

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Safeguarding during the Christmas Holidays

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On Wednesday all pupils and staff enjoyed a marvellous Christmas Lunch, provided to everyone free of charge. Thank you to our great Catering Team, the Christmas Cookies to round off the meal were especially appreciated!

Autumn Term ACORNS WINNERS

1st place	C Tutor Groups with 27 points
2nd place	N Tutor Groups with 23 points
Sharing 3rd place	O & R Tutor Groups with 20 points
Sharing 4th place	A & S Tutor Groups with 18 points



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Fabulous news from the Science Department

You may recall that back in May our Year 6 STEM Group won the SomerScience competition. Oakfield has now been selected to represent the whole UK in the TCS Young Global Innovators 2024 of the World Award! This is from all the entries across the entire UK! Their idea “Somershare” will represent the UK and Ireland—one of the 8 global regions where the competition takes place, including America, Canada, Australia, Middle East and Europe. The Team will be staying after school on Friday to re-visit their presentation which will be submitted over the Christmas Holidays.

Congratulations to Mila Peet, Sofia Peet, Tyler Amphlett, Annabeth Apps, Charlie Tolcher-Jones along with supporters Archie Hinchliffe and Toby Parker.

MR SHADDICK

Christmas Lunch—message from a parent

“Today was Christmas Lunch and my son was very excited. Being gluten and dairy intolerant I told him to temper his expectations and even packed some extra snacks in case.

However, when he came home he was raving about his amazing Christmas Lunch and how it was even better than his friends! How kind and considerate the staff had been making sure that he had delicious substitutes for the items he couldn't have. So often they just get left off and an extra potato thrown on instead!

I just wanted to say a heartfelt thank you for making such a big effort to make him feel included. You are truly a kind and caring bunch. Merry Christmas.”

Thank You

- A very special thank you to those who completed our Volunteer Audit. We will be in touch in the new year with a few ideas. Watch this space!
- A huge thank you to Gary Smart and his team for repositioning the Bee Friendly planters and covering the bases.




Infinity Awards

Autumn Term 2024

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Staff
Laia Monerris Lucas	Lily Adams	Jack Leathes	Eve Parsons	Miss Haig
Thomas Wines	Lilly Ledbury	Daniel Beet	Ella Snelling	Mr Mephram
Ellie Lane	Maizey Purdom	Matthew Wye	Ermelina Gjabri	Miss Davel
Isla Stone	Chloe Rhymer	Zac Sherborne	Annabel Bradley	Miss Booth
Violet Lathbury	Felicity White			Mr Bowker
Eliza Haddrell	Mimi Say			Mrs White
Eleanor Schofield	Freya Collett			Mrs Malley
Louise Jones	Evie Marshall			Miss Crowther
	Lydia Plummer			Mr Colman
	Nikola Skrzypiec			Miss Pike
	Dottie Russell			Mrs F
	Bella Jane Gilbert			Mrs Cook
	Rhianna Laycock			Mr Fowler
	Maddie Brooks			Mr George
	Alice Humphreys			
	Logan Ladd			
	Rochelle Bamford			
	Mark Salmon			
	Pepi Fraser Brownless			
	Otti Timms			
	Marcella Saye			
	Sienna Bottle			
	Elsie Barnfield			
	Lilly Crang			
	Levi Hawker			
	Charlie Challenger			
	Hannan Murphy Gay			
	Rhianjna Laycock			



Autumn Term 100% Attendance

YEAR FIVE	YEAR SIX	YEAR SEVEN	YEAR EIGHT
Buddy Adams-Fowler	Lily Adams	Daniel Beet	Amelia Barraclough
Mostyn Cochrane	Levi Ashfield	Evie Boswell	Bea Baylis
Leo Cooke	Beatrice Baines	Tyler Burrige	Lexi Bunce
Freya Fox	Millie Barnes	Phoebe Clark	Keira Clark
Emilia Hannam Maggs	Zachary Brown	Sybil Durlacher	Kiara Collett
Levi-Hunter Hawker	Brook Creighton	Harry Durston	Daniel Griffin
Louie Jones	Rose Harris	Ella Ecob	Alfie Leakey
Ellie Mae Lane	Lexi-Mai Hawker	Summer Harwood-Clink	Jessica Lister
Violet Lathbury	Isla Horsfall	Katie Henderson-Finch	Mael Monerris Lucas
Devon Lloyd	Alice Humphreys	Thomas Higgins	Jamie Riggs
Ronnie Lock	Isla Kemmery	Seth Hollomon	Imogen Spedding
Laia Monerris Lucas	David Marshall	Arlo Jenkins	Lillian Tucker
Mason Painter	Georgia Murray	Francesca Jones	Hunter Van Kampen
Imogen Palmer	Ella Norris	Bella Lanfear	Tia Welch
Bertie Scott	Albert Pack	Amelie Leakey	
Bluebell Turton	Leah Ping	Vinny Lock	
Florence Tymus	Cas Robertson	Finley Morris	
Maisie Viner	Tommy Sandy	Rowan Packman	
Robbie Williams	Emma Sanger	Jayden Painter	
Charlie Wordsworth	Marcella Saye	Rufus Parker	
	Albert Sledge	Icarus Psas-Treadway	
	Elliott Speddings	Alexis Sermon	
	Archibald Sykes	Mason Singer	
	Rubel Toal	Paxton Slater	
		Scarlett Southey	
		Ioan Steel	
		Grace Tatlow	
		Alicia Thatcher	
		Ella Wilkinson	

SCIENCE



This week in Science pupils from Year 8 have acted as guest teachers for several of our KS2 classes. They planned their lesson, created a PowerPoint and worksheet and carried out an experiment with the classes on Acids and Alkalis and creating the pH scale.

