



Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

This week we will be celebrating Unicef's Children's day on Thursday with the message My Day, My Rights. The children from the Equalities and Rights Advocates (EARA) group will be helping Mrs Barrett in the morning's assembly. Mrs Barrett has shared an update from our fundraising collaboration with the charity SEPIA on the next slide.

I am going to make a few changes to the Celebration Assembly on a Friday afternoon. I have noticed over the last year that the assembly is getting longer and longer so we have thought about how we can make it more efficient whilst still celebrating the children for the achievements the assembly was originally set up for.

Going forwards in Celebration Assembly on a Friday afternoon we will celebrate the clubs and skills the children take part in week after week. We will not be celebrating things children receive from a day out or when they are on holiday, for example iFly, Go Ape and any holiday club prizes. These things can be brought into school but they will be celebrated in their classroom rather than in assembly. I am hopeful that this will enable the assembly to run smoothly and allow us to celebrate the things the children have worked hard to achieve. The other things feel more appropriate to celebrate with their teacher and peers.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

With this Newsletter

Wreath making poster- Friends
Christmas Fair poster
SEND Coffee Morning

To Do

Christmas Fair Volunteer sign up

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



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A right to an education.



Oakley Infant School has been supporting and fundraising for the 'Supporting Educational Projects in Africa' (SEPIA) charity for several years. Michael Clarke is the founder of this amazing charity, visits our school annually to talk to us about their current projects. Each year, we work together to fundraise for this great cause. Previous contributions have helped purchase water drums to provide clean water for hand washing, pay for every child in the school to have a free school meal for the whole term, replace a school roof and a water pump for the village. This week, Michael has passed on his special thanks to Oakley Infant School for their donation in the summer term. Our money has supported three of the schools in the New Tafo area in Ghana to purchase exercise books, pens and sports equipment.



Watch this space ..

We are very excited that plans are already in place for summer fundraising, and we hope, once again, that with your support, we can contribute to this very worthy cause.

Christmas Fair 2025- 28 November 2025

Raffle tickets were sent home last week for the Christmas raffle which will be drawn at the end of the Christmas Fair. Please send the completed raffle tickets back to school with the correct money. Please return any that you cannot sell and ask at the office if you would like to buy more/sell more to family members.

Santa's Grotto tickets sales have now ended and tickets will be coming home in your child's bookbag this week. Please keep your ticket safe to meet Father Christmas in a fortnight.

Volunteers

Now that the tickets will be distributed we need your help to make the evening go with a swing.

Please volunteer to help either before the event, during or for the clear up. This year the Fair has been organised with the children at the centre of the events. There are more child friendly things to do than ever before but that does mean we need some help to be able to pull off the most child friendly event we have ever hosted.

Please use the link to sign up for

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



Snow Globe Colouring Competition

Every child will be bringing home a Snow Globe outline for a Christmas Fair colouring competition. The children can design the centre of the snow globe with any design they want. Please write your child's name and year group on the back of the sheet before returning to school by **Wednesday 26 November** so they can be prepped for decorating the Christmas Fair.

Christmas Wreath Making- 3 December 2025

Friends will be running their popular Christmas Wreath Fundraiser. Please see the poster for information and email for a place, spaces are limited.

Thank you.

Christmas Performance- Baubles

Tickets will be sent out to you this week based on your first preference for your two allocated tickets.

There are a limited number of extra tickets available which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There is a list which **will opened tomorrow morning in the school office.**

If you have already contacted us about tickets, you were too early and no requests received before tomorrow will be actioned. Please pop into the office to request tickets or get a friend, family member to do it for you from tomorrow morning.

We are usually able to manage any requests we receive.

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

Last week Sycamore class were the winners of Harvey Bear with a huge 85% of children reading at least 4 times at home.

This is in stark contrast to the children in Apple class who are doing very little reading 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
39%	80%	85%	64%	58%	66%

Year R

As part of the 'Celebration' topic we will be talking about birthdays. Please send in **one photograph** of your child celebrating their last birthday to share with the class. It would be helpful if you could discuss the photograph, to remind them of details of the event, before they bring it in. We would like the photographs in school by **Friday 21st November** as we will be looking at them as a group after this.

Thank you, the YR Team

Big Emotions

The parent workshop hosted by Primary Behaviour Support will take place in the school hall at 6pm this evening. Please come in through the Office entrance to join the PBS team. If you did not get round to signing up please come along anyway and join us for what will be an informative evening.

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>

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
18 November	Big Emotions Information Evening
19 November	SEND Coffee morning- Chalk Ridge Primary School- 10-12
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
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	Children's Christmas Treat from Friends
19 December	Celebration Assembly at 9.10am