

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



THANK YOU to everyone who attended our Year Five Christmas Singalong on Thursday. There was standing room only in the hall and the atmosphere was wonderful. Mince Pies and warm apple juice was offered to parents as they came into the academy out of the cold.

RIP To our dear friend, colleague and Teacher, Ms Anna Schiffer who died very suddenly last Friday. She will be sadly missed by all of us.



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On Wednesday our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Bristol Hippodrome to watch Brian Conley in Goldilocks & The Three Bears.

Yr 6
Panto
Trip



SCIENCE

On Wednesday 5S explored what makes up blood. Pupils made their own model of blood using cooking oil as plasma, red Cheerios as red blood cells, marshmallows as white blood cells and crushed up shreddies as the platelets.

Pictured: Mostyn Cochrane extracting some Connor Pain's "blood".

Year 7 have been exploring compound, by putting their chemistry skills to the test by making copper sulphate. Techniques practiced included evaporation, careful heating of acids, and filtration. **Pictured: Lillian Shearman and Tristan Holloman.**





**SMARTPHONE FREE
CHILDHOOD**
If you would like to see
how the Frome Group
could support you,
please use the QR code

**Sadly we lost two of our boundary Horse Chestnut
Trees during Storm Darragh.**



Oakfield Academy 2 VS Preston Academy 4

Our Yr 8 football team represented the Academy impeccably, traveling to Yeovil for round 2 of the Somerset Cup. Oakfield opened the scoring with Isaac Gaiger finishing well from a corner. Preston fought back and created two chances to make the score 2-1 at half time.

Oscar Contini pounced in the box to score a good goal from a Leo Butland corner to make it 2-2. Oakfield continued to battle and create chances on the counter-attack, however the luck would fall to Preston, scoring from close range on two more occasions to end the match 4-2.

All players worked extremely hard. Special mentions to Bobby and Charlie who were superb in goal, Jacob, Isaac, Dylan and Tristan who worked so hard to defend Preston attacks. Leo Butland (captain) led by example, putting 100% effort alongside wingers Joel and Jamie Riggs. Well done all!



On Thursday 5th December Oakfield Academy welcomed Lisa Saunders in to talk about Gender Inequality to further the Year 8's understanding of issues such as the pay gap that they had reflected on in their PSHE lessons earlier on in the term. It was a fascinating insight into current research and also gave pupils understanding of Lisa's career choices both in HR as well as the many years she has spent working in the construction and mineral industry. The talk gave a brief but fascinating insight into the world of work in these sectors and definitely raised some points to consider further in their futures.



YEAR SIX PUPILS OF THE WEEK—Hannah Murphy-Gay 6R, Bella-Jane Gilbert 6N, Nikola Slrzypied 6C, Edith Gilson 6O, Ava Kerslake 6A and Marcella Saye 6S. Well done girls !



Supporting your Neurodivergent Child

Online | January – May 2025

Learner led, inclusive support in parenting and caring for children with neurodiversity.

Friday 10th Jan – 23rd May 2025
9.30am – 11.30am | 4 courses

*Please see our website for eligibility information

Scan the QR code to sign up



ADHD Awareness Courses

Online | January – April 2025

Learning how to understand, manage and achieve your goals with ADHD.

Wednesday 15th Jan – 9th April
9.30am - 12pm | 4 Courses

*Please see our website for eligibility information

Scan the QR code to sign up



Book online, or call us

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"A" Cake Sale

The Cake Sale run by our "A" Tutor Groups last Friday raised a fantastic

£61.50.

Thank you for your support.

Thank You

Thank you to the huge number of parents that answered our attendance survey last month. The results showed that parents are familiar with Oakfield's attendance procedures and expectations and that you know who to contact if your child misses school.

We were so pleased that you believe Oakfield is a welcoming place for your child to attend and when needed we will follow up on attendance concerns quickly to help break down barriers.

Thank you for individual comments of praise, success and where further support is needed.



Option Subjects Information Evening

All Current Year 8 Students and Parents are Invited to Explore the Optional Subjects Available for Year 9 Start September 2025

Date: Thursday, 30 January 2025

Presentation Times: 17:30 and 18:30

Location: Merlin Theatre

Find out about:

Available option subjects Detailed subject information Application process

For more information email WDay@fromecollege.org.uk

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday 17th December
3.00-3.30pm

FRESH START PHONICS

(for parents of pupils accessing the intervention)



MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (12yrs - 18yrs)

RAVES FROM THE GRAVE & COLDPLAY HAVE RAISED FUNDS TO PAY FOR 10 BERT JANSCH STUDIO, MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. EACH PROGRAMME WILL OFFER A FULL DAYS TRAINING IN A PROFESSIONAL RECORDING STUDIO. EQUIPPING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE APPROPRIATE TOOLS, KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE, LEARNING HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF MANAGING STUDIO TIME, WHEN WORKING TOWARDS A CREATIVE OUTCOME.

