



Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

At the end of last week the children had the opportunity to visit their new classrooms and meet the staff they will be working with in September. It was a successful afternoon with smiles on everybody's faces when I went to visit them all around the school. They all reported back to their current teachers enthusiastically about the time spent with their new teachers.

The children all brought home a postcard from their new teacher to share with you. On the postcard there is a QR code which will take you to a transition book about their new class. Please take the opportunity to share it with your child at home but also you will have access to the book over the summer so you can revisit as many times as your child needs to.

A reminder that this Thursday is Open Evening from 4.30pm. This is a drop in session to look at your child's work from the year and for them to show you their new classroom. The school will be open until 6pm for visits.

As the weather is set to be warm again this week please make sure your child has sun cream applied before coming to school. If you would like them to reapply at lunchtime please put a named cream in their book bag and remind your child not to share it. Please make sure they have a water bottle and sunhat in school each day. School uniform is relaxed and comfortable again this week.

Friends need your help for the Colour Run and Summer Fayre to be held on 18 July. If you can give up an hour of your time to help on the day to ensure the event is successful please sign up using the link, many hands make light work.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

INSET Days 2026-2027

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

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September 2026

To confirm the school will be organised as follows from September 2026 with two new teachers joining us who have both chosen new class names.

As you may have realised there will be some change in September as some long standing members of staff prepare to leave Oakley this summer.

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching Assistant/s
Apple	Miss Moody	Mrs Ware
Cherry	Mrs Anderson (Miss Knight will be getting married in the summer)	Mrs Gosden and Mrs Chippett
Sycamore	Mrs Barrett	tbc
Beech	Miss Russell	Mrs Meyer
Maple	Miss Le Maistre	Miss Wheeler
Willow	Miss Fawcett	Mrs Crawford

It is with great sadness that we say good bye to both Mrs Moss and Miss Milne.

Mrs Moss joined Oakley Infant School in 2013 when she joined as Miss Vaughan. She was a Year 2 teacher up until last year and guided children through their SATs for many years when they were a requirement at the end of Key Stage 1. Mrs Moss has always been a member of the Senior Leadership Team and has led English for the entire time she has been at Oakley. When Ofsted finally arrived at Oakley she was pivotal in the school’s success. Since joining Oakley we have seen her get married and have both her children. I am grateful to Mrs Moss for her thoughtfulness, professionalism and commitment to Oakley and for her support to the children and me.

We are also bidding farewell to Miss Milne this summer. Miss Milne joined the school as an Early Career Teacher in 2021. She has developed into a very committed and talented class teacher leading computing and more recently geography and history while also bringing her sporting drive and competitive edge to Oakley. Miss Milne has been dedicated to school life and will leave a huge hole in our school community. She will be joining a new school nearer to her new home.

I would like to thank them both for their excellent support and service to the children in Oakley, we were lucky to have you both and I wish you both luck as you start a new chapter in your life.

Non-School Uniform Day- 10 July 2026

The children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform this Friday in exchange for a coloured item for the colour raffle as follows-

Cherry- red	Apple- blue
Sycamore- yellow	Hazel- green
Holly- purple	Willow- pink

Summer Event- 18 July 2026

Please return any raffle tickets you have sold with your child, they can be passed to the class teacher.
If you have any books which you cannot sell please return to the school office.

Hillier Gardens- 21 July

We have been able to re-organise the trip for 21 July, the Y1 children will be having an exciting final few days!
Please make sure you give permission again and select a new lunch selection.

Thank you.

New Year R Story and Workshop- new date

Thank you for your understanding regarding the cancelled story time and workshop last week. We have re-organised the session for Tuesday 7 July at 2.45pm. If you came to the first workshop there is no need to attend again as the content is the same but you are most welcome if you'd like to hear it again.

Open Evening- 9 July

This Thursday 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 and have a look at their new classroom.

Celebration Assembly

As we have had a break of two weeks, please decide how best for you to catch up with any out of school achievements. There will be 3 more Celebration Assemblies this term as follows-

Friday 10 July at 2.45pm

Friday 17 July at 2.45pm

Wednesday 22 July at 9.10am- we will celebrate all the summer holiday birthdays up until 31 August.

Home Reading

Willow Class were the reading winners last week, we awarded them Harvey Bear during assembly today.

Headlice

There seems to be a recurring problem with headlice in some classes across the school. I would like everyone to have a check of their children's hair to try to ensure that we are not reinfecting one other.

The NHS recommends wet combing well conditioned hair using a 'detection' comb. As a parent I found the 'nitty gritty' comb to be really effective but I am sure there are other on the market now.

The thing that people often forget to do is re-check. You should repeat wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to ensure any newly hatched headlice are removed. The final check should be on day 17. Everyone in a family should be checked at the same time for the most effective treatment.

I would suggest that hair is tied back to try to prevent the spread and in this hot weather hair off the neck is probably the coolest way to wear it.

If wet combing is not effective then the NHS recommends using a medicated lotion.

W/C	8.6.2026	3.7.2026
Sycamore	82%	73%
Apple	61%	55%
Cherry	40%	50%
Hazel	57%	56%
Holly	69%	50%
Willow	75%	62%

Year 2 Leavers' Assembly

The Leavers' Assembly will take place on **Friday 17 July at 10am**. All Year 2 parents are invited to attend and you are invited to stay and join us for a cup of tea in the library afterwards.

End of Year Reports

The end of year reports will be coming home with your children this evening in their bookbags or by email for parents who are a little further away.

End of Year Arrangements- Named bag

As we start to sort the classrooms and organise your children's work from the past year we would be grateful for a named bag for each child so that the staff can start to collect their things over the next fortnight. These can be sent into school at any time but please make sure they are in by next week.

Thank you.

Earrings

Please make sure that your child's earrings are suitable and sensible for school. Anything that could be caught by another child, equipment or while performing cartwheels may need a re-think. The smaller the better.

Thank you.

Oakley Show

This year the Oakley Show will be held at the Infant School once again, it will take place on 8 August from 1.30pm.

Last year I noticed that not many Infant children took part in the children's competitions so I would love a few more to take part this summer. The entry form is included with the newsletter today but if you need help to print then please let us know, we would be happy to assist.

The children can enter the following 4 classes-

- Class 77- A decorated cupcake (decoration only to be judged)**
- Class 78- A model from recycled materials (max 30cm x 30cm)**
- Class 79- Grow your own cress character**
- Class 80- A Summer themed picture**

If your child would like to give it a go then the entrants should be dropped to the school on the morning of the show.

Good luck!



Dates for your
Diary

Date	Event
9 July	Open Evening- 4-6.30pm
10 July	Non-school uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes with a colour theme
17 July	Leavers' Assembly at 10am- tea in the library after the assembly
18 July	Summer Event- Colour Run and Summer Fayre
21 July	Year 2 Leaver's Treat
21 July	Year 1 trip to Hillier Gardens
8 August	Oakley Show from 1.30pm- held at Oakley Infant School