



Oakley Infant School



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Thrive, strive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

A huge THANK YOU for your donations for the Basingstoke Food Bank during our Harvest week last week. The children got to see the lovely display of the donations in our Harvest assembly (please see the photo on the front page of the newsletter). We collected and donated 69kgs of food which is the equivalent of 165 meals.

We are still collecting for the Christmas Rotary boxes and hope to start making the boxes up with the children later this week. If you would like to donate any items please hand to any teacher at the classroom door or the office. Thank you for your support.

This week in school we are thinking about our emotions and mental health as it is World Mental Health Day on 10th October. In assembly on Monday the children were able to name lots of different emotions and know that all emotions are ok to feel. The children talked about how they can look after their mental health through spending time with friends and family, or doing their favourite activities or spending time outside. At the end of the week we are inviting the children to add yellow to their outfit in support of mental health.

Tomorrow evening the appointment slots will open up for booking on Arbor for Parents' Evening at 6pm. They will be available to book for a week. Then we will pause the booking to review who has booked and who we need to catch up with. Obviously the sooner you book the more likely you will get the slot you would like. If you have more than one child in the school please leave a gap of at least one appointment between each child.

Jennie Clarke
Headteacher



INSET Days 2026-2027

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

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A right to an education.

Friends Events

This half term there are two Friends events taking place; Movie Night and the Bake Off.

Movie Night – 15 October

Movie Night will take place after school on Thursday 15 October. The children can stay after school to watch a movie with their friends ready to be collected at 5pm. This event can be paid for via Arbor. Please make sure you have signed your child up by 9 October, so that Friends can make sure the correct shopping is done. So that the register is accurate booking can only be made via Arbor. Please ask at the office if you are struggling with the Arbor app.

Bake Off – 19 October

Friends are running a Halloween Bake Off competition. There are prizes on offer for Spookiest treat, most creative and Future star baker. Please bring your entries into school on the morning of 19 October. Judging will take place during the day and you are invited to buy the competition entries after school on 19 October from the school library. There will be an opportunity to buy a tea or coffee to go with your cake.

Junk modelling

Year 1 and Year R would be very grateful for any clean recycling items for their junk modelling projects! Cardboard boxes, kitchen roll tubes, plastic bottles, and clean yoghurt pots etc are all welcome. Please send any donations in with your child.

Front Door Safety

A polite reminder to all visitors into school: the green release button for the main office door must only be operated by adults. Please ensure children do not press or play with the door release button. Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe and secure.

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.

Individual Photos

The children will all have their individual school photo taken tomorrow, 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.

However, there is an opportunity to have sibling photos taken with children at the Junior school or with pre-school children before school. The photographer should be ready from 8.15am. Please come into school via the Office for the photos to be taken in the hall before school starts.

ABM Pumpkin Competition

Our caterers ABM, 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.

Reading

Class	25.09.26	02.10.26
Sycamore	77%	78%
Beech	81%	67%
Willow	72%	75%
Maple	67%	71%

Well done to Sycamore Class who have won Harvey Bear this week. Keep up the great reading everyone, remember to 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.

Bikes and Scooters Reminder

For everyone's safety, please ensure children dismount from their bikes and scooters as soon as they pass through the school gates. They must be walked and pushed carefully through the playground, along the paths near the car park and the rest of the school grounds. Thank you.

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
Wednesday 7 th October	Individual Photographs
	School Nurse meetings- please book an appointment with the Office
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
Monday 2 nd November	Back to school