

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



On Tuesday our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a magical trip to the Bristol Hippodrome to watch the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' starring Will Young and Charlie Brooks. Everyone had a super time, and the children were great ambassadors for our school with their behaviour.



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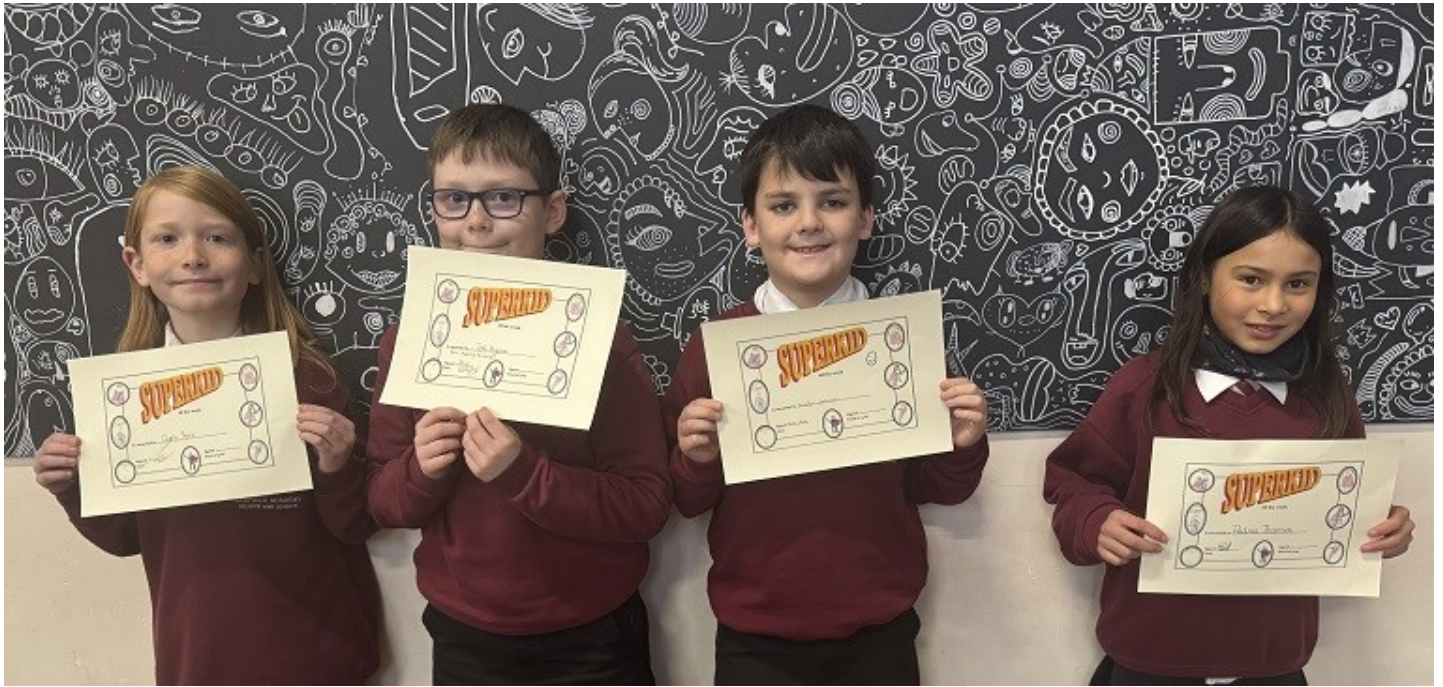
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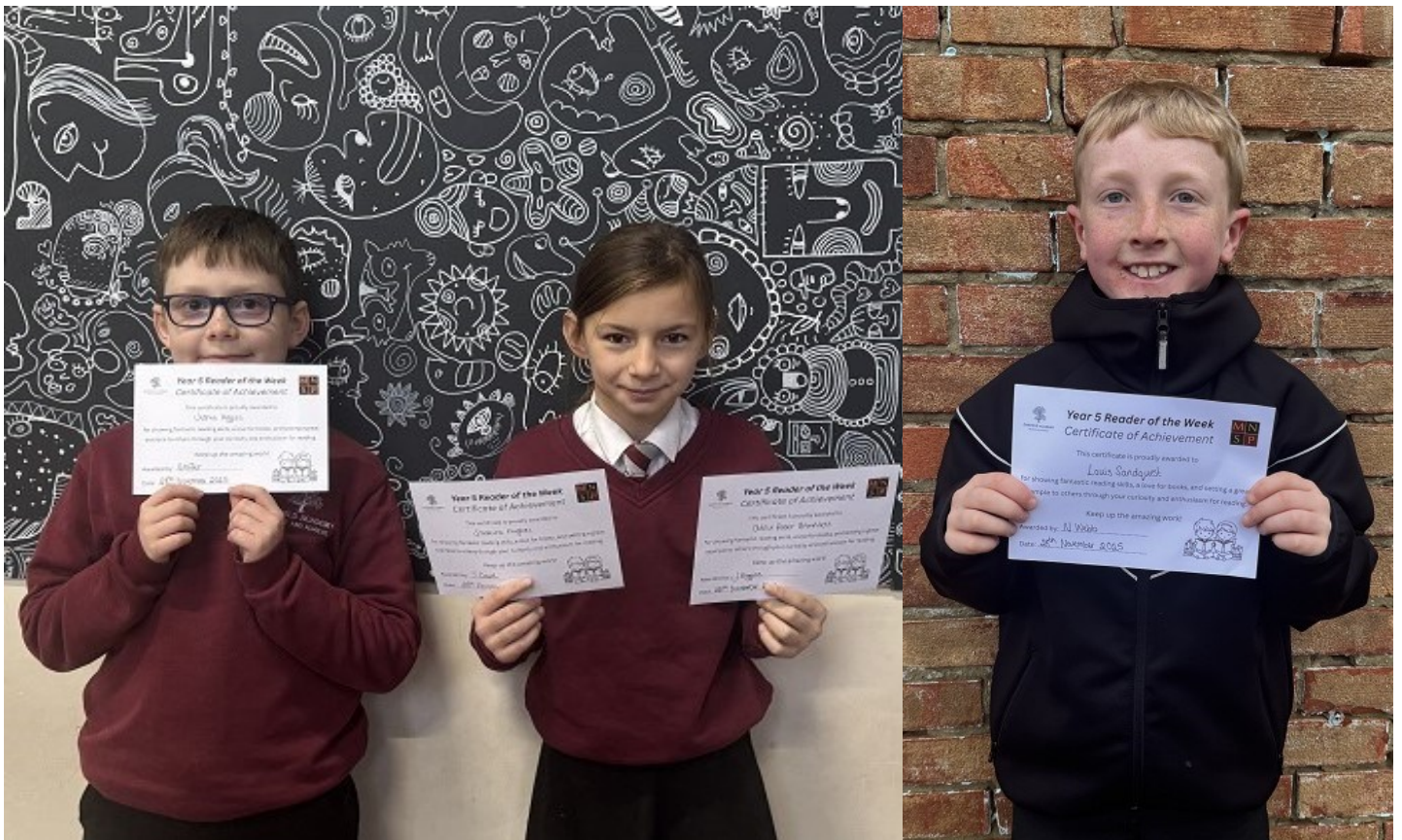
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YEAR FIVE



