



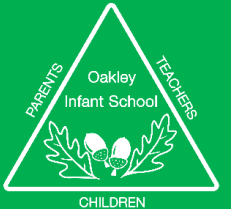
Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families who have joined us this year. It is an absolute pleasure to have you as part of our school community and I hope that you will get to know us very quickly. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy time with your children and you have all been able to spend some time with your families over the summer.

I would also like to welcome Miss Cripps to the staff team.

Please note the INSET days in the sidebar, the first Inset was last week and it was safeguarding training for all the staff. There is 1 more INSET day this autumn term, please note that these dates are the same as the Junior School. I am currently organising cover with Active Me to be available on the 24 October and I will let you know when it can be booked. Please bear this in mind if you require cover.

This newsletter is full of new school year reminders, so there is a lot of information.

The first reminder is that the newsletter always comes to you on a Tuesday so please look out for it as it will have everything you need to know. Every week the newsletter is also put on the front page of the website so please refer to it for information. Year R parents we are sending you this newsletter via Arbor and email to ensure you receive it. Please check you have received via Arbor (check your junk) and let us know if you have not so that we can make sure you have been set up properly.

This newsletter is a bumper edition with a lot of information so I would suggest you grab a coffee and take a seat. To the new parents I promise they are not usually this long!

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.

PE Days	
Year 2	Mon/Wed
Year 1	Tues/Thurs
Year R	Later in the term tbc

Thank you

On behalf of the staff we would like to thank you for your kind thoughts, words and gifts at the end of the summer term, it was very much appreciated by everyone.

Dates

Please note the following dates that are coming very soon-

Key Stage 1 Information evening- 24 September- Year 1 at 7pm and Year 2 at 8pm.

Year R Information Evening- 30 Sept at 7pm

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly will resume this Friday at 2.45pm. We will celebrate any children who have completed their Summer Reading Challenge. Don't worry if you have not quite finished the challenge, the children have until 12 September and we will keep celebrating until all certificates or medals have been received.

We will also celebrate the birthdays from 1 September.

The Year R children will not be joining Celebration Assembly for a few weeks yet but we will celebrate the reading challenge and birthdays when they start to join us for assembly, we will let you know when they are ready.

GOL Football

The school will continue to manage the booking for GOL football club on a Friday until 4.30pm. Unfortunately this club is only open to Year 1 and 2 at this stage.

If you would like your child to attend please sign up via Arbor.

GOL will start for the children who sign up this Friday 12 September. We will invoice you after registration.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Hampshire Library Service reading challenge ends this Saturday. If you have not yet had a chance to get your certificate this weekend is the last opportunity.

Tissues

For the new school year we are in need to top up our tissue supply. If you are able to make a donation of a box of tissues so we can stockpile in preparation for the inevitable cold season we would be grateful. Your donations mean we do not have to use the under pressure school budget. Please hand your boxes to your child's teacher.
Thank you.

Collection Arrangements

Please complete the form coming home today to inform us of the people who have permission to collect your child from school. Please put anyone who may be sent to collect your child e.g. Grandparents with their names so they can be identified.

If your child has a very regular pattern of collection where it is often grandparents or a childminder or a mix of these people it is useful to put this in a letter for the class teacher. We generally get to know the pattern quite quickly but in the early stages of the term it is useful to give that directly to the teacher.

If you have two children in the school the older sibling can go to the younger sibling's classroom at the end of the day for collection from the same classroom. Please be patient as often you may be waiting for your older child, please stay put and wait for them to come to you. Often they are held up because they are looking for a jumper, water bottle or having a sociable chat with their friends!

If your child is staying for a club or after school session please collect from the Year 1 side of the building.

Illness

Please remember if your child is unwell that you need to call the school office or email using the parent messages email as soon as possible. If we have not heard from you by 10am, for safeguarding reasons, we will contact you. If we cannot get hold of you we will call the next contact on your list as we have check that your child is safe. If we cannot get hold of anyone a member of staff may make a home visit to ensure that everyone is safe.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout.

Friend's Trail

Unfortunately children are not permitted to use the climbing frames before or after school. Children are only insured to use the climbing frames when supervised by a member of staff. If your child trains for Oakley Football Club at the weekend please ensure they are not using the climbing frames on a Saturday morning. Thank you for your understanding.

New Term reminders

If your child is having a packed lunch please remember we are a nut free zone. Please do not send anything in your child's lunchbox that contains nuts including cereal bars. Please remember that lots of chocolate spreads contain nuts so check the ingredients carefully.

Please do not send Frubes into school as not only are they difficult to open they can be rather unpredictable and can often end up covering the child opposite. As there are children with milk and dairy allergies, we would like to avoid this happening.

Please do not put sweets or large chocolate bars in your child's lunchbox. As a healthy school, please be snack size aware.

Please make sure your child only has **one small keyring** on their book bag and a name on the outside of the book bag is also really useful.

Name everything; jumpers, t-shirts, shoes, all items of PE kit. If your child can take it off it can be lost. If you have purchased from the second hand uniform please make sure you re-name the uniform.

Please also remember:

- Parents are not permitted to drive up the school drive at the beginning or end of the day
- Do not put any water bottles into the bookbags; each year we lose a lot of books due to water damage from water bottles
- Only water is permitted in the water bottle, please do not put juice in the water bottle as they are often spilt at school and it creates a sticky mess and attracts ants into the classroom as well as the risk of various allergies. We will get rid of any juice in bottles and replace with water.
- Do not ride scooters or bikes in the school grounds, please dismount at the school gate

Website Calendar

As we start to add dates to the school calendar I would like to bring to your attention the ability to sync the calendar on your mobile phone with the website calendar.

Just click on the calendar on the first page of the website and then at the top click *subscribe to this calendar*. Then all events will automatically populate your calendar.



Weather

At this time of year the weather is changeable. Please make sure your child is equipped for the weather conditions as the children go out to play even when it is looking a bit grey. There is nothing worse than feeling cold when you are outside.

Thank you.

Open Afternoon

Thursday is also the day when you can visit your child's classroom after school. We are aware that there is a long time between Open Evenings so there may be occasions when your child would like to share something with you. This is a drop in event and the teacher may not present but you are welcome in the classroom.

Pupil Premium

Although in an infant school all children receive the Universal Infant Lunch as parents you can apply for Pupil Premium if you are receiving certain benefits.

This money comes to the school and we can use it to support your child in school. In the past we have paid for school trips, events, equipment, enrichment activities; the list is endless. If you are not sure if you are eligible, Emily Lockley in the office is always on hand to support with any application, in the strictest of confidence. Pop her an email and she will look into it for you or please use this link to see if you are eligible

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