Oakwood Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Oakwood Community,
It has been another busy fortnight at Oakwood School!

Parent engagement
Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attend our Open Classrooms this week. It was lovely to see how proud the children are of their learning.

There will be another opportunity to see your children's books for those of you attending our face-to-face parent consultations next Thursday.

We very much enjoyed the first OPAL Parent Play Day of the year today - thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended. We hope you had fun! Thank you to our fabulous Play Team for doing this every day!

Values competition
Earlier this term, we held a competition for the children to design a poster or write a poem or description of one of our school values. We had a huge number of fantastic entries and it was very difficult to choose the winners.

Congratulations to our winners: Abigail, Thomas, Lilly, Jacob, Lewin, Milly, Junie, Benjamin, Piper, Patrick, Amaarah, Sophia and Bethan.



We will be displaying the winning posters in the school hall at various points over the academic year.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!
The Oakwood Team

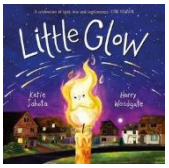
Recommended reading…

At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge and one of life's key pleasures! This week our recommendations are the BookTrust's recommended reads for the Autumn Term.

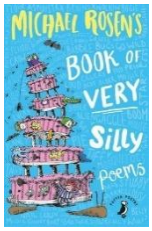
Reception
Little Acorn
By Adam Stower



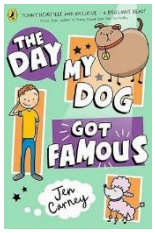
Key Stage 1
Little Glow
By Katie Sahokta



Lower Key Stage 2
Michael Rosen's *Book of Very Silly Poems*



Upper Key Stage 2
The Day My Dog Got Famous
By Jen Carney



Please do visit your local library to select from a fantastic range of books. Locations and opening times are here.

Important dates for your diary

Tuesday 20th October 9:30am -11:30am	Acorns Little City Workshop
Tuesday 20th October 4pm-7pm	Parent Consultations Online
Thursday 22nd October 3:50pm -7pm	Parent Consultations face-to-face
w/c 26th October	Half Term SCHOOL CLOSED
3rd - 6th October	Year 6 PGL visit



Work of the week!

Alex in Ash



Ash class have been exploring the book *Someone Just Like You*. Alex has written super sentences using his phonics knowledge.

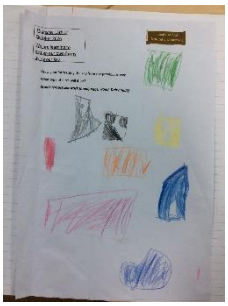
Annabelle In Maple



Maple class have been exploring the story *Mini Rabbit Not Lost*. They practised writing direct speech and created their own versions of the story. Annabelle's character Pippa Duckling went in search for pond weed.

Learning around Oakwood: Ash

We have had an exciting half term in Ash class learning about the farms. We started off with the different types of farms: livestock, arable and dairy. We have explored the main features of the farm, played with a farm and built our own farms out of blocks. We moved on to learning about maps and drew a map of our farms. Next, we learnt about the map key and created our own keys. Finally, we drew our maps again using a key and our symbols this time. Our maps look very impressive!

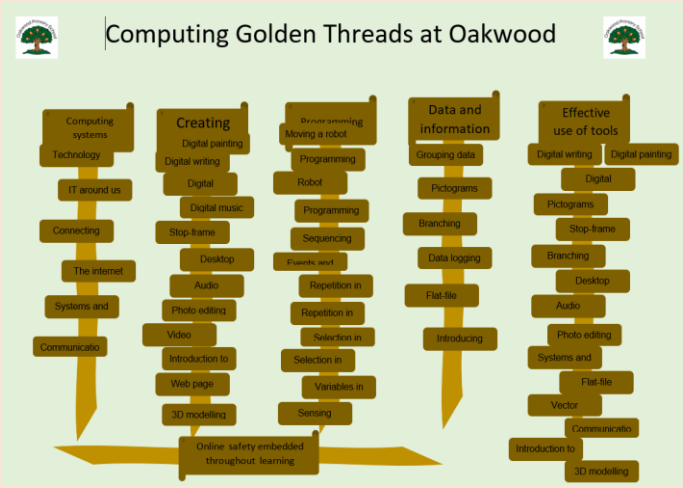






Curriculum celebration: Computing

Computing is a Golden Thread subject and we have 6 threads that are explored throughout our curriculum. These are Computing Systems, Creating Media, Programming, Data and Information, Effective use of tools and our 6th thread Online Safety is explored consistently throughout every unit, in every year group.



The Acorns have been exploring Computing through their Active Learning provision including having examples of technology for the children to investigate within their environment. This includes landline phones without batteries, keyboards and mice. Within Active Learning the adults engage in discussions with the children about the technology and where they might have seen and used it before.

In KS1 the children are enjoying their unit "IT All Around Us". This builds on their knowledge from EYFS and allows them to recognise types of technology in school and beyond, it's importance and how to use it safely.

LKS2 are exploring the Internet. This involves effective and safe use of the internet, navigating websites and questioning what they are seeing and reading.

Finally, UKS2 are exploring their Communication and Collaboration unit. This involves investigating and evaluating different methods of communication through technology and how to use them safely.

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: Acorns 1

We have had a wonderful start to the year, and I am so proud of all the children in Acorns 1. Starting school is such a big milestone for the children and their grown-ups!



There has been lots of learning about our routines and expectations in school - learning about our Golden Rules and Protective behaviour themes. The children have enjoyed our OPAL exploration time which teaches the children how to play safely in our fabulous school grounds.



The children have made a great start to their Phonics learning and are becoming excited about becoming readers and writers. It is amazing to watch the progress the children make from the start of the year to the end.



We have started finding out about 'People who help us' in our topic learning and we were lucky enough to have Dr Rosa come into speak to the children and answer their questions. If you would like to come into Acorns to talk about your job, please let us know!



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	Cherry & Cherry
	Golden Clock' for the class with the best attendance and punctuality	Acorns 1 & Acorns 2
	'Golden Knife and Fork' for the best manners in the hall at lunchtime	Willow & Sycamore
	The 'Golden Toilet' for the cleanest and most looked after class toilets	Poplar & Sycamore
	The 'Golden Star' for all round positive classroom behaviour	Cherry & Beech
	The bear for the class with the best sitting and listening during Assemblies.	Willow & Maple

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

Acorns 1 – Joshua & Holly
Acorns 2 – Myla & Anna
Ash – Aarav & Saoirse
Beech – Annabel & Parker
Cherry – George & Leo
Lime – Scarlett & Lexi
Maple – Willow & Julieo
Poplar – Alice & Esmae
Rowan – Georgie & Finlay E
Sycamore – Tazeem & Patrick
Willow – Sophie & Tara





Hertfordshire Constabulary: Advice for Halloween and Bonfire night

Please see the link below for advice from Hertfordshire Constabulary about staying safe on Halloween and Bonfire night.

https://www.herts.police.uk/halloween

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