



Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

So, the weather has beaten us again. We are going to attempt Sports Day one final time next Tuesday but the weather is looking too good! We will complete the activities from 9.15am and if it is as hot as the forecast is suggesting we will get the children out and round in an hour.

As the session will be in the morning any help to set up the gazebos and take chairs out onto the field would be much appreciated.

This will be our final attempt at holding Sports Day, if we are unsuccessful next week we are not going to be able to fit it in with parents. We will endeavour to do it with the children when there is a gap in the weather.

I would like to remind everyone to park with consideration to our neighbours next Tuesday morning. No one should be parked in the One Stop, The Barley Mow or the Co-op and ideally walking to the school site for the event. We were inundated with complaints last Friday for the Sports day held at the Juniors so I would be grateful if we did not have a rerun.

With the weather in mind I was shocked to hear that even yesterday in the heavy morning rain, children were coming to school without a coat or in a gilet which was totally unsuitable to the conditions. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather of the day which this week is going to be a light coat and next week a sunhat. Thank you.

As Sports Day will be next Tuesday morning we will cancel the Reading Café as two parent events in one day is an expectation too far.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

INSET Days 2025-2026
26 June 2026

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

Article 28
A right to an education.



Reading at Home

Congratulations to Sycamore Class who topped the table last week. They have made way for the other children, accepting an alternative prize and I am pleased that **Hazel Class** were the winners of Harvey Bear.

W/C	18.5.2026	1.6.2026
Sycamore	89%	80%
Apple	57%	52%
Cherry	46%	55%
Hazel	61%	60%
Holly	59%	34%
Willow	62%	51%

Reading

As I have been reviewing the children's end-of-year reports, it has become clear that those who read regularly at home are far more likely to be on track with their reading. Children who are rarely heard reading at home are already beginning to fall behind their peers, and this gap becomes increasingly difficult to close over time.

I encourage you to make these final weeks of the summer term especially positive for your child by hearing them read each day and, for Reception children, practising their sound cards. We recommend reading each independent reading book three times to build fluency, confidence, and a sense of success.

Thank you for your continued support.

Celebration Assembly

To aid your planning this half term please note the following-

- There will be no Celebration Assembly on 26 June or 3 July- if your child has their birthday between those dates please consider attending assembly on 19 June or 10 July. Please select the one which is closest
- Celebration Assembly will take place on Friday 17 July at 2.45pm
- There will be another Celebration Assembly on 22 July at 9.10am- please come along if your child has their birthday in the holidays

Open Evening- 9 July

On 9 July the school will be open for drop in visits between 4-6.30pm. There will be an opportunity to look at your child's books from the year in their current classroom.

Please pop in at some time between 4-6.30pm.

Smartphone Free Webinar

A reminder that there is a Smartphone Free Childhood webinar taking place this evening at 8pm.

•**Year R & KS1** - Tuesday June 9th - 8-8:45pm - "How to Get the Balance Right with Screens from the Start" - Register free [here](#)

•**KS2** - Tuesday June 16th - 8-8:45pm - "Let's Talk About Our Kids and Their Tech" - Register free [here](#)

Hillier Gardens- 24 June

The Year 1 children will be going on their school trip to Hilliers on 24 June. Please make sure you complete the permission slip, make a lunch choice and make payment using the links. If you are able to help on the day please complete the form and your child's class teacher will get back to you.

PE Kits

PE kits will be going home at the end of the week and we would like the children to wear their kit to school on Monday and Tuesday in preparation for Sports Day.

Junior School Play Equipment

I have been asked to remind you not to play on the Junior School play equipment before or after school. Like our own equipment children must be supervised by school staff when using the equipment. I know it all looks very inviting but it is for use in school time only
Thank you.

Year R- Special Item

As part of their RE work the children in Apple and Cherry class will be sharing a special item in school.
Details will be coming home in their bookbags, look out for the information

SEN Fun Day- 20 June 2026

Please find details of an SEN fundraising day being held at Chalk Ridge School on the poster attached.

