

# Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY  
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

## END OF EMMA'S ERA

**This week we say a fond farewell to our Head Teacher, Emma Wilkes.**

Miss Wilkes took over from Mr Philip Hill as Head Teacher in 2014, and since then has overseen the arrival and departure of 2,095 pupils and 160 staff.

A leading member of the Oakfield Community, Miss Wilkes has done everything from including Oakfield in the MNSP Trust, introducing Acorn our Academy Dog, serving Christmas Lunches, joining the Frome

Carnival, being Cashier at numerous FRIENDS Bingo Nights, dancing with the Frome Lantern Parade and has lead the way with her incredible costumes for World Book Day. As Head of the Academy during covid, she was relied upon by all of us for her strong leadership. We are planning to add another Oak Tree to our boundary to commemorate her service. Everyone wishes her great happiness and success for the future and hope that she enjoys a well deserved rest!

As a “super surprise” Thursday afternoon, the entire Academy gave her a standing ovation, with a unique “Oakfield Clap” which took her around the building and yard. We all wish Emma Wilkes a wonderful retirement and great success in the future.



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If you would like further information on any of the items in the newsletter, please contact the academy office.

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The Fresh Start programme has been a tremendous success at the Academy, thanks to the dedication and hard work of the English team. Their thoughtful implementation has transformed the learning experience, sparking a newfound enthusiasm for reading among our pupils. It's heartwarming to see pupils thoroughly enjoying their lessons, engaging more confidently with texts, and developing a lasting love for literature. This positive shift not only reflects the effectiveness of the programme but also the passion and commitment of our English department in nurturing a reading culture within the school.

**MRS ROYNON**

# STAFF LEAVING TODAY

**It is with great sadness that we say  
goodbye today to**

**Mrs R Bourne, Head's PA**

**Miss L Riddick, First Aid &  
Reprographics**

**Miss N Golder, Receptionist**

**Mrs N Gray, Cover Teacher**

**Everyone at Oakfield wishes them  
the very best for the future,**

## Arbor Update

**It has been a smooth transition  
for staff this week to ARBOR,  
we are busy setting up clubs  
and logins for parents.**

**Please watch your email  
inboxes after Easter for a log in  
to the new Arbor Parent App.**

**Regards,**

**Mr Bowker**



# Oakfield Academy

## Reception Arrangements

Kindly note that following the Easter Holidays our Reception area will open at 8.15am and will close at 4.15pm due to staff changes.

This will include staffing of our telephone lines so please leave a message or email in if we're not able to answer.

### Library News

Friday 4th April 2025

#### Check out the Library Web App!

Our library web app is online and available for anyone to access as a guest. You will find all sorts of fun, book-related content, as well as being able to browse the library catalogue. Once Arbor is fully implemented, pupils will be able to log in to reserve and renew books and write reviews! We will keep you posted!



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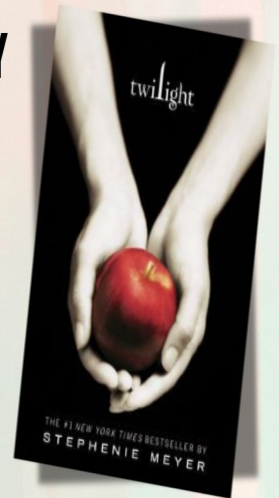
Remember to keep reading  
over the Easter break!



Last, but not least, here are Year 8's book recommendations!

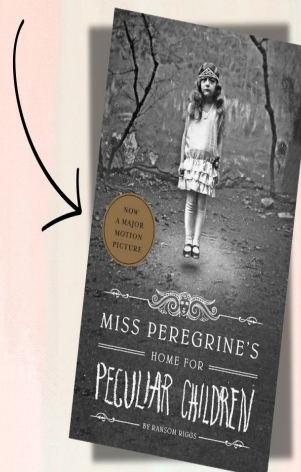


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# Netball News



On Wednesday 2nd April we took the Year 8 Netball team to Fairlands School to compete in the Year 8 Mendip Netball Tournament.

