



Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

Thank you to Friends who funded a visit from Rockpool School in Year R last week. The children were able to get up close to all different crabs, starfish and even some shark teeth. The children were given the opportunity to hold the creatures if they wanted to.

This week Friends are funding a visit from Openbox for the Year 1 Pirate Day and they will fund the Year 2 treat which will take place next week.

This weekend Friends and OJSA will be holding their summer event which will be a combination of a Colour Run and Summer Fayre. Please come along to enjoy the run and the summer fayre stalls, you do not have to run to enjoy the day.

Thank you for your contributions for the Colour Raffle and please return any raffle tickets to school. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday.

This is one of my reminders as we approach the summer to take advantage of free eye tests for children and use this holiday to get your child's eyes checked. Every child is able to have an annual eye test for free.

If you are thinking of allowing your child to get their ears pierced now is the time to do it while they have the long summer break to recover and heal. Please remember that earrings must be removed for PE at school so if they are pierced during term time they will miss 6 weeks of PE and fun. Having earrings while at infant school is quite a responsibility so please think carefully if this is a road you are thinking of travelling.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

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.



Staffing

I am sad to inform you that there are some support members of staff who will be leaving at the end of term.

Mrs Robson who has been working at the school for the last 12 years and started on the Governing Body before becoming a lunchtime supervisor and then a Teaching Assistant extraordinaire! We have been so lucky to have the benefit of her Speech Therapist background over all those years.

Miss Lockley in the Office is also moving on after nearly two years at the school. Miss Lockley is leaving to train to be a secondary Spanish teacher so your paths may cross in the future. Thank you for your keeping us all on track!

Finally Mrs Gosden has decided to hang up her whistle from Oakley Infant School. Mrs Gosden joined us from Acorns nursery 8 years ago and has supported many families as they have started their school journeys with us. A huge thank you for your efforts at Oakley.

Leavers' Assembly- Friday 17 July

The children have been practising hard for their Leavers' Assembly. While it is billed as an assembly it is rather like a Christmas performance and as such I ask that pre-school children and babies do not attend.

It is a really special time for you to celebrate with your Year 2 child, please take the time to enjoy it. I feel quite strongly that it is an opportunity for the Year 2 children to shine without interruption but I appreciate childcare is difficult for some so if you cannot get childcare and the only way to attend is with a child, you are welcome to attend the performance for the rest of the school instead, the dress rehearsal, on Thursday 16th at 10am.

So that we have an idea of numbers for the dress rehearsal, please complete the form being sent out today. This way everyone gets to enjoy the performance and I will not have to turn anyone away on Friday morning.

Due to fire regulations there is only room for each child to have 2 adult guests. Who you choose to be those 2 guests is your choice but there are only 120 spaces in the hall.

If you know someone with a child in Year 2 who also has a pre-school child please think if you can help someone out so they can attend on Friday and enjoy with distraction.

Pirate Day- Wednesday 15 July

We're looking forward to our **Pirate Day this Wednesday, 15th July** and can't wait to see all the children dressed up in their fantastic pirate outfits!

On the day, the children will be entering school through their classroom doors in true pirate style.

Please note that **book bags are not needed**. All your child will need is a **water bottle, sun cream, and plenty of pirate energy** for a fun-filled day of adventure!

Please remember it is hot so shorts and a stripey t-shirt is a good costume for the conditions.

Hillier Gardens -Year 1 School Trip

Our rescheduled school trip will take place on Tuesday, 21st July. Please refer to the previous school letter for full details about the trip.

Important: Even if the weather is warm, all children must wear long trousers for the trip. Please also ensure they come prepared for the weather.

Wednesday 15 July- World Cup

I have been approached by two Year 2 children who have made a special request. They would like to be able to wear their football kits to support England on Wednesday. As this may not be everyone's cup of tea, they have suggested that if you do not own a kit that you could wear red, white and blue. I am happy to support their request and as such we will be having an impromptu dress down day tomorrow, any football kit your child would like to wear or any colours are welcome.

Of course, PE or school uniform is welcome as well.

Apologies to the Year 1 children but you will be having lots of fun as Pirates on Wednesday, I don't organise the fixtures!

PE Swap- Year 1 and 2

This week Year 2 will do PE on Thursday and Year 1 on Wednesday. As the Year 1 children will be doing Pirate Day they will not need to change, it will lead to lost pieces of costume and lots of upset.

