Oakdene Primary

Newsletter

Oakdene Primary Academy
Learning for Life

Autumn Term — 2nd November 2026

Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back to another exciting half term at Oakdene! We ended last half term in true Oakdene style, with a wonderful range of activities including the Year 5 Sports Festival, our Spooktacular Hallowe'en Lunch and Discos, and plenty of autumnal delights. This half term promises to be just as exciting, with lots of special events and memorable experiences planned, enriching the breadth of our curriculum and giving our children even more opportunities to learn, explore, achieve and make memories together.

Parent/carer consultation evening appointments are now available to book on the My Child at School (MCaS) app. We continue to offer a hybrid model—face to face appointments as well as telephone appointments. We can't wait to share how much progress your child/ren are making and we can provide top tips to support at home. Please remember that all clubs will be cancelled next week.

Happy Diwali to all our families celebrating next weekend! We hope the Festival of Light brings you and your loved ones happiness, joy and special times together.

Finally, this week, firefighters will be talking to our pupils about Bonfire Night and firework safety. We hope everyone enjoys the celebrations while keeping themselves and others safe.
Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Hallowe'en Disco

It was great to be able to hold the Hallowe'en Discos just before the half term break. Our hall was transformed into 'Hogwarts'. The DJ entertainer organised party games and awarded prizes to those who got into the spirit of dancing! The children looked spooktacular! Overall, the evening was a huge success, and raised an incredible £581 towards school funds.

Thank you for your support with this event! A huge thank you to all the Friends of Oakdene and our staff for making this happen!







Children In Need Day

Once again, the Rights Respecting Steering Group would like to support Children in Need Day on Friday, 13th November 2026.
Non-uniform or pyjamas are welcomed.
Whatever your child chooses to come dressed in, please just make sure that it is appropriate for the school day, for example, sensible shoes for outdoor breaktimes.
We would like to encourage every child to bring in a voluntary donation (£1 suggestion) to contribute towards this fundraiser.



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Exceptional Enquiry

Our latest Trust Learning Enquiry welcomed headteachers, members of the Academy Improvement Committee and teachers from other schools to Oakdene. Led by a member of the Central Trust team, who also serves as an Ofsted inspector, the enquiry provided an opportunity to evaluate the strength of our provision in two key areas: Achievement and Curriculum and Teaching. There was a sharp focus on the Trust's three priorities: Oracy, Strong Foundations and Adaptive Teaching, alongside exploring the strength, consistency and evidence of exceptional practice across Oakdene. There was compelling evidence of exceptionality across our school

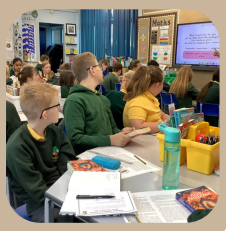
Through observations of English, mathematics and foundation subjects, visitors saw first-hand the ambition, consistency and quality that characterise learning at Oakdene. The feedback and subsequent report were extremely positive and provided powerful external validation of our continued journey towards the very highest standards. We could not be prouder of Team Oakdene!











WHAT'S ON?

2 NOV	Y3 VISIT DANELAW VIKING VILLAGE
4 NOV	PM Y1 SPORTS FESTIVAL
4 NOV	HEIGHT & WEIGHT CHECKS FOR REC & Y6 PUPILS
5 NOV	Y1 OPEN MORNING



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Dates For Your Diary

Poppies are now on sale in school in support of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Our Year 6 pupils will visit classes each day, giving children the opportunity to make a donation and purchase a poppy or other Poppy Appeal item.

Suggested donations:

- Festival wristband – £1.50
- Ruler snap band – £1.50
- Pencil – 50p
- Reflector – 50p
- Coloured sticker – 20p

As Remembrance Day approaches, we will take time together to reflect on the brave men and women who have served our country, past and present, and the sacrifices they and their families have made.

The whole school will come together to observe a two-minute silence on Wednesday, 11th November, as we remember them with gratitude and respect.

November

Non-Fiction November

Mon 2nd Nov	Y3 visit to Danelaw Viking Village
Wed 4th Nov	Rec & Y6 Height & weight screening PM Y1 Sports Festival
Thur 5th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y1 Pupils
Week Commencing 9th Nov: Parent Consultation Evenings	
Wed 12th Nov	Dragon's Den event for Y5 & Y6 pupils & 18 pupils from Y3 & Y4 attend Indoor Athletics event
Fri 13th Nov	Children In Need Day
w/c16th Nov	Road Safety Week
Fri 20th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils
w/c 23rd Nov	UK Parliament Week
Mon 23rd Nov	Flu Nasal Spray (pupils from Rec-Y6)
Tues 24th Nov	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Wed 25th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y5 Pupils (Change of date)
Mon 30th Nov	PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)



Dates For Your Diary

December



Tues 1st Dec	Y2 Victorian Christmas experience at Preston Hall
Wed 2nd Dec	3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair
Fri 4th Dec	10am Y3/Y4 Tableau @ St. Luke's Church
Tues 8th Dec	2.15pm Nativity Performance
Wed 9th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 10th Dec	2.15pm Nativity Performance
Fri 11th Dec	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils
Tues 15th Dec	9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle, PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties
Wed 16th Dec	PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties
Thurs 17th Dec	AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties
	PM Reception Christmas Parties
	PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties
Fri 18th Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM
	Christmas Holiday: Monday, 21st December 2026 - Friday, 1st January 2027
	Children will return to school on Monday, 4th January 2027

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Monday, 21st Dec – Friday, 1st Jan

Stars of the Week

Week Ending 23rd October 2026

Class	Star of the Week	Star Speaker	Star Reader	Star Writer	Star Mathematician	Star Philosopher
Nursery Mrs Guest	Keira-Leigh Dennis	Arlo Langstaff	Leo Hudzicki	Sophie Balogun	Jax Helyer	Matilda Curry
YRD Miss Dixon	Harper Bunn	Charlotte Ayre	Joshua Collier	Dolcie-May Seal	Vinnie Manze	Ethan Adekunle
YRM Mr McConnell	Brooklyn Butler	Tate Blasco	Matilda Lenham	Everleigh Royal	Olivia Dunn	Albie Doherty-Grainger
YIB Mrs Brown	Dolly Browning	Harrison Howdle	Theo Grimwood	Ruban Gilbey	Willow Watts	Rory Baker
YID Miss Duffey	Lola Langridge	Edith Lewis	Rory Liddle	Junior Morgan	Zac Love	Parker Purvis
Y2D Mrs Durham	Annie Turney	Elijah Wilson-Hill	Elsie Balogun	Katie Bonnet	Junior Ferguson	Wyatt Hold
Y3H Mr Horkan	Amelia Wright	Aysel Khan	Caleb Jefferies	Michael Smith	Jack Bourne	Isla Featherstone
Y3C Mr Cochrane	Darcy Hammond	Izzy Matthews	Olivia Curry	Tommy Wilks	Bonnie-Rae Ferguson	Liam Turner
Y4R Miss Robinson	Neave Bateman	Lincoln Wardle	Mia Hudzicka	Alice Tasker	Aria Dugdale	Chanel Ambrose
Y5R Miss Richardson	Skyla Wilks	Ellie Tasker	Oakley Purvis	Michelle Adekunle	Malachi Worth	Max Prout
Y6C Mrs Cowan	Jasmine Dunn	Rasgun Kaur	Lacie Love	Milo Hancock	Cason Tierney	Beth Devlin



YR & KS1
Edith Lewis

Y3 & Y4
Michael Smith

Y5 & Y6
Rasgun Kaur