We were blessed with a beautiful afternoon of sunshine and amazing Netball. This team has worked hard with Ms Pullen over the last few years and developed into an excellent team. The passages of passing were consistent into attack with some great passes from Polly into our shooters Elsa and Ivy who managed to score successfully. There was some great defence by both Keira and Minty. Minty in particular did some great interceptions and made it hard for the opposition to get into their attacking third. Anne worked hard through the middle and stole several balls and made some great passes into attack. Unfortunately we lost our centre Ammie due to injury after a great first game and so Annabel stepped in and did a great job - well done.

We played four games in total and won the first three games convincingly with Minty, Elsa and Anne being named the players of the match's - massive well done!

Oakfield 10 v Fairlands A 3 POM Minty  
Oakfield 12 v Crispin 5 POM Elsa  
Oakfield 10 v Fairlands B 0 POM Anne

It all came down to the last game against Selwood who had also won all of their games. Great play by both teams and with the sun low in the sky and the wind picking up making it hard for both teams they drew at 3-3. In the last 5 seconds Selwood managed to pass it into their shooters and score before the final whistle blew making the score 4-3 to Selwood. An amazing effort by all finished with Selwood naming Minty player of the match for a second time in the afternoon.

To me the girls are winners they were outstanding! MRS STICKLEY





A huge thank you to all our pupils and staff for taking part in World Down Syndrome Day by wearing your odd and wacky socks! It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and support for such an important cause. The bright colours and fun patterns brought lots of smiles to our school, and we loved seeing everyone join in. Here are a few of the standout wacky socks of the day!

### **Colman, Bowker & Parsons take on 24 hour ULTRA MARATHON for Young Lives Vs Cancer**

We are excited to share that our teachers- Mr Colman, Mr Bowker and Ms Parsons are embarking on a thrilling adventure in June - *Endure24*! In this epic event, we will work as team '*Run DMC*' to complete as many off-road 5 mile / 8 km loops as possible in 24 hours- aiming to run a total of 150 miles / 240 km total, all while raising funds for *Young Lives Vs Cancer*. This is not just about running; it's about coming together as a school community to support an incredible cause, and we need your help!

### **Thursday, 24th April – Let's Get Involved!**

On Thursday, 24th April, we'll be hosting a special fundraiser to raise money for *Young Lives Vs Cancer*, and we'd love your child to take part.

For a suggested donation of £1, pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their sporting hero or in their PE kit! Whether it's a favorite footballer, tennis player, or Olympian, we encourage pupils to show their support for this worthy cause by dressing up in a way that celebrates sport and fitness.

On the day, we're organising a fun, mock *Endure24* challenge for the pupils. Here's how they can participate:

**Form teams of 3:** Pupils can sign up with their friends and attempt to see how many laps of a circuit they can complete in 24 minutes!

**Non-runners can help:** If your child prefers not to run, they can still get involved by helping with timing, lap counting, and cheering on their peers.

**Win Prizes:** To make things even more exciting, pupils who complete laps will have the best chance to win *prizes*! We'll be awarding small rewards for those who put in their best effort and achieve great results.

The more pupils participate, the more fun we'll have - and the more money we'll raise for this amazing charity. It's a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get involved, stay active, and show support for a cause that makes a real difference in the lives of young cancer patients and their families.

To make our fundraising efforts even sweeter, we'll also be organising a **cake sale** to help raise money for *Young Lives Vs Cancer*. We encourage pupils, parents, and staff to bake or donate cakes, biscuits, and treats to sell on the day. Every penny raised will go directly to supporting families affected by childhood cancer.

### **Why We Need Your Support**

Your child's participation and your support can help us make this event a success. The money we raise will go directly to *Young Lives Vs Cancer*, providing essential support for families affected by childhood cancer.

The following link will allow you to donate directly to the *JustGiving* page if you are willing and able: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/dmcendure24>

We can't wait to see our pupils showing their sporting spirit, enjoying the cake sale, and coming together for this incredible cause. Thank you in advance for your support - let's make this day one to remember!

Best wishes,

**Mr Colman, Mