



Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

Please make sure you have read the letter sent home yesterday from Louise Guy, Chair of Governors. If you have not this is a spoiler alert! I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Jennie Clarke has been appointed as Headteacher of Oakley Infant School from 1 September 2026. I would like to extend my personal congratulations to Jennie as she prepares to embark on her new role later in the year.

Last week I wanted to remind you to make sure children had coats, particularly for the first play time of the day but this week I am reminding you to dig out the sunhats! What a glorious week we have had but it does serve to remind us that at this time of year the weather can change quickly so from this point onwards it is useful to have both coats and sunhats at the ready.

Finally, when we arrived at school yesterday morning we found that the Year R garden had been vandalised over the weekend. The sand pit had been emptied with sand thrown all around the area and all the toys had been emptied from the storage boxes and sheds and thrown around. Chalk had been used to write messages on the ground and on the picnic tables.

A huge thank you to the staff who worked together to clean up the mess and get rid of the messages before the children arrived, collaboration! However, I would be grateful if you are ever walking near the school during holidays or at weekends that you take a cursory glance at the grounds and report anything suspicious as although I think the vandals were quite young they would have been making a mess for quite some time. Thank you for your help.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

INSET Days 2025-2026
26 June 2026

Article 28
A right to an education.



Reading at Home

Congratulations to Sycamore Class who were the reading winners last week with a staggering 89% of children reading at home. I overheard a reading group in Sycamore class talking yesterday about how to get 100%!

W/C	20.4.2026
Apple	56%
Cherry	52%
Sycamore	89%
Hazel	69%
Holly	55%
Willow	58%

School Trips

This half term both Year R and Year 2 will be going on their school trips. It is really important that you make payment using Arbor and that you give your permission using the form where you can also make a lunch choice. Thank you.

Bags 4 School

Thank you to everyone who donated unwanted clothing and fabric items for Bags 4 School last week helping to raise money for both the Infants and Juniors. Thank you to the volunteers who collected items on Sunday and on Monday morning, I am very grateful for your time.

Year 2 DT Project

On **Monday 18th May**, Year 2 are looking for adult helpers to support our DT junk modelling morning linked to our Titanic topic. We will be designing and creating cabin furniture and soft furnishings using a range of materials. If you would like to help, please feel free to stick around after dropping off your child and we will happily find a job for you!

Junk modelling Plea: We are also collecting empty shoe boxes and small junk modelling items (e.g. bottle caps and interesting recyclable materials). Please ensure all items are clean before sending them in. Please send these items in before 18th May.

Allergies

We have noticed rather a lot of children arriving at school still eating their breakfast, coming into school with an item of food in their hand.

I would like to remind you that we have many children with allergies, there are several children with severe allergies who would be very sick if they come into contact with their allergen and there are also children who would require an epi-pen, all frightening experiences. So that we can protect those children eating during school time is very much controlled and we would be grateful if you can make sure children have finished eating BEFORE entering the school building.

Thank you.

Friends Quiz- 8 May 2026

Friends will be holding a Quiz Night on Friday 8 May. Tickets are £5.15 each with up to 6 on each team. If you'd like an evening out with a reasonable bar, get together a team of 6 and come and join the fun! Tickets can be bought using Arbor.

School Drive

Please remember that parents should not be driving up and down the school drive unless you have been given permission to do so. Even after clubs we ask that you do not use the school drive so that we can keep the children who are moving around the site, both infant and junior children, safe.

If you have been given permission to come up to the car park please make sure you are driving slowly, a walking pace, and pay close attention to pedestrian traffic.

New Year R- September 2026

If your child has been offered a place for September 2026 please do not forget to bring in your child's ID to accept your place. Please remind your neighbours and friends to do the same as sharing the ID with the chosen school is how you accept your place.

Year R- People Who Help Us

Unfortunately the Year R team have not received many volunteers from parents who are able to come and talk to the children about the jobs they do.

Therefore I am extending the invitation a bit wider and asking if there are any parents who may be able to fill the gaps they have found themselves with. If you have been into school previously when your child was in Year R and would like to have another go, the Year R team would be delighted to hear from you.

We will send the link to the form with this newsletter and would love to hear from anyone who may be able to spend time in Year R this half term.

Thank you for your consideration.

Book Café- 29 April at 2.45pm

This Wednesday parents are invited into school for our book café from 2.45pm. Younger siblings are welcome to attend with you and join us in school. Please arrive at your child's classroom door and sign yourself in.

We look forward to seeing anyone who can make it.

Mrs Moss has added some more details on the next slide.

2026 is the National Year of Reading

This **Wednesday** we look forward to our next Book café. Please arrive at your child's classroom door at 2.45pm, where you will be asked to sign in. Younger siblings are welcome to attend but we ask that no pushchairs are brought into the school please.

We also look forward to learning about Jonny Duddle in our **Author focus** morning on Friday. In preparation for this, you may want to share some of his books at home:



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
28 April	YR- People Who Help Us Dress Up day
4 May	May Bank Holiday- school closed
7 May	Pre-school Library meeting- new YR parents
8 May	Friends Quiz
11 May	Safety Fortnight- visitors to join us in school over the fortnight
12 May	YR Trip to Wellington Country Park
14 May	Y2 Trip to Sea City Museum
19 May	Sports Day
22 May	Last Day of Term
25-29 May	Half Term
24 June	Y1 Trip to Hillier Gardens
26 June	INSET Day