

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

On Friday 14th February our "O" Tutor Groups enjoyed their House Reward Assembly.



ATTENTION

YEAR 8 PARENTS

If you have not already applied for a space at Frome College for your child this September, please click on the following link:-

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

Oakfield Academy EASTER BINGO NIGHT Friday 28th March 2025



BINGO



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Doors open 6.00pm, eyes down at 6.30pm. Bingo books £1.00 each, or 6 for £5.00.

**Hamper prizes. Raffle.
Special flyer game .**

Entrance tickets £1.00 per person to be bought in advance and will be deducted from the price of Bingo Books—available from Reception.



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On Wednesday our Year 6 pupils were visited by the NHS School Nursing team to measure and record their heights and weights. It was great to see the team explain to each class that there was no 'normal' height or weight for their age group, as each child grows at different rates. The event ran very smoothly and the pupils behaved brilliantly.

Library News



LESS THAN A WEEK UNTIL WORLD BOOK DAY

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
6 MARCH 2025

Things to remember for next Thursday!

- ALL pupils will need to come to school on World Book Day with a book that they are excited to share!
- They may dress up as something related to the book, but they may also bring an object or just wear a single item. Or they can just bring the book.
- The important thing is that, when pupils are planning for the day, they **start with the book** rather than with the costume.
- Pupils will be able to exchange their WBD tokens for £1 WBD books in the library at lunchtime if they think they may not be able to get to a book shop.
- We will also be selling WBD pin badges in the library for £4 each!



THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025



READATHON PROGRESS!

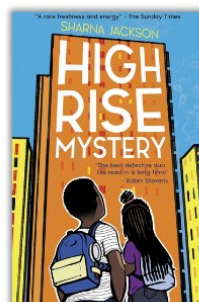
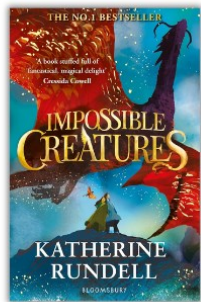
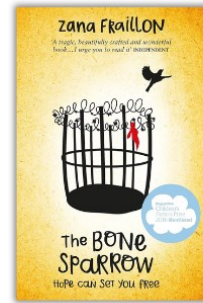
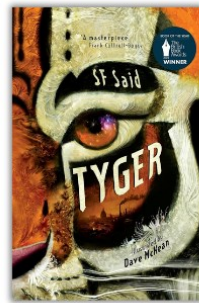
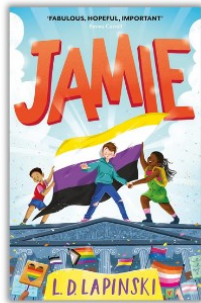
So far, Oakfield pupils have raised over £300! What an incredible start! Keep on reading, raising and being amazing!

Reading across the Academy

Tutor Time Reads

Since September, pupils have participated in tutor-time reading sessions twice weekly. This initiative is designed to expose them to complex texts, a rich vocabulary, and diverse literary structures within a supportive environment. Form tutors are committed to fostering a love of reading while simultaneously developing pupils' literacy skills.

Reading aloud to pupils provides numerous benefits, including exposure to new vocabulary and sentence structures, thereby enhancing language development. Furthermore, it cultivates improved listening skills, concentration and comprehension. Finally, it can stimulate imagination and encourage a lifelong appreciation for reading.



Terms 1-3

- Yr 5** *Jamie* by L. D. Lapinski
- Yr 6** *A Kind of Spark* by Elle McNicoll
- Yr 7** *Tyger* by SF Said
- Yr 8** *The Bone Sparrow* by Zana Fraillon

