

Oakwood Primary School Newsletter



Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Oakwood Community,

The term is flying by and our preparations for the next academic year are well underway. Last week, we welcomed our new Acorns parents into school for an information evening and we are finalising classes for next year. We plan to update you on classes and teachers before the end of next week.

Governors visited the school on Wednesday and surveyed pupils on behaviour and bullying, as well as meeting with staff to find out what it's like to work at Oakwood. We will share an update in due course.

Sporting events

The past fortnight has been filled with an array of sporting events including District Athletics, the "World Games" event at Oaklands college, a cricket match and finally, yesterday was our whole school sports day, which was a huge success. See more below!

We hope you and your families have a lovely weekend.

The Oakwood Team

Sports Day

Well done to all of our pupils on a fantastic sports day. Everyone competed excellently and there were some very close races! Huge congratulations to the Red Team for their win and to all the teams for their superb sports attitude throughout the whole day! All of the staff were united in their pride for the children, who demonstrated exemplary behaviour through the day, listening to instructions, showing kindness and respect for each other and for doing their very best. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to support the children. You were an excellent crowd and your support, energy and encouragement made a real difference in spurring the children on. Thank you also to the governors who joined us and helped out on the day. Finally, thank you to Mr Cowan and the rest of the staff for planning, preparing and running such a wonderful day.



Recommended reading...

We value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge and one of life's key pleasures!

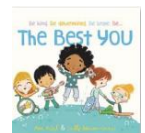
Reception

The Best You
By Nima Patel



Key Stage 1

Carrie and the Roller Boots
By Lisa Thompson



Lower Key Stage 2

Marnie midnight and the Moon Mystery
By Laura Ellen Anderson

Upper Key Stage 2

The Boy who Fell from the Sky
By Benjamin Dean

Please do visit your [local library](#) to select from a fantastic range of books.

Important dates for your diary...

W/C 30 th June	Y6 Bikeability (excl. Wednesday)
Tuesday 1 st July	Y4 Fitness and Fun
Friday 4 th July	KS1 visit to the Sealife Centre
Friday 4 th July	Diversity Forum (2pm)
Monday 7 th July	Gladiator Steel visit
Monday 7 th July	Behaviour event for parents (2pm)
Tuesday 8 th July	Wind Band Open Rehearsal @Beaumont (3:45pm)
Wednesday 9 th July	UKS2 Visit to Hazard Alley
Thursday 10 th July	Transition Day Y6 Pupils visiting Secondary School New Acorns visiting 10am-11:30am
Friday 11 th July	Y6 Lunch with Y7 pupils

Electric Umbrella

Our Year 4 pupils recently attended a wonderful workshop at St Albans Cathedral with Electric Umbrella. They had a fantastic time and enjoyed an excellent afternoon with children from all over the area.



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Work of the week!

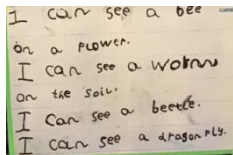
Cameron in Poplar

Poplar have been learning about non-chronological reports. They have explored and discussed the audience and purpose for their writing: they decided to create a class book for Year 2. Cameron has used conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions superbly to inform his readers about his festival.



Rory in Acorns 1

Acorns 1 have been learning about Minibeasts and Rory wrote some wonderful sentences using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Can you spot any of the tricky words he has used? Well done Rory!



Learning around Oakwood: Lime

This half-term, Lime Class has been on a journey through time and discovery!

In History, we've been learning all about the Iron Age. A real highlight was our fantastic trip to Celtic Harmony village, where we stepped into the shoes of Iron Age farmers. From grinding wheat and creating herbal soup to weaving, making dough, and crafting bracelets, it was a truly hands-on experience that brought the past to life.

In English, we've been busy writing non-chronological reports all about festivals. We've been learning how to organise our ideas clearly and include exciting facts to interest our readers.

In Maths, we've been mastering our knowledge of time. Telling the time, reading clocks and solving time-related problems have kept our brains busy!

Our Science lessons have taken a living twist, as we welcomed real caterpillars into the classroom. We're eagerly watching their transformation while learning about life cycles and living things.

In DT, we've started exploring how torches work. We've been investigating different designs and are full of ideas—we can't wait to build our own!

We've also made a splash in PE, as Lime Class started swimming lessons this term. We're already gaining confidence in the water and enjoying learning new skills.

