



Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

Summer Term: Issue 12

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

We really are in the home straight of the summer term now. Thank you to everyone who was able to pop in during the Open Afternoon/Evening last week, it was lovely to see the children confidently showing you to their new classrooms.

School uniform expectations over the next week have been lowered to enable flexibility for the weather conditions. Rather than the PE kit going backwards and forwards I am happy that you make decisions for your child depending on how they will feel most comfortable; wearing a PE kit or their summer uniform. The exceptions are Year 1 will need to wear their PE kit into school on Wednesday and Year R and Year 2 will need to wear theirs into school on Thursday for a PE session.

This week it is time to say goodbye to some support staff who will be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Machray will be leaving Hazel class this summer as she concentrates on her ever increasing animal rescues! Mrs Watkins will also be leaving as she relocates to Wales with her family. We would like to thank them both for the help and support and wish them both our very best wishes as they start their new chapters.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

INSET Days 2024-2025

3 Sept 2025

24 Oct 2025

5 Jan 2026

13 Feb 2026

26 June 2026

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Fruit Snack

We have been informed that there will be no fruit deliveries on the final two days of the school term. If you wish to send a fruit snack in with your child please make sure it is in a named container. Thank you.

Bags

Please send a named bag in to school for your child so that the staff can start to organise all their learning resources from the year ready to take home at the end of term.

GOL

GOL football club will be doing one final session this Friday.

ABM Catering

Hopefully you received the new menu and some information last week, we will re-send today.

If your child has an allergy please take time to complete their paperwork so they can review whether a special menu is required. Please complete the form by the end of term

Books

Guided reading books will be collected in from book bags this week. If you have any at home please send them back in. The library is now closed for the summer and all library books also need to be returned.

Wraparound

Booking for breakfast club and after school club is open for September. Please use the link below to find the right page.

<https://bookings.activeme360.co.uk/project/56171>

ActiveMe are also running Holiday Club for 3 weeks of the summer here at Oakley. This is open to children who are currently at school at the infants and juniors, not the new year R children starting in September 2025.

Please use the link below to book.

<https://bookings.activeme360.co.uk/project/65368>

It is running at Manor Field Juniors on the other weeks.

Celebration Assemblies for the term

This Friday, 18th July, Celebration Assembly will be at 2.45pm.

There will be a final Celebration Assembly on the last day of term, 22 July, and it will take place after school drop off at **9.10am**. We will celebrate the birthdays that fall in the final week and in the holidays.

Reading

Congratulations to Cherry class who won the Reading Challenge this week with 70% of children reading at least 4 times a week.

W/C	Apple	Cherry	Sycamore	Maple	Willow	Hazel
7 July	55%	70%	53%	69%	56%	57%

Accounting

I would be grateful for the settling of all accounts before the end of term especially as we have already paid the coaches at GOL. The school budget really cannot afford to subsidise after school clubs or trips already taken by parents.

Thank you.

Summer Reading Challenge

Last week Mrs Moss introduced the Hampshire Library Service Summer Reading Challenge to the children. This year it is called Story Garden and it started on 10 July. Children can sign up at the local library and then need to read 6 books. We will celebrate the children in the autumn term. Please use the link to register and find out more.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone>

Smartphone Free Childhood

There is one final parent workshop and I would recommend attending, I found it very interesting. By the time your children are old enough to own phones this will be policy at the local schools so worth finding out about the rationale.

Please book using the links below:

Wednesday July 16th at 7:30 pm – [book online](#)

Ear Piercing

A reminder that if you are thinking of having your child's ears pierced this is the best time to do it, over the summer holidays. Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE and they must be removed either by the child or by the parent before school. As they take 6 weeks to heal if your child is still within the healing time they will not be able to take part in PE lessons.

In our vast experience we have found that even after 6 weeks of healing children are generally reluctant to remove earrings even with parent support so my advice would be wait until they are older.

New School Year- September 2025

A few reminders to think about over the summer holidays to try and ensure your child is ready for the new school year.

- If you were thinking of getting your child's ears pierced please do this over the summer holidays. Children cannot do PE with earrings in so while they are healing and cannot be taken out **they cannot do PE.**
- Once pierced studs or small earrings are the safest.
- Check PE kits fit, particularly trainers.
- **Make sure everything is named,** if they can take it off it can get lost.
- Make sure PE kits fit comfortably into a draw string bag, please nothing larger as there is not room on their pegs in school. **NO RUCK SACKS**
- Only one keyring on the bookbag, please use the summer to decide on your favourite and take off any extras.
- Please practise turning clothes back in the right way- socks, arms on jumpers etc..
- Please practise using a knife and fork at the dinner table, the more independent your child is the less time they have to wait for adult assistance.
- Please remember The Friends' Trails are not to be used before or after school. They are only to be used during the school day.
- Do not drive up the school drive.
- Do not allow your child to play on the bank along the far side of the school drive, it is steep and dangerous
- Make sure scooters and bikes are not ridden inside the school site.

Thank you.

End of Summer Term

This term ends on Tuesday 22 July at the usual time of 3.15pm.

Date	Activity
18 July	Year 2 Leaver's Assembly at 10am- all parents welcome for assembly and to stay for tea afterwards
21 July	Year 2 treat funded by Friends
22 July	Last day of term
23 July – 2 September	Summer Holidays
3 September	INSET Day- school closed to children
4 September	Children return to school