YOUNG UP AND COMING MUSICIAN SESSIONS



These sessions are specifically offering young up and coming musicians the opportunity to experience what it is like to work and be creative in a professional recording studio, and most importantly, how to manage the studio time, to ensure a successful creative outcome.

Young people must have a level of confidence with playing, performing and writing music.

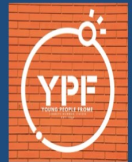
Each session will offer the following participant roles:

- > studio tech assistants.
 - > drummer.
 - > bass player.
 - > rhythm guitar.
 - > lead guitar.
 - > keys.
 - > DJ/tech.
 - > vocals.
- Sessions will commence at 9am
9am - 9.30am briefing, h&s, plan and aim and expectations.
9.30 - 10.30am set up equipment, sound check.
11am - 12.30 share music ideas, write and compose.
1pm - 2pm rehearsal
2pm - 3pm record.
3pm - 4pm mix down.
4pm - 5pm clear up and go home

Sessions will be 9am - 5pm on:
Sun 26th January, Sun 23rd February, Sun 30th March, Sun 27th April.

Please register your interest by completing this form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/MwdyY3c1a1N>

For more info, please email: jamesbrookes@youngpeoplefromonmicrosoft.com



NHS

WALK IN FLU VACCINATION CLINIC FOR PUPILS

Wednesday 18th December
between 2pm—5pm
at Frome Town Hall



Diary Dates

16 Dec	Reports home
18 Dec	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
20 Dec	Last day of Term 2, finish 12.15pm
w/c 23 Dec	Christmas Holidays
w/c 30 Dec	Christmas Holidays
Mon 6 Jan	INSET day
Tue 7 Jan	Term 3
14 Jan	Yr 8 Subject Evening
14 Jan	FRIENDS Mtg at 5pm Royal Oak
21 Jan	Yr 6 Maths & English Evening
28 Jan	Yr 7 Subject Eve
6 Feb	Childrens Mental Health Awareness Day
w/c 10 Feb	House Assemblies
12 Feb	Yr 5 (2 classes) visit Stonehenge
w/c 17 Feb	Half Term Holidays
24 Feb	Term 4
w/c 24 Feb	Whole school Assessment Week
6 Mar	World Book Day
7 Mar	Red Nose Day
12 Mar	Golf Event—Yr 3
12 Mar	Yrs 6 7 8 individual photos
19 Mar	Spring Autumn House Games
20 & 21 Mar	Bikeability
26 Mar	Golf Event—Yr 3
3 Apr	Oakfield's Got Talent
w/c 7 Apr	Easter Holidays
w/c 14 Apr	Easter Holidays
21 Apr	Bank Holiday
22 Apr	Term 5
w/c 19 May	SATS Wk Year 6
w/c 26 May	Half Term Holidays
6 Jun	Yr 5 (2 classes) visit Stonehenge
9 & 10 Jun	Bikeability
w/c 9 Jun	Yr 8 Paris Trip
17 Jun	Yrs 7 & 8 Sports Day
18 Jun	Yr 3 Olympics (9.30-11.30am)
25 Jun	Yr 4 Olympics (9.30-11.30am)
30 Jun	New Parents Evening
1 Jul	Yrs 5 & 6 Sports
2 Jul	Transfer Day
3 Jul	Whole school photograph
w/c 7 Jul	Activities Week

7 & 8 Jul	Bikeability
9-10 Jul	Yr 6 Activity Days (details to follow)
9 Jul	Reports home
11 Jul	Yr 8 University visit
14 Jul	Yr 8 Presentation Evening
16 Jul	Summer Shows
17 Jul	Yrs 5 6 7 Book Look
17 Jul	Yr 8 Leavers Trip
18 Jul	Last day of Term



**Well done to Vinnie and Lottie who have been working hard in the SEND Hub to make it festive.
Miss Cotterill, Teaching Assistant**



Please remember that next Friday—the last day of term we close at 12.15pm. School buses will pick up at this earlier time. Thank you.