YEAR FIVE SUPERKIDS—Charlie, Josh, Buddy and Padma



YEAR FIVE READERS OF THE WEEK—Josh, Shakira, Louis and Otilie (not pictured as she was swimming)

YEAR SIX



Doodle Maths Awards Freya and Arlo (50 days in a row), Andrew (365 days in a row) and Jonathan (2000 days in a row!)



PUPILS OF THE WEEK— Andrew, Elody, Camille, Theo and Bluebell



STAR READERS—Kallie, Emmeya, Hollie, Imani and Freya

Year Seven



Students of the Week—Isabella, Pepi, Gracie & Dylan



Reading
Awards
and Reading
Class Award

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Year Eight



STARS OF THE WEEK (w/c 1/12/25)

Ajie, Rowan, Lucas, Maisy and Deryn



READERS OF THE WEEK (w/c 1/12/25)

Francesca, Lillian, Juliet, Isla and Daisy

Year Eight



**Year 8 Stars of the Week (w/c 8/12/25) Alexis, Mila, Sofia, Grace and Francesca
Maths Certificates (Sparx) Henry and Sofia**



Maths Department Update.

We have had a great term in the maths department. We are very proud of all the hard work that the pupils have been putting into developing their fluency and understanding in maths. It is brilliant to be able to visit the classrooms and see the increasing confidence that pupils have in the subject.