It's been a fun, active, and exciting half-term in Lime Class—we can't wait for what's next!



Celebration of History

History at Oakwood has been going through some exciting changes. We have looked carefully at the curriculum and created Golden Threads that link each of our topics. For History, our Golden Threads are Civilisation, Legacy, Power, Empire, Religion, Invention and Discovery and Trade.

The purpose of these threads is to connect the learning through historical concepts. The aim is to deepen the children's understanding of the concepts as a whole, allowing them to make strong and purposeful connections between timeframes, events and people.

For example, after exploring The Great Fire of London in KS1, the Vikings in LKS2 and WW2 in UKS2 the children will have discussed power in relation to these topics. This will allow them to compare the power within each topic. Who held the power? What decisions did they make? Below, is a picture of our Golden Threads poster which allows the children to track the Golden Threads. They can see where they will meet each one throughout their History journey at Oakwood.



If you have any safeguarding concerns, including concerns about bullying, please email safeguardingteam@oakwood.herts.sch.uk
For urgent concerns, please telephone the school office

Learning around Oakwood: Cherry

Recently, Cherry have been diving into our new topics for Summer 2! In History we have been exploring Seaside Holidays in the past. We began our learning by exploring vocabulary linked to Seaside Holidays. This was greatly helped by the lovely pieces of home learning that Cherry created linking to their own Seaside holidays. We then 'thought like Historians' and we used Primary Sources to find clues about the past. In the classroom there were pictures people on their holidays. We worked in groups to find out facts about the holidays, what they wore, what they ate and what activities they did. We then started to compare these sources to the seaside trips we described in our home learning.

In RE, we have been learning about Islam. For our home learning, we created fact posters which have helped us to explore the religion. We have been learning about the stages of Hajj and why it is important.

In Science we have completed our Seasons learning. At the beginning of the year we picked a tree within our school grounds. We have drawn this tree in each new season to track the similarities and differences. This has allowed us to make predictions about the next season. We then expanded upon this learning by exploring evergreen and deciduous trees.

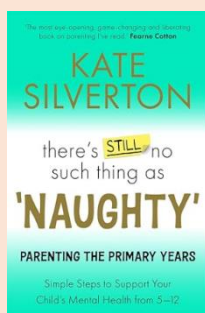


Recommended read for adults...

There's Still No Such Thing As Naughty: Parenting the Primary Years – Simple Steps to Support your Child's Mental Health from 5-12

By Kate Silverton

Backed by neurosciences and neurobiology, the author offers compassionate wisdom and insight into the inner workings of your child's mind demonstrating how to support them in a number of ways.



Celebration Assembly

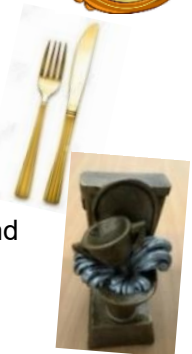
Every week, Celebration Assemblies are held to mark children's successes, efforts and achievement individually and as a class. In the last two weeks, the following prizes were awarded to...



'Golden Dustpan and Brush' for the tidiest classroom – Maple and Ash



'Golden Clock' for the class with the best attendance and punctuality – Cherry and Lime



'Golden Knife and Fork' for the best manners in the hall at lunchtime – Poplar and Ash

The 'Golden Toilet' for the cleanest and most looked after class toilets – Lime and Poplar

'Person of the Week' for demonstrating values which are important to everyone in our school:

Ash – Sophie and Meg
Beech – Charlotte and Rose
Cherry – Freya and Alice
Lime – Max S and Jack
Maple – Arianne and Bella
Poplar – Harry and Evie
Rowan – Jayda and Orestis
Sycamore – Seren and Emilia
Willow – Olivia T and Ishan
Mrs Thompson's Award – Theo (Willow)



Hertfordshire School Fencing Championship

The Hertfordshire School Fencing Championships was a wonderful showcase of developing skills and maturity from all participating fencers. The teams fought hard, supported each other, and demonstrated great discipline and perseverance on the piste. It was a perfect opportunity for these fencers to test their techniques against strong opposition and prepare themselves for future competitions at a higher level.

Congratulations to our representatives: Ellis, Jacob, Archer, Jack and Joseph for finishing in 9th and 15th respectively.

Please remember if you have any queries or questions, do make an appointment to come and speak your child's teacher. We are always very happy to meet with you. Don't let a little worry become a big one!