Terms 4-6

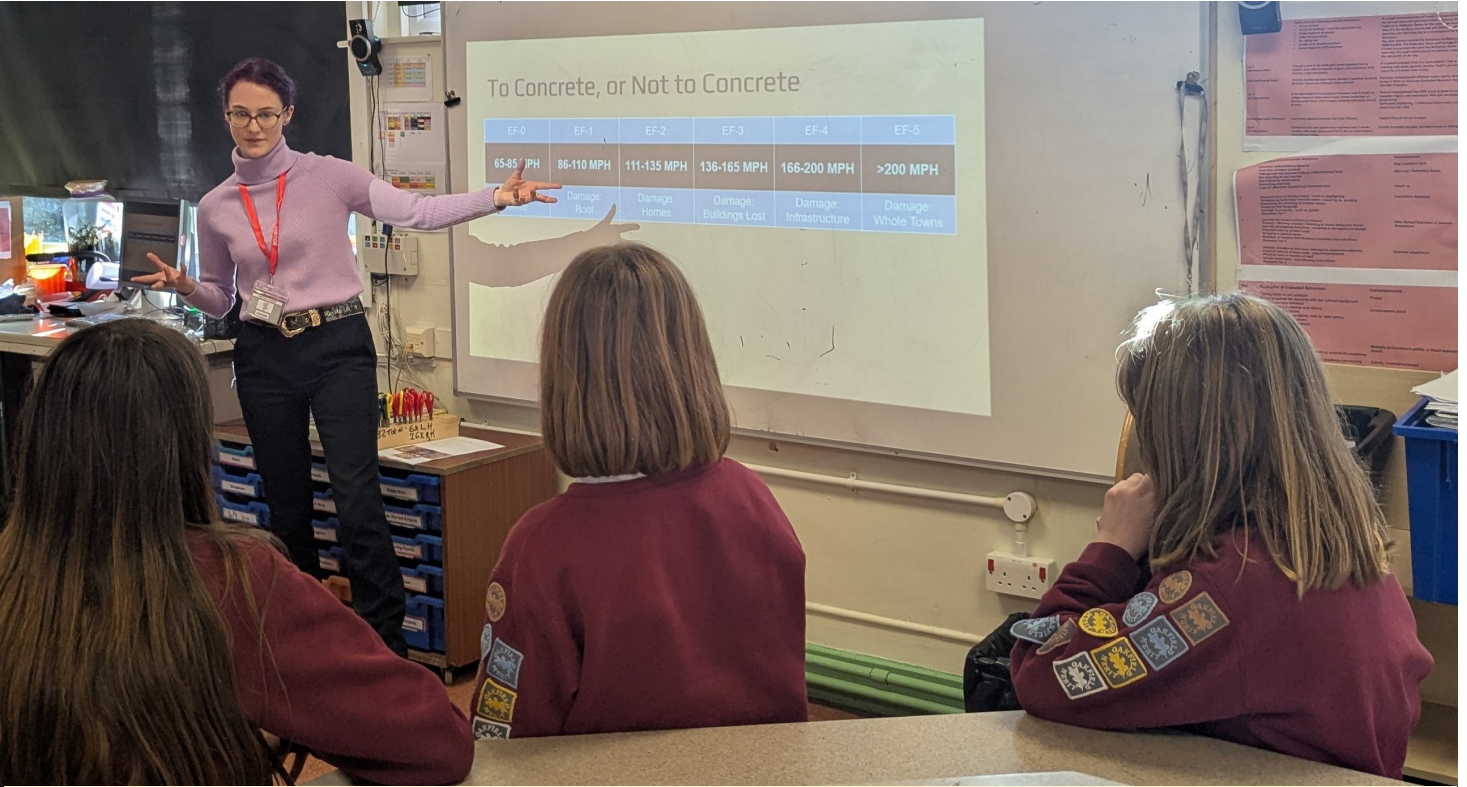
- Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell
- Millions* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
- High Rise Mystery* by Sharna Jackson
- This Book Kills* by Ravena Guron

We are ready to delve into the new titles arriving soon, and want to say a big "Thank you" to The Friends for generously providing these wonderful books!



Year 5 Superkids !