Home Reading

Hazel Class were the reading winners last week, well done!

Summer Reading Challenge

Last Thursday the Library Team came to talk to the children about this summer's reading challenge. Read to the Beat is the theme for this year and the sign up is now open. Please follow the link to find out more <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone>

IF your child takes part, please remember to tell us about it in September.

Wraparound Care

Active 360 are launching new clubs for September. Please see the posters sent Out with today's newsletter.

W/C	3.7.2026	6.7.2026
Sycamore	73%	70%
Apple	55%	48%
Cherry	50%	36%
Hazel	56%	58%
Holly	50%	48%
Willow	62%	57%



End of Year Arrangements- Named bag

Please make sure we have a named bag for collecting your child's end of term things together.

Thank you.

New Year R Coffee Morning

Friends will be holding a coffee morning for the new Year R parents in September when your child starts school. On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September.

Please see the poster for details.

Summer Savings

The DfE have asked me share information about their Summer Savings for many attractions over the summer. By cutting VAT on the entry to many places they hope to help with costs. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

RHE Guidance

The DfE have updated the guidance for Relationship and Health Education and Mrs Barrett has put some information on the next two slides. Please take a look before it become statutory in September.

Updates for the new Relationships and Health Guidance

The Department for Education has updated its RHE and Health Guidance. Most learning remains the same but several areas have been strengthened to help children stay safe, healthy and confident. We are pleased that many of the new guidance areas are areas that we already provide, including 'Speak Out, Stay Safe', and 'PANTS' with Pantosaurus. New topics on personal safety are also included through safety in and around the home, road and water safety awareness. In addition, we have a safety fortnight every year with visitors from the Police, Fire Service, the Aquadrome on Water safety, Railway Safety and also First Aid in Year 1. Oakley Infant School has followed the Jigsaw PSHE for many years and is pleased that all the new guidance will be included in the planning.

New/updated focus;

Families and people who care for us: Children will continue learning about different families and healthy relationships. Teaching should illustrate a wide range of family structures positively, including Same-sex parents.

- What makes a family safe and happy.
- Marriage includes marriage and civil partnerships.
- How to recognise unsafe relationships and where to get help.
- Teach from an early age about physical, emotional and begin to introduce about safe and unsafe touch as an introduction to sexual abuse.
- Further details on developing skills to stay in relationships and teaching on when and how to seek support.
- Greater emphasis on helping children understand change and loss, including bereavement.
- Developing communication skills, assertiveness, and the confidence to express personal needs and boundaries.

Caring Friendships: Understanding loneliness, knowing there is no shame in feeling or discussing and knowing it is normal.

Respectful Relationships: Greater focus on self-esteem, setting and representing boundaries, building resilience and how to find support.



STATUTORY RELATIONSHIPS CONTENT

✓ Families and people who care for me

✓ Caring Friendships

✓ Respectful Relationships

✓ Online Relationships

✓ Being Safe

Online Relationships: Enhanced online safety requirements. Foundations will be built in KS1 to strengthen children's ability to recognise feelings in their bodies and identify when something feels 'not quite right' – starting with offline situations before applying online.

Being safe: Further details on developing skills to stay safe in relationships and teaching on when and how to seek support.

STATUTORY HEALTH AND WELLBEING CONTENT

- Small or no changes to Healthy Eating, Physical Health and First Aid.
- Greater focus on active promotion of physical and mental health, recognising what is appropriate and proportionate, and when to seek help and support.
- Schools should emphasise the relationships between physical health and mental wellbeing, and the benefits of physical activity and time spent outdoors. 'Health education in primary starts with the benefits and importance of physical activity, good nutrition and sufficient sleep, and supports to develop emotional awareness'.
- Additional clarity on teaching specific vocabulary for external body parts, including external genitalia.
- More content on online behaviour including: safety and rights, relationships and the impact on physical health and offline relationships.

STATUTORY HEALTH AND WELLBEING CONTENT



✓ General Wellbeing

✓ Wellbeing Online

✓ Physical Health and Fitness

✓ Healthy Eating

✓ Drugs Alcohol, Tobacco and Vaping

✓ Health Protection and Prevention

✓ Personal Safety

✓ Basic First Aid

Dates for your
Diary

Date	Event
17 July	Leaver's Assembly at 10am- tea in the library after the assembly
18 July	Summer Event
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