christmas period. As there is a long customs process the gift boxes need to be completed by 6 October.

We are going to repeat our collaborative effort from last year. Please take a look at what each year group can donate so that the School Voice can make up the boxes. Please start donating now! Please give any donations to your child’s teacher. If you would like to fill your own gift box as a family please come and collect a box from the school Office.

Year Group	Donations
Year R	Toothbrush and toothpaste, pencils, notebook, warm hat, small toy car, small doll.
Year 1	Soap and flannel/sponge, crayons, colouring book, socks, bouncy ball, yo-yo, small building or construction set/toy
Year 2	Hairbrush, hair accessories, felt tip pens, picture book, gloves, small soft toy, skipping rope

Please donate something from the selection for your child’s year group so that we get a selection of things to make the boxes exciting for the children receiving them.

Please make sure that your item will fit in a shoebox and please do not donate any food items, things that require batteries, liquids, war related items, medicines, large toys or clothing items or anything sharp.

Donation Dates- 22 September - 6 October 2026

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 1 st October	Harvest – donations to school
	Census – form to complete for food choices
Wednesday 7 th October	Individual Photographs
	School Nurse – contact the school office to book an appointment
Friday 9 th October	World Mental Health Day – add something yellow to your outfit
Thursday 15 th October	Friends – Movie night, 3:15pm
Monday 19 th October	Friends – Bake off and cake sale – Library – 3:15pm
Tuesday 20 th October – Thursday 22 nd October	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 20 th October	Parents Evening , 4pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 22 nd October	Parents Evening , 5pm – 7:30pm
Friday 23 rd October	INSET DAY – school closed to children
	END OF HALF TERM
26th - 30th October	Half term break