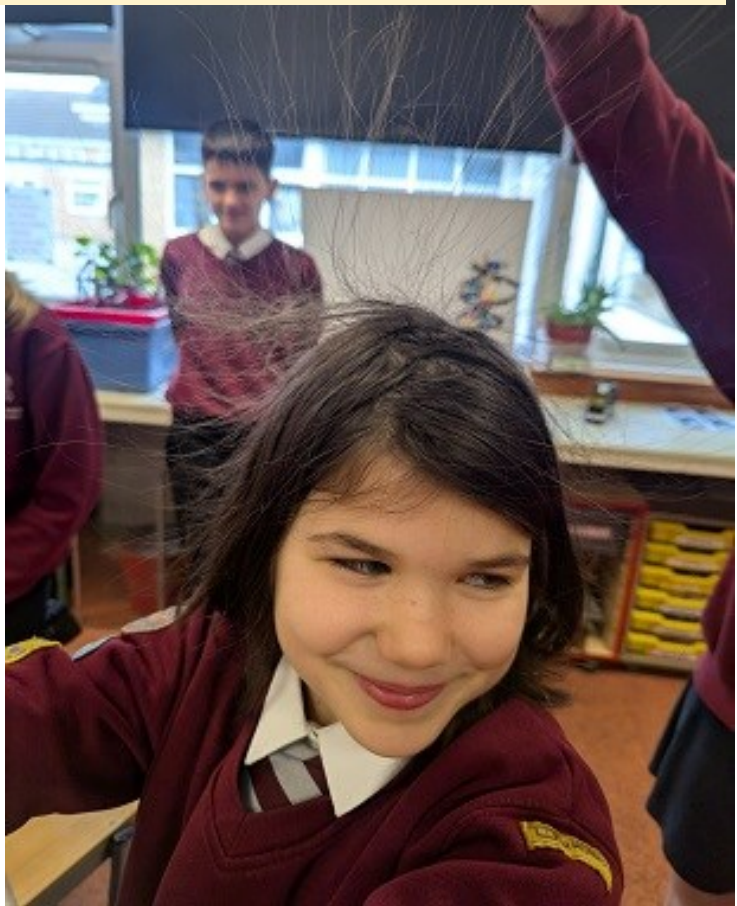
Congratulations to (L>R) Charlie Wordsworth, Rose Briden, Bertie Magnano, Edgar Bell, Devon Chubb and not pictured Lola B.



Thank you to STEM ambassador Eleanor Beswick who visited Oakfield on Wednesday to deliver an informative talk to several interested Yr 7 & 8's on her career in materials engineering linking to building a storm shelter against tornados. Lots of good questions were asked and answered by the group.



To introduce the Yr 6 electricity topic and how negative charges flow through conducting materials 6N & 6S have been shocked static electricity from the Van Der Graaf generator. Pictured Jasper Rouse, Ocean Bowker-Ghey, Logan Squire. and Flo Bayliss Hair raising fun had by all.



To learn the properties of Metals and Non-Metals 8AC02 were challenged to write a rap on their properties, featuring the metal rapper DDMESSHH & Bill. To do this several of the pupils made use of Artificial Intelligence to help them. Mr Shaddick was impressed with the results!

Lets break it down- By Isla Neilson

Let's break it down, get the knowledge we need, Metals and non-metals, take the lead!
DDMESSHH for metals, BILL for non, By the time we're done, you'll know what's goin' on!

D for Ductile, stretch it long, Pull it to a wire, still stays strong.
D for Dense, packed up tight, Feels real heavy, that's just right.
M for Malleable, bend, don't break, Shape it up, whatever it takes.
E for Electrical conductivity, true, Metals let that current through!
S for Sonorous, hear that ring, Hit the metal, let it sing.
S for Shiny, bright like gold, Reflects that light, looking bold!
H for High melting point, takes some heat, Stays real solid, can't be beat.
H for Heat conductor, moves it fast, Keeps it flowing, makes it last.
B for Brittle, cracks so quick, Hit too hard? It's gonna split.
I for Insulator, heat won't flow, No electricity, now you know.
L for Low density, feels so light, Not packed tight, that's right!
L for Low melting point, melts so fast, Turns to liquid, doesn't last.
Metals are strong, they shine real bright, Conduct that heat and bring the light!
Non-metals break, don't let heat slide, They're dull, insulators on the side.
Now you got it, that's the key, Metals and non-metals, easy as can be!

Metals & Non-Metals rap: Pearl Holden-Shack

We got metals, they're ductile and strong, Stretch them and mold them, they'll last for so long.
Density is high, feel that weight in your hand, Malleable too, they shape just as planned.
Shiny like stars, they reflect all the light, Sonorous sounds, they ring out just right.
Electrical conductors, they carry that flow, Heat conductors too, making energy glow.
With boiling points high, they don't melt away, High melting points keep them solid all day. Brittle and dull, they are not like metals. Insulators they are, keeping currents at bay. Low melting points, they can fade away. Low boiling points too, they dissolve fast, they're built to last.



SUPERHERO FUN RUN

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 2025

THE OLD SHOWFIELD, FROME

NEAR THE CRICKET CLUB

11:00
ARRIVE

11:10
MOJO MOVES
WARM-UP

11:30
2K RUN

KINDNESS
IS A
SUPERPOWER

FOR SUPERHEROES OF ALL AGES

COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL!
CAPES AND MASKS PROVIDED FOR THOSE
WHO WANT THEM

MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.THEGOODHEART.UK/EVENTS

A BIG
thank
you



To FROME ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL for the
very kind donation of
£200 towards the cost of
our Year 7 Charterhouse
Trips.
We are extremely grateful.

