

Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Thrive, strive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

Last week, our school focus was on mental health and wellbeing. We were delighted to welcome Sarah from Happy Boots, who led fun and energetic line dancing sessions for all of the children throughout the day on Friday. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part and enjoying the opportunity to be active together.

The children also looked fantastic with their splash of yellow, helping to raise awareness and show support for positive mental health. A huge thank you to Friends of Oakley Infant School for funding this activity. Through their fundraising efforts, we are able to continue providing exciting experiences and welcoming visitors into school to enrich the children's learning and wellbeing

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. The Year R children will elect their School Voice children later in the academic year when they know each other a bit better.

This week Apple and Cherry class will be joining us for their first 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.

Jennie Clarke
Headteacher



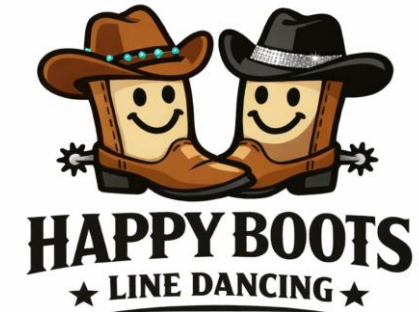
INSET Days 2026-2027

23 Oct 2026

4 Jan 2027

12 Feb 2027

25 June 2027



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.

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 83% of the class reading at least 4 times a week. A huge well done to the children in Sycamore Class, quite an achievement.

Scholastic Book Fair

We're excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be held at our school from Tuesday 20th October to Thursday 22nd October! The fair will run in the school hall after school each day. It will also be open during Parents' Evening on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd 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.

Bunting Design Competition

This week, all our pupils are taking part in a bunting 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!

Class	02.10.26	09.10.26
Sycamore	78%	83%
Beech	67%	57%
Willow	75%	75%
Maple	71%	69%

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- 23 October 2026

The second INSET day will be the final day of the term, Friday 23 October. The children do not attend school that day.

Week beginning 26 October is half term, if you are looking for cover for your child, Active Me 360 will be running their holiday club from Oakley Infant School. Booking Link - [Oakley Infant School | October Half Term | ActiveMe 360](#)

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.

Flu vaccinations

Today all year groups will receive information on the school vaccination in November. There is a link to complete within the email.

National Child Measurement Programme and Vision checks

YR have also today received information for this programme. Please take a look.

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.

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.

A reminder that all pedestrians should keep to the footpaths, please do not walk through the car parks as vehicles are moving on the site throughout the day.

Library

The school library will be closed after school on Thursday this week.

DEMOCRACY

The children will be finding out about **British Values** and how it is represented in our school. We will be thinking about our rights as part of our Democracy week and in particular 'Article 12' and the 'right to be listened to and taken seriously'. We will be discussing the skills and qualities that children will require to be one of our 'School Voice' ambassadors. The elections will take place in a few weeks and we look forward to our welcoming our new School Voice committee.



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



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

We are looking to elect two children from each class in Key Stage 1 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 '*I 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 whether they would like to be considered for this role.

We will be meeting every other week and working collaboratively to discuss ideas, make choices and create positive outcomes for our school.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
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
26 th - 30 th October	Half term break
26 th – 29 th October	Active Me 360 – Half term club at Oakley Infant School
Monday 2 nd November	Back to school
Tuesday 24 th November	Flu vaccinations – form to complete