

Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

Last week there were two school trips, Year R went to Wellington Country Park and Year 2 went to Sea City in Southampton. A huge Thank You to the parents who gave up their time to accompany the children, we cannot run trips without your help.

Another Thank You to the parents who stayed to assist the Year 2 children yesterday morning to complete their Design Technology project making their Titanic cabins. Also Thank You if you saved some of your recycling for the children to use on their projects- they look fabulous!

Finally while I was out of school with the Year 2 children last Thursday, the school was caught up in the water issue which effected many homes across the village. Unfortunately a school cannot stay open without water and as time marched on the decision was made to close. Thank you for collecting your children, making arrangements to collect your child or helping another parent out if you did. It was an unusual situation which I hope is not repeated any time soon.

When the Governors met last week they agreed the INSET days for next year. In line with the Junior School they will be **1 September, 23 October, 4 January, 12 February** and **25 June**. These will sit on the sidebar for quick reference.

School ends on Friday at the normal time of 3.15pm for half term. School will reopen on 1 June.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

INSET Days 2025-2026
26 June 2026

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1 September 2026
23 October 2026
4 January 2027
12 February 2027
25 June 2027

Article 28
A right to an education.



W/C	4.5.2026	11.5.2026
Apple	81%	61%
Cherry	43%	69%
Sycamore	80%	86%
Hazel	66%	67%
Holly	60%	67%
Willow	70%	71%

Reading at Home

Congratulations to Sycamore Class who were the reading winners last week. Sycamore consistently score around the 80%+ mark- well done!

Celebration Assembly

This week Celebration Assembly will be at the usual time of 2.45pm. We will celebrate any birthdays up until 31 May and any out of school achievements.

Sports Day- 19 May

Unfortunately the weather got the better of us and we hope to run Sports day on our alternative date of 9 June at 1.30pm. The arrangements will remain the same.

Class Photos

The children will have their class photo taken on Friday 5 June. These will take place during the school day but please make sure your child has their school jumper or cardigan with them on the day.
Thank you.

Coats

Please make sure your child has a coat in school this week. The weather is changing by the minute but if it is dry we will get them outside, even when it is chilly. Yesterday I was shocked when a child told me they had come to school with just their sunglasses, not even a jumper. Please make sure your child is properly equipped for the weather at this time of year.

Items In School

The staff have noticed that the children are bringing in a variety of lip balms, most of which are unsuitable to be in school. Often they are more of a lipstick than a balm which then leads to children sharing which is a little unhygienic. There are also lots of little toys making their way into school as well which are likely to be lost in the busyness of the classroom.
Please do not allow your child to bring these types of items into school.

Thank you.

Royal Horticultural Society Prize

This year Miss Wheeler has been working to develop parts of the vegetable garden which has been neglected over the last few years. I am delighted to inform you that, along with some children, they have been awarded the RHS Level 1 School Gardening Award.

Congratulations to Miss Wheeler and her helpers.

Reading Round Up

Mrs Mears has completed a Reading Round Up to inform you of all the news from the library.

PE Kits

When the PE kits come home this week please have a check to make sure everything still fits your child, particularly their trainers or plimsoles ready for the final half term.

There have been some children who have not had any PE kit this term, please make sure they have something in school on their return.

DEST- Year R

Please make sure you have read the information sent out last week about the DEST screening which will take place after half term for all the Year R children. Thank you.

Safety Fortnight

Safety fortnight continues this week with a visitor from Network Rail and Martyn Green from Taekwondo who is running a session with the children on Friday.

Friends

Friends will be holding a Summer Disco on **Friday 12 June**, please find the details on the poster attached. Tickets will be available from tomorrow on Arbor.

Please think carefully about sending your child if loud noises are difficult for them, Discos are not for everyone.

In your child's bookbag this week will be the sponsorship form for the Sponsored Fun Challenge. Friends would like children to be sponsored by turning their favourite activity into a challenge. Please return any monies collected after half term. There will be a class treat for the class with the most children taking part.

As reported in the news, schools are struggling financially at the current time and Oakley is no different. The school has been struggling with an in-year deficit budget for quite some time. There are many factors that make the infant school budget more difficult than others with the 'free' infant lunch just one of the downward pressures.

I am always very grateful to Friends for organising some fun activities for the children and to you as parents for supporting them. Each of these activities help to make life easier in school and ensures the children continue to get a broad balance of experiences complimenting the curriculum. There are some exciting things coming up for the children over the final term.



Oakley Infant school have been learning about Safety and how to keep ourselves safe.

Article 3 – Adults must do the best for me

Article 19 - I have the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated



We have launched our ‘Safe and Sound’ fortnight and we are learning how to keep ourselves safe and sound in school, at home and in our local community.

* ‘Pants are Private’

The children have been reminded about NSPCC Speech bubble ‘Buddy’ and know that it is important to ‘Speak out and stay safe’. We talked about pants being private and who they could talk to if they have a problem or a worry.

* PCSO – Police Community Support Officer

We were fortunate that Andy Jones could join us to talk to us about keeping safe in the community. He showed the children his uniform and talked to them about the importance of wearing reflective clothing so they could be seen in the dark.

* Mini First Aid

Kate joined the Year One children about being safe. Teddy the bear was rather accident prone and the children had a chance to put plasters on the teddy, use ice packs and using pretend phones to call 999. Kate explained how important it was for our children to know their address in case they need to phone the emergency services.

* Aquadrome

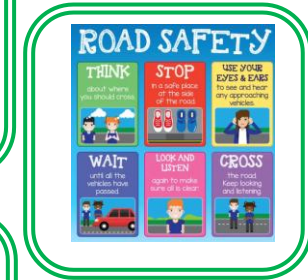
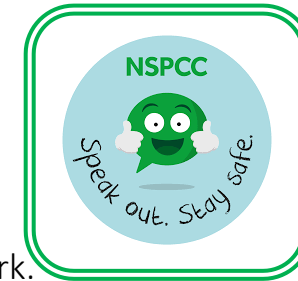
A representative the Aquadrome Leisure Centre joined us to talk about the Importance of water safety in the pool and how to stay safe in any water – a pond, lake or the sea!

* Road Safety

Mrs Hutchings reminded everyone about being safe when out and about. We talked about always holding hands with an adult and remembering to look left and right before crossing the road. We found out that it is not a good idea to cross the road between two parked cars as the drivers can not see any children.

* Stranger Danger

The children have been reminded to stay safe by not talking to strangers and to say ‘NO’ if anyone they don’t know tries to talk to them. We know that adults in uniform would be able to help us if we got lost when we were out with our adults.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
11-22 May	Safety Fortnight- visitors to join us in school over the fortnight
19 May	Sports Day- 1.30pm
22 May	Last Day of Term
25-29 May	Half Term
5 June	Class Photos
9 June	Smartphone webinar- 8-8.45pm
9 June	Alternative Sports Day at 1.30pm
12 June	Summer Disco
24 June	Y1 Trip to Hillier Gardens
26 June	INSET Day
17 July	Leavers' Assembly at 10am
21 July	Year 2 Leavers' Treat