For Year 6, as we move into the new year, thoughts will start to turn to May when they will complete their SATs. We will be offering additional booster sessions to ensure that pupils are as well prepared as possible. We also plan to offer the opportunity to purchase a revision guide to support their learning. To get ahead something that pupils can do in all years is to be ensuring that they are secure with their timestables (TT Rockstars is great to help with this) and that they are working on Doodle ensuring they stay in the green zone. A small amount of regular practise is the best way to help make sure that new learning is retained and revised.

Spotlight on Homework

This week we have celebrated in assemblies some fantastic achievements of pupils. Homework is an important part of school life, and whilst we appreciate that for some it may feel like a burden that has to be completed, it is making a significant difference to the progress of those who complete it. We are very lucky to be able to use two online platforms, Doodle in KS2 and Sparx in KS3, that are able to support pupils in answering questions with examples and videos that will help. Pupils are encouraged to talk to their teachers who are more than happy to help with anything they may be stuck with.

KS2

We have had some pupils achieve the impressive milestone in Doodle of a 50 day streak! Logging in and completing 50 days consecutively (perhaps the odd streak saver used here and there). They are Felix Sykes, Alfredo Ieder, Arlo Richins, Isabella Gagiano, Blake Riley Davis, Aria Crook, Freddie Gleeson and Freya Fox. A special mention must also go to Andrew Bitalac who has achieved a very impressive feat completing a 365 day streak! Amazing! Even more impressive is a pupil who has been using Doodle longer than we have as school and has made it part of his routine and is now over 2000 days into his streak – Jonathan Starr. Absolutely sensational! An inspiration for us all!!

Below is a table to celebrate our top performers and the number of stars they have collected this term! I look forwarded to celebrating and sharing more names in the future

KS3

We have been using the ~~Spary~~ Spary Maths website this year. This platform is highly regarded and a resource that pupil will continue to use into KS4 at Frome College. You should receive an email a few days in advance of your children's homework deadline. Please can I ask that you support and encourage them in completing their homework and communicating any issues with their teacher. If you don't think you have been receiving these emails could you check your junk folders. Below is the names of the pupils who have got the most XP and have engaged most with ~~Spary~~ Spary. It is great to see pupils from lots of different classes. It will be interesting to see if the same names will be there next term!

Year 5	Stars	Year 6	Stars	Year 7	XP	Year 8	XP
Freddie Gleeson	1305	Rafe Leak	1084	Freddie Jones	10639	Sofia Peet	10077
Lexi-May Chubb-Smith	1271	Andrew Bitalac	1049	Rubus Gay-Saxon	9067	Daisy McCormick	7993
Alfredo Ieder	1240	Freya Fox	962	Emma Sanger	8790	Mila Peet	7915
Isabella Gagliano	950	Eleanor Schafield	744	Ned McLarnon	6955	Lillian Shearman	7764
Everest Ho	893	Patrick Dunn	744	Ruben Toal	6813	Alexis Sermon	7115
Theodore Kingwell	855	Daisy Glover	742	Lottie Maynard-Beesley	6745	Ella Waterfield	7115
Aria Crook	849	Louie Jones	741	Dottie Russell	6600	Ioan Steel	7065
Ella Gleeson	816	Jacob Penney	716	Rafael Fox-Roberts	6566	<u>Patrick Euleston</u>	7050
Blake Riley Davis	787	Serafina Kulyk	710	Maddie Brooks	6554	Aija Joof	6964
Robin Temple	721	Jack Bottomley	631	Rose Harris	6505	Isla Castle	6590

From all of the maths department we wish you a merry Christmas and a restful break. We are already excited about the new year and the new topics and learning we will have to share. I would like to share my thanks to all the families for the support that you provide to our pupils. Please keep in touch about anything we can do to support with maths in the future. I am looking forward to continuing to make maths even better at Oakfield in the new year.

Mr Oates

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 NETBALL vs AVANTI SCHOOL

On Thursday 26th November we welcomed Avanti school for a Netball fixture against our Y7 and Y8s. It was a great afternoon of Netball. Oakfield had 2 teams in both Year 7 and Year 8 who alternated playing matches against the Avanti team in each year group.



The Year 7s made a strong start winning the first game 7-1. They then went onto score a further 4 nets making the final result 11-3 to Oakfield. The player of the day for the Year 7s was Esme Cowler. Well done Esme!

The Year 8s played consistently winning the first game 2-1 and then both teams going onto score another 3 making the final result 5-4 to Oakfield. The player of the day for the Year 8s was Emma Cawthra for her great shooting.

A massive well done to all our pupils. There was a really nice atmosphere out on the courts with many parents watching and cheering pupils on!