On Monday Minty, Ava and Clara taught a very confident lesson to 6R. On Tuesday Ethel, Kiera and Scarlett taught 6N. On Wednesday Ruben, Hunter, Morris and Ava C taught 5S who impressed their guest teachers with their practical skills, maturity & enthusiasm. Also on Wednesday Dylan, Oleander and Joel taught 6S, however the show was certainly stolen by Aiden who lead from the front, thoroughly entertaining the class making them all laugh. Well done Year 8, Year 6 and 5S. Well done for rising to the challenge. You've all been amazing.

Pictured: Pupils in 6S being taught by Year 8 guest teachers.



Thank you to everyone who supported last Friday's Bingo Night—we raised well over £900 ! £83 was also raised for SAVE THE CHILDREN on Christmas Jumper Day.



Can we politely remind you that under no circumstances should pupils be bringing aerosols with them to school.

The DT Department have requested donations of empty sweet containers with lids. Please drop them to Reception after the Christmas Holidays.

Mathematics

Champions Germain!

Last week, our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in a Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership TTRockstars tournament.

5Germain resulted in outstanding winners with a pupil average score of 2,620. MVP of the class Theo Ball led the way with a total of 12,338 correct answers. Honourable mentions to Ted Graham, Leo Cooke and Chloe Seewooruttun for putting in an impressive effort too. Christmas fashion winners were Genevieve Jones, Rosie Hanna and Laurie Scott. Well done to all who competed.

MR MEPHAM



ART

Hauser & Wirth gallery visit - KS3 Art club

PHYLLIDA BARLOW



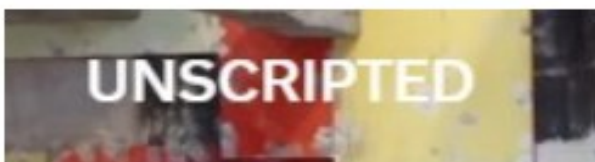
KS3 Art club enjoyed an inspirational experience at Hauser & Wirth gallery and education centre last week. Pupils made a special visit to the gallery to see an exhibition of artist Phyllida Barlow, a celebrated British sculptor whose work was inspired by everyday objects and materials.

The visit took the form of an educator-led interactive tour of the exhibition, followed by a session in the education centre where pupils worked collaboratively to respond to the exhibition by making their own sculptures.



The Phyllida Barlow exhibition runs into 2025; I would highly recommend a visit. Entry is free.

I hope the art club are feeling inspired by their visit and ready to begin their entries to the upcoming Black Swan Arts Young Open exhibition, coming soon! For more information, go to: www.blackswanarts.org.uk/





Congratulations to Year 6 pupils who received their Reading Awards from our Librarian Mrs Milkins this week.



YEAR SIX BRONZE BADGE READING WINNERS

Lexie-Mai Hawker 6R, Jasper Rouse 6N and Jacob Harflett 6C together with Mrs Milkins, Librarian.

VACANCY
Teaching Assistant

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1458808>

The post is for 23.5hrs per week, Mon-Fri term time only +2 INSET days. Closing date for applications is: 05/01/2025, Interviews W/C 13/01/2025.



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



[Frome Community Bike Project](#) are planning to offer cycling support for children and families from Spring 2025.

To help them plan ahead they need to find out what would support people to cycle and what activities people would like them to offer. Have your say by completing their [survey here](#). It can be completed anonymously or there is the option to enter a prize draw by leaving an email address. All input will be really gratefully received and used to inform their offer for children and families.

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

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



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WhatsApp group



Year Six Pupils of the Week—Maizey Long 6N, Dottie Russell 6C, Maisie Purdom 6O, Franklin Clayton 6S, Eli Andrews 6A, and Ned McLarnon 6R

It was great to see so many parents joining us for the Fresh Start parent session this week. If you were unable to join us and have a child taking part in the intervention, you can find a copy of the presentation on the website under our English curriculum.

Diary Dates

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



The naughty elf has been causing mayhem in the library during December! Thank you to my library assistants for trying to keep him in line!

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025!

We've got so many exciting things coming up in the new year! We'll be taking part in a brand new book award; putting together a team for the National Reading Champions Quiz; holding a sponsored read and, of course, there's World Book Day!

Merry Christmas



Year 7—STARS OF THE TERM

7A Willow Mitchell 7C Alice Houghton

7O Henry Irwin 7R Martha Marks

7N Rowan Packman 7S Zac Sherborne