



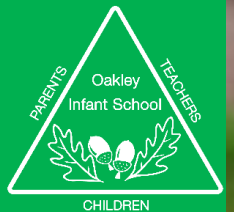
Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who attended the Big Emotions information evening last week run by Primary Behaviour Support, I hope you found it useful. We will also be hosting a session on Anxiety on 20th January. Information is on the poster sent with this newsletter where there is another link to sign up.

[Parent Workshop – Fill in form](#)

I have been reflecting over the week about the main messages which are helpful for all parents which I have summarised below.

- Consistent boundaries are important for children to feel safe
- Good quality sleep is essential for young children and they should be getting 10-12 hours
- Use of the internet should **always be supervised** but think carefully about how much exposure your child is having as it is all about the dopamine hit they get from watching and scrolling
- We cannot solve all our children's problems but we can empathise with them
- Feeling sad is a very normal feeling and children should feel it
- When children demonstrate big emotions, they need time to regulate, come back down, before you can reflect on the reason for the big emotion
- As adults we must try to remain calm (this one is very tricky at times) take a breath before responding
- When giving instructions use the word thank you, not please *eg. tidy the lego, thank you*. It changes the emphasis slightly
- When giving instructions to children allow them time to process instructions by walking away
- Only ever use a realistic consequence you are able to carry out *eg. At this time of year it is all too easy to say Christmas is cancelled but that is not going to happen so consider carefully*

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

INSET Days 2025-2026

5 Jan 2026

13 Feb 2026

26 June 2026

10 December at 10am- Cast A- Holly, Hazel and Cherry

10 December at 2pm- Cast B- Willow, Sycamore and Apple

11 December at 10am- Cast B- Willow, Sycamore and Apple

11 December at 2pm- Cast A- Holly, Hazel and Cherry



Article 28
A right to an education.

Christmas Fair 2025- 28 November 2025

Please return your raffle ticket stubs and money to school this week. If you are able to sell any more tickets please come and collect some ore from the office. If you have any return please also return to school for resale.

On Friday it will be a non-uniform day so children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation of chocolates or bottles for the tombola at the fair.

Please consider how you can help with the event, either the set up from Wednesday afternoon up until the clear up after the event.

This year the Fair has been organised with the children at the centre of all events. There are more child friendly things to do than ever before but without volunteers it will be difficult to manage all the stalls Friends would really like to do for the children.

https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=9758100120#choose_event_page

We look forward to seeing you on Friday evening to support the event.



Snow Globe Colouring Competition

Please return your Snow Globes for the Christmas Colouring Competition by **Wednesday 26 November** so they can be prepped for decorating the Christmas Fair.

Friday Arrangements

There are a few changes to the arrangements on Friday so that the Christmas Fair runs smoothly.

- No Library on Thursday afternoon
- After School Club will run from Apple Class with collection from the Year R Garden
- There is no Celebration Assembly this week
- GOL will not be running this Friday
- Non-school uniform in exchange for donations of chocs and bottles

Christmas Postbox

Next week the Christmas post-box will be arriving at Oakley. If your child would like to write a Christmas card for their friends these can be posted and delivered by the Oakley Postal Service.

Please try to write both first and surname on the envelope and the child's class. Unfortunately we cannot deliver to any grandparents, cousins or children who do not attend our school. When the cards have been written the children **can bring them into school to post after they have arrived**; it is a fun trip to the office! Please do not come to the office before school.

Christmas Dinner

This year Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 17 December. Christmas dinner is served a bit differently to a normal school lunch with all children eating at the same time.

To help with the ordering and prepare properly we are asking for dinner choices by following the link.

Thank you.

[Christmas Lunch Choice - Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Fill in form](#)

Christmas Holidays

ActiveMe will be running for some days during the Christmas holidays at the Infant School. Please use the link to book

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

With this Newsletter

Anxiety Information workshop
Christmas Dinner poster

To Do

Christmas Fair Volunteer sign up
Christmas Dinner sign up
Anxiety workshop sign up

Christmas Performance- Baubles

Tickets have been circulated to parents via email, everyone should have received their requested initial 2 tickets. On the day of the performance you do not need to bring any physical proof but we do check our register. For safety and fire purposes we have to ensure we stay within our maximum number for an event, hence the tickets.

If you find you are not able to use your tickets nearer the day, generally due to illness, then please let the office know so that they can be redistributed for anyone on a waiting list.

If you or a member of your family is attending either of the 2pm performances you will be able to take your child home after the performance.

Please remember that no children or babies are allowed to attend the performances. For your planning purposes the performance is generally 25 minutes.

Year 2- Great Fire of London

The Year 2s would like to invite parents/collecting adults to share their work on the Great Fire of London after school on 4 December.



Admissions

The portal for admissions is now open for the new Year R children for September 2026 and for Year 3 places, the current Year 2.

Please make sure you have been on to the portal to set up an account to apply for your child's place.

Reading

Congratulations to Apple Class who really achieved highly with their home reading last week and almost doubled the number of children who read at least 4 times at home.

The home-school partnership is the most important relationship when it comes to reading and developing those early reading skills so don't forget to read with your child, practise their phonics and then sign the diary.

Thank you.

Apple	Cherry	Sycamore	Hazel	Holly	Willow
71%	61%	70%	57%	62%	53%

Lunchtime Supervisors

I am looking for some lunchtime supervisors to join the team after Christmas. If you have not worked for a while this is a great way to get back into work and springboard back in other work places with a reference. If you might be interested please email the office or catch me around the school.

Safeguarding Message- Roblox

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called pollybuzz (or pollyfuzz in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend' – this starts off quite innocently but then begins to show extreme content (including suicide, self-harm and pornography). Please remind your children NOT to click on pop-ups. Roblox does have parental controls and you can use the link below to find instructions of how to put these on:

[Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support](#)

Please remember that Parental controls will stop some pop-ups but not all so young children should always be supervised if they are using the internet.

School Site

A reminder that children should not be climbing on the bank on the far side of the school drive. The bank is steeper than it looks and it is very easy for children to slip down it. Please do not allow your child to leave the footpath, they should be supervised with parents at all times.

Scooters and bikes should not be ridden once you are inside the school gates. There are lots of young children around so the risk of accidents are high.

Finally please do not use the climbing equipment before or after school. Unfortunately any accidents that occur when children are not supervised by school staff would not be covered by our insurance. Please do not allow your child to access the equipment.

Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
28 November	Non-school uniform day- in exchange for chocolates and bottles
28 November	Christmas Fair with Santa's Grotto
28 November	No Celebration Assembly
3 December	Friends Wreath making- see poster
4 December	Year 2 parents invited to share their Great Fire of London work after school
10 December	Christmas Performance- 10am and 2pm Cast A at 10am- Holly, Hazel and Cherry Cast B at 2pm- Willow, Sycamore and Apple Ticket allocations after half term
11 December	Christmas Performance- 10am and 2pm Cast A at 10am- Willow, Sycamore and Apple Cast B at 2pm- Holly, Hazel and Cherry Ticket allocations after half term
16 December	Christmas Jumper Day and Children's Christmas Shopping
17 December	Christmas Dinner Children's Christmas Treat from Friends
19 December	Celebration Assembly at 9.10am
19 December	End of term at 3.15pm