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THANK YOU

To Osborne's Christmas Trees for the incredible donation of this beautiful tree for our Hall.

It will make a wonderful addition to our Christmas Lunch and the Christmas performances next week.



Option Subjects Information Evening

All current Year 8 students and parents are invited to explore the 'Optional Subjects' available for Year 9 start September 2026

Date: Thursday 29 January 2026

Academic Presentations: 5:00, 5:30 and 6.00pm in Futures Common Room

Pastoral, First Aid, SEND : Drop-in in Futures Study Room

Find out about: Available option subjects, detailed subject information and the application process.

For more information email WDay@fromecollege.mnsp.org.uk

Christmas event, Raving Rascals – Xmas Bash

21st December

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Rook Lane Chapel, Frome (BA11 1DN)

Open to all ages

What's included:- Meet & Greet with Santa, Bouncy castle, Face painting, Family-friendly music (DNB / UKG / House) from local DJs

This event has been created to offer families a fun, safe and community-focused activity in the lead-up to Christmas. All information and ticket link can be found here:

<https://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Bath/ROOK-LANE-CHAPEL/Raving-Rascals---Xmas-Bash/41580651/>



January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm

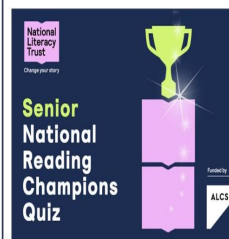


Library News

Thursday 11th December 2025

CALLING ALL KEEN READERS IN YR 7 & 8

Would you be interested in being part of a team representing Oakfield in a national book quiz?



ASK MRS MILKINS FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Buying books for Christmas?



Don't go to Amazon; head instead to **LoveReading** or **LoveReading4Kids!**

If you select **Oakfield** at the checkout, we will receive **25% of your order value** to buy books for the academy!



Oakfield Academy Reads!

In November 2025, students have read...

355 Books

12,430,764 Words

for **32** minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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Diary Dates

18 Dec	Christmas Crackers Show 2-3pm & 6.30-7.30pm
19 Dec	Last day of Term, closing 12.15pm
w/c 22Dec	Christmas Holidays
w/c 29Dec	Christmas Holidays
5 Jan	INSET day
6 Jan	Pupils return, Term 3
13 Jan	Yr 8 Parents Evening
20 Jan	Yr 6 Parents Evening
27 Jan	Yr 7 Parents Evening
3 Feb	Yr 5 Parents Evening
6 Feb	FIRE HOUSE Cake Sale
26 Feb	Yr 8 HPV vaccinations
11 Mar 26	School photos for Yrs 6, 7 & 8
2 April	Last day of Term, closing 12.15pm
24 Apr	EARTH HOUSE Cake Sale
22 May	WATER HOUSE Cake Sale
26 Jun	Summer Cake Sale



FESTIVE ECO CRAFTS
WITH FROME FAMILIES
FOR THE FUTURE

at the Key Centre
Friday - 12th Dec
12.00 - 5.00pm

Make your own:
- Christmas decorations
- Wrapping paper
- Homemade gifts

Plus Songs around the campfire
& Sweet treats

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FOOD AT FIVE

Mondays-Key Centre, The Mount
Wednesdays-Frome Cricket Club
Thursdays- Trinity Church Hall

Hot freshly cooked meals served
with dessert at 5pm
Vegetarian and takeaways available
too (please bring containers)

Hot drinks available

Suggested donation: £1 per meal

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**We are pleased to confirm that the new
detention system is working well.**

Thank you for your support.

Write a letter of thanks and be part of an internationally famous artist's, exhibition in London.

Opening in February 2026 at the Hayward Gallery, London, Japanese artist Chiaru Shiota's exhibition *Threads Of Life* will start a new installation featuring letters from the public.

Chiharu Shiota is best-known for her large-scale installations which engulf ordinary objects – such as shoes, keys, beds, chairs and dresses – within huge web structures made from woolen thread. The resulting works are immersive and deeply emotive, often drawing from personal experience, which Shiota expands into universal human concerns such as life, death and relationships. Shiota invites students to write **Letters of Thanks** to anyone, family, friends or even strangers, expressing gratitude for whatever has touched their lives. These letters will become part of a larger collective of accumulated letters, suspended in the air and woven together with red threads creating a rich tapestry of shared human experience.

All pupils reports will be with you tomorrow. Arbor parents evening will go live for booking next Friday 19th December. Please refer to the Diary Dates for specific year group parents evening (in person).