



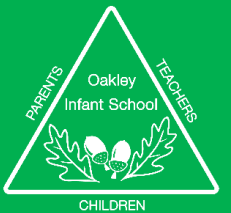
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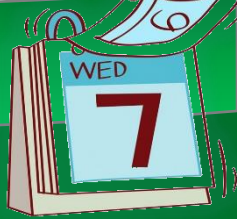
Newsletter

Summer Term: Issue 8

17 June 2025



Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

This week in assembly the children are learning about refugees as it is World Refugee Week. The children have been talking about their rights and that everyone has a right to a home.

A reminder that 27 June is our final INSET day of the year so the school will not be open to the children.

On Tuesday 1 July we have our SEPIA fundraiser. Please see pages 5 and 6 of the newsletter for further information about the charity and our fundraising activity this year.

Last week the children had their class photos taken, you should have received a link to order these photos. Please order them by Friday 4 July for free school delivery. If you have not received the link to order please let the school office know so that we can get this out to you.

Please remember to return your Summer Raffle tickets to school. If you require any additional raffle tickets please collect these from the school office.

Jennie Clarke
Deputy Headteacher



INSET Days 2024-2025

27 June 2025

INSET Days 2025-2026

3 Sept 2025

24 Oct 2025

5 Jan 2026

13 Feb 2026

26 June 2026

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A right to an education.



Smartfree Phone Childhood

Oakley Infant School is joining forces with many Headteachers in Basingstoke and Deane to join a national campaign to create *Smartphone Free Childhoods*. It is the beginning of a journey to work towards removing smartphones from children and schools and the pressure on parents. By working together we can change the culture. Please take a look at the information on the attached letter and make a note of the parent webinars taking place from 25 June.

Summer

The weather is looking to be warming up again this week. Please remember to apply sun cream to your child before school and provide your child with a sun hat. Please also make sure your child's water bottle is topped up every day. We will refill it at school when it is empty.

Bees on the grass bank

It is that time of year again when the bees are back on the grass bank along the school drive. Please remember to keep to the paths when walking up and down the school drive and to not allow children to climb on the bank. Thank you for your support.

Internet Safety

Safer Schools have issued a warning about a character called Jeffy. This is the link to the website: [Safeguarding Update: Jeffy - Safer Schools](#)

Reading

A reminder that the expectation is that children should read little and often. We expect the children to read 4 times a week at home and for the adult to sign the reading diary.

Well done to Apple Class who won Harvey Bear last week.

Apple	Cherry	Sycamore	Maple	Hazel	Willow
78%	61%	64%	50%	54%	64%

Gazette

You may have seen us featured in the gazette!

<https://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/25226007.aquadrome-swimming-assembly-teaches-kids-safe/> Before half term the aquatics team from the Aquadrome delivered an assembly for the children on water safety. The children found the assembly to be fun and informative and enjoyed learning about how to be safe near water.

Year 1

As part of Geography learning this half term, on Friday 20 June Year 1 will be walking to the Co-op in Oakley. They will be exploring the foods that they sell and investigating the packaging to identify where the foods were grown. As the sunny weather is looking to continue, please ensure your child comes to school with sun cream on and a sun hat.

Date	Activity
27 June	INSET Day- school closed to children
1 July	SEPIA fundraiser – details to follow
4 July	Non-School Uniform Day-in exchange for chocs and bottles
5 July	OAK-FEST
8 July	Rock Pool School- Year R treat funded by Friends
14 July	Pirate Workshop - Year 1 treat funded by Friends
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

Spelling

In Years 1 and 2 the children have been working hard to learn all of the common exception word spellings. For the rest of this term they will be focusing on the most challenging words, rather than the ones that they have now mastered. This will mean that the spellings sent home will no longer follow the usual pattern. We appreciate all of the support that you give at home. It has made a big difference to their writing in school.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a job vacancy within our team of lunchtime supervisors starting in September 2025. If you know someone, it does not have to be a parent, who would be interested in joining the Oakley staff at lunchtime we would love to hear from them. It is a great way to get back into work if you have not worked for a while and the lunchtime team is a lovely team to be part of.

Seatbelt safety

The Hampshire road safety team have asked us to share the following link with you about seatbelt safety - [Seatbelt safety](#)

Included with the Newsletter

Smartfree Phone Childhood

To Do


Read with your child



SEPIA is a small family run charity which hopes to improve the lives of people in Africa through the development of educational projects. With your help, we can enhance the facilities within schools, grant bursaries to students and teachers to allow them to further their education and work with local communities to improve access to safe water and sanitation.



At Oakley Infant School, we are proud to have supported SEPIA for many years. SEPIA is a charity close to our hearts, and our school community continues to show incredible kindness and generosity. In a recent fundraising effort, we are thrilled to share that we raised over £1,000 to support the important work SEPIA does. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!



Supporting Educational Projects in Africa

Thank you Oakley Infant School for your amazing fundraising achievement.

£434.18

raised through the book sale

Presented by SEPIA Director -Michael Clarke - April 8th 2022



Supporting Educational Projects in Africa

Thank you Oakley Infant School for your amazing donation of

£561.10

Raised through your fitness fundraiser.

This money will be used to support our food programme and to develop clean water facilities for the schools we work with in Ghana

Presented by SEPIA Director -Michael Clarke - 18th July 2023

GLADIATORS FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE!

Are You Ready... to Enter the Arena?



Date: Tuesday 1st July 2025



Why we're competing:

We are raising money for SEPIA, a charity supporting children in Ghana by providing:

- Education
- Clean water
- School supplies



The Challenge:

- Speed
- Balance
- Strength



What to bring: A small donation- every penny
Makes a BIG difference!



LET THE GAMES BEGIN! Wear your PE kit, bring your energy and get ready to ROAR!