School Nursing Team

The School Nursing Team will be doing another drop-in session at morning drop off on 1 July. Please come along if you have a question to ask about your school aged child or even your pre-school child. They are often a great source of information and can point us in the right direction for support.

Disco

Friends will be holding their Summer Disco on Friday 12 June.
Please remember that entry is via the School Office and collection will be in through the Cherry and Year 1 entrance, exiting out of the Year 2 doors so that I am able to check that everyone is collected by an adult.
Your child does not need to bring anything with them and I ask you to take any coats home and bring back at the end of the evening.
Thank you.

Summer Event- 18 July

Along with the Junior school Friends and OJSA will be holding a summer event on Saturday 18 July. Details will be coming soon but please save the date.

As part of the preparation the children will be having a non-school uniform day on 10 July and we are being asked to provide coloured items for the colour themed raffle, a poster is attached to this email.



Jigsaw is a progressive scheme supports our work in our Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) curriculum.



'Changing Me'

This half term, our puzzle piece is ...

This puzzle piece includes learning about how they have changed from being a baby and what may change for them in the future. They consolidate the names and functions of some of the main parts of the body and discuss how these have changed as we get older in lots of different ways and that children grow up at different rates (not including puberty). Children understand that change can bring about positive and negative feelings, and that sharing these can help. Change is discussed as a natural part of getting older which can bring about happy and sad feelings. KS1 children compare life styles of animals with a human life cycle and look at similarities and differences. The knowledge and skills are progressive but many of the knowledge and skills are reinforced every year for every year group. Please talk to your child about their learning.

Key Vocabulary	Knowledge	Social and Emotional skills	Questions for Family learning
Life Cycles Baby Toddler Child Teenager Grown up Adult/adulthood Mature Male Female Change Feelings Worry/worried Anxious Excited Happy Coping Learn Grow Change Grow Control Private Touch	Know what a family is and know that everyone's family is different Know that different people in a family have different responsibilities (jobs) Know that families function well when there is trust, respect, care, love and co-operation Know that there are lots of forms of physical contact within a family Know some of the characteristics of a healthy and safe friendship Know some reasons why friends have conflicts and that friends sometimes fall out Know some ways to mend a friendship Know that unkind words can never be taken back and they can hurt Know how to stay stop if someone is hurting them Know how to use strategies to help them when feeling angry Know some reasons why others get angry Know there are good secrets and worry secrets and why it is important to share worry secrets	Can identify some things that have changed and some things that have stayed the same since being a baby (including the body) Understand and accepts that change is a natural part of getting older and say how they feel about it Can appreciate that changes will happen and that some and be controlled and others not Can recognise the independence and responsibilities they have now compared to being baby or toddler Can express why they enjoy learning Recognise that changing class can illicit happy and/or sad emotions Can identify positive memories from the past year Can suggest ways to manage change - moving class Can say who they would go to if they are worried or scared Can say what types of touch they find comfortable/uncomfortable Be able to confidently ask someone to stop if they are being hurt or frightened Can say what they are looking forward to in the next year	Which parts of your body do you know the name of? Who can you talk to if you are ever worried or frightened? (at school/at home) Can you tell me about a time when you felt really happy? What is a life cycle? How will you change as you grow up? How are you the same/different? How will you change over the next year/ 5 years / 20 years? What changes can you control/not control? Which parts of your body are private? What should you do if you don't like the way someone is touching you? What is the best part about being your age? What is your favourite part of Jigsaw lessons?

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
3 June	New Year R Information Evening- 7pm
5 June	Class Photos
9 June	Smartphone webinar- 8-8.45pm
12 June	Summer Disco
16 June	Reading Café at 2.45pm Cancelled
16 June	Sports Day at 9.15am
24 June	Y1 Trip to Hillier Gardens
26 June	INSET Day
1 July	School Nursing Team
9 July	Open Evening- 4-6.30pm
10 July	Non-school uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes with a colour theme- details to follow
17 July	Leavers' Assembly at 10am
18 July	Summer Event
21 July	Year 2 Leavers' Treat