Can you help ?

We often ask for parent helpers to assist with trips, exams etc. If you would like to be added to our register of volunteers (you can of course always say no),

please use the following link:-

https://drive.google.com/open?id=103oIuOj_JcA-5Az8WmUFgIZtCvfZlQjJxqDFt_r9WKI

(There are 40 who confirmed their sign ups recently—you don't need to register again!)

On Saturday 8th March, Miss Wilkes will be leading the way with the sort out / tidy up of the Drama Department Costume Props Room/uniform donation stocks (10am-2pm). If you have any time spare and would be willing to come along and help, please sign up using the following link—thank you

<https://forms.gle/5bWNDT8YQcAGt6U47>

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025						
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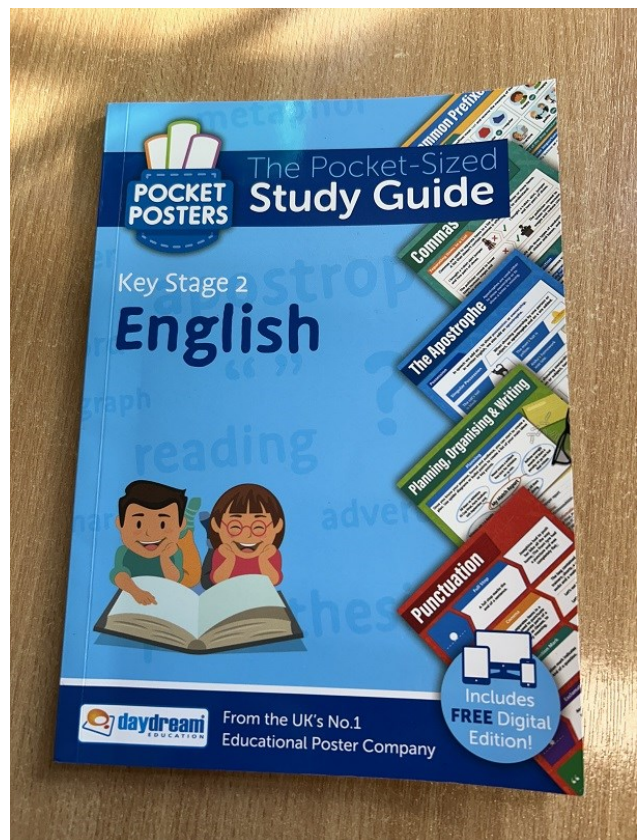
Key:	
	School Holidays
	Bank Holidays
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:
Term 1: 01 September – 24 October 2025 (40 days) Term 2: 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days) Term 3: 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days) Term 4: 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days) Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days) Term 6: 01 June – 21 July 2026 (37 days) TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2024/25			
Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	06 April 2026
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2025	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2026

Diary Dates

3-5 Mar	Yr 6 Mock SATS
4 Mar	Kindness Festival Assembly Yrs 6 & 8
6 Mar	World Book Day
6 Mar	Kindness Festival Assembly Yrs 5 & 7
8 Mar	Drama Prop Room Tidy Up 10-2pm
12 Mar	Golf Event—Yr 3
12 Mar	Yrs 6 7 8 individual photos
19 Mar	Spring Autumn House Games
20 & 21 Mar	Bikeability
21 Mar	Red Nose Day
25 Mar	Dr Bike—bike MOT's
26 Mar	Golf Event—Yr 3
28 Mar	Oakfield FRIENDS Bingo Night
3 Apr	Oakfield's Got Talent
4 Apr	"R" Tutor Groups Cake Sale
w/c 7 Apr	Easter Holidays
w/c 14 Apr	Easter Holidays
21 Apr	Bank Holiday
22 Apr	Term 5
9 May	"N" Tutor Groups Cake Sale
w/c 12 May	SATS Wk Year 6
w/c 19 May	Yrs 5 7 8 Assessment We4ek
w/c 26 May	Half Term Holidays
6 Jun	Yr 5 (2 classes) visit Stonehenge
6 Jun	"S" Tutor Groups Cake Sale
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



ATTENTION YEAR SIX

We have a supply of these KS2 English pocket-sized Study Guides available for sale—very useful for SATS revision. £2 each (cash) from Reception.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of Sweatshirts, PE Kit, Drink Bottles and Lunch Boxes in Reprographics. Please encourage your child to call in and collect lost items.
Thank you.