Newsletter

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World Book Day 2025

Once again Oakfield's World Book Day was enjoyed by pupils and staff. This year there was no costume competition, instead prizes were awarded to pupils who spread the most excitement and enthusiasm about their chosen book. Everyone was asked to arrive at school with a copy of the book that they love and could dress up as a character from the book if they wish.

There was also a craft competition. Pupils were asked to create a representation of a book—scene or character in any medium they choose (painting, sculpture, cake, even lego).









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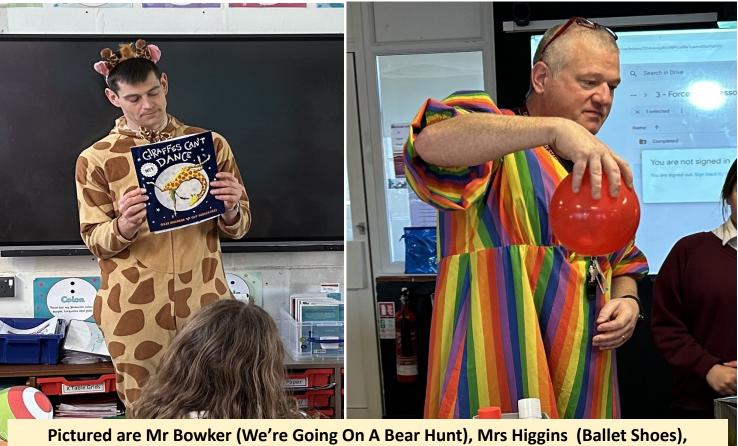
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Mr Colman (Giraffes Can't Dance) and Mr George (The Boy in the Dress)



World Book Day!

It was such a wonderful busy day in the library yesterday, that we only had the chance to take photos of these two wonderful creations!





The pupils loved exchanging their tokens for a free World Book Day book, and the book cover scavenger hunt was a real success, with Natasha Ping being the first to find all the clues and unscramble the letters to reveal the phrase "Read Your Way".

Thank you to all pupils, parents and staff for making it such a successful day!

National Reading Champions Quiz

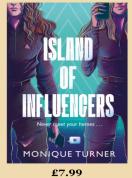
The team is poised and ready! We will let you know how they got on next week!







Yr 7 & 8 Author Visit

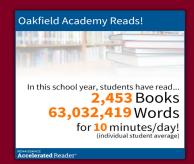


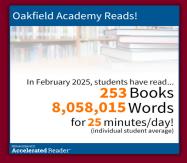
HUNTING RAVEN

On Tuesday 18th March, debut author Monique Turner will be coming into school to talk to Yr 7 & 8 about her new book *Island of Influencers*. Pupils will have a chance to ask questions and then buy copies of the book at a discounted price of £7.99.

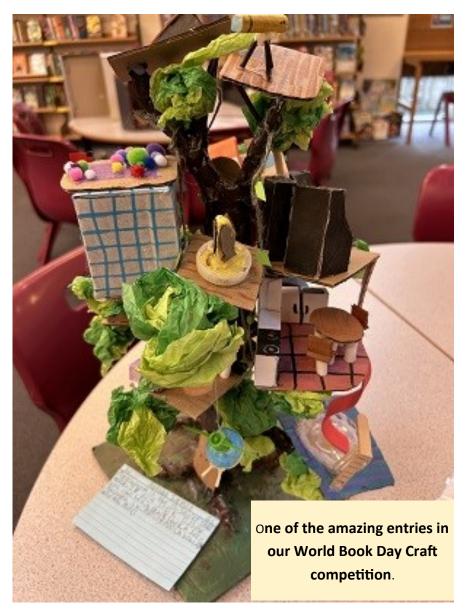
Parents can pre-order and pay for a copy of the book on ParentPay or pupils can bring in cash or card (eg GoHenry) to buy a book on the day.

Thank you to Hunting Raven Books for arranging the visit.







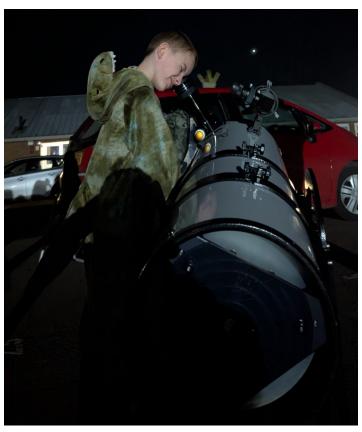


Believe & Achieve



STARGAZING

On Tuesday 33 lucky pupils and parents from Years 5 and 6, together with Mr Shaddick and Mr Ward, were treated to a brilliant evening stargazing under beautiful clear skies with Bath Astronomers. They were awed by the majesty of the waxing crescent moon, the red planet Mars, Jupiter and 4 of its moons, the Orion supercluster and some pupils even got a glimpse of Venus in a rainbow haze. So many 'wow' moments from children and parents alike! Everyone was also treated to a show in the planetarium, bringing the sun and the solar system right to them. Thank you so much Simon & Charles from Bath Astronomers, for your time and inspiration.





CHESS CHALLENGE

On Monday afternoon Mr Shaddick and Mr Colman escorted 2 teams of Oakfield pupils to Bristol Grammar School for the inaugural regional primary chess challenge. There were 32 teams in total from a diverse range of schools from the West Country and South Wales.

Both teams played very respectfully, dignified and showed great maturity in their approach to the game.

Oakfield B team consisting of Isaac Anderson, Archie Campbell-Brooks, Jacob Penney and Magnus MacDonald played 2 teams from Sidcot, Wheatfield and Blagdon schools and came 30th out of 32nd overall. They faced several tough matches and remained resilient throughout drawing out to several stalemates & being victorious over Sidcot B team 3-1 and all won at least 1 individual game.

Oakfield A team consisting of Rubus Gay-Saxon, Theo Ball, Theo Ravenscroft and Sam MacDonald played teams from Westbury on Trym (3-1 win), St Johns Cardiff (1.5-2.5 loss), Wrington (3-1 win) & Bristol Grammar School (2-2 draw) and came a very impressive 9th place overall! All 4 were superstars! It was a great experience for everyone overall. Thank you also to Mrs Ball and Mr Gay for coming along and supporting.









March Meet Up Friday 14th 9am @ Cordero Lounge

Come along for a cuppa and meet others sharing similar experiences.

We look forward to welcoming you.





Friday 21st March 25

In support of this year's RED NOSE DAY—we will be selling Red Noses for £2.50 each cash to the office or via Parentpay.



During Geography lessons pupils are practising their mapping skills and geographical language as well as exploring a variety of literature set from around the world.



Oakfield Academy EASTER BINGO NIGHT Friday 28th March 2025





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.



Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils this week, for great effort during their mock SATS exams. The real exams will be taking place w/c Monday 12th May.

Can you spot Mr Bowker? Hope he did okay ?!

The Fair Frome Community Pantry runs on a Tuesday 2pm-4:30pm in the Elliot Building behind the Town Hall. Membership is free and lasts for 6 months. You can pay £3 or £5 a week and can access fridge, freezer, store cupboard items as well as fresh fruit and vegetables, household, toiletries and pet food. To register please complete the form at https://fairfrome.org/communitypantry/ if you need help completing the form please contact pantry@fairfrome.org or contact us on 07754088026 and we'll be in touch.

Food at Five runs 3 evenings a week and allows people to access a hot meal and pudding for a suggested donation of £1 per meal. Venues are open from 4:30pm and food is served at 5pm, takeaway available. A Purple Elephant Support worker also provides activities for children and support for parents.

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

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The Old School Room, RISE I Whittox Lane, Frome, BA11 3BY Saturday 19 April

3 sessions: starting 10:00, 11:00, 12:00

Free-booking preferred (8 bookings per time slot, link below), or just drop by

TICKETS NOW LIVE

'My World' Photo Studio & Workshop

FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN 10-13 YEARS, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



Create a photograph that says something about your life and world in a photo studio set up with professional photographer Joss Barratt on hand with top tips and his camera.

Bring along one or two items that really matter to you, or express something about your life, to be the subject of your personal photo. It could be a skateboard, your favourite trainers, a pet, a favourite toy, a violin – totally up to you.

You can be in the picture, or not. There will be a light box on site, some props. You will take away a top quality photographic print. We'll ask you to tell us what your object or item means to you, in a sentence or two. You will take the photograph. Joss might take one too.

It should be fun and fast. We will ask you or your parent to sign a consent form, to allow PhotoFrome to use your photograph for a future exhibition.

Thank you to PUREGYM FROME for donating 3 months Membership as a prize for our upcoming Bingo. Both our Bingo Night and the Gym's opening day are on Friday 28th March.





Diary Dates

8 Mar Drama Prop Room Tidy Up 10-2pm

12 Mar Golf Event—Yr 3

12 Mar Yrs 6 7 8 individual photos

18 Mar Yr 7/8 Author visit

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

4 Apr "R" Tutor Groups Cake Sale

w/c 7 Aprw/c 14 AprEaster Holidays21 AprBank 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)

18 Jun Frome College Head of House visit Yr 8s

19 Jun Frome College Head of House visit Yr 8s

25 Jun Yr 4 Olympics (9.30-11.30am)

26 Jun Yr 8 Speaker, Kelia Fowler, FJ Chalk

30 Jun New Parents Evening

1 Jul Yrs 5 & 6 Sports2 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

17 Jul
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Yr 8 Leavers Trip
Last day of Term

21 & 22 Jul INSET days

VACANCY

CLEANER

The post is for 8.75 hours per week, 6am-7.45am or 3pm-4.45pm Monday - Friday, term time and holiday working.

Please see link below:

https://www.eteach.com/ careers/oakfieldacademy/job/ cleaner-1469129

The closing date is 16th March 2025 and interview date to be confirmed.



Congratulations to Violet Lathbury in 5N who created this marvellous model of Stonehenge using sponge washing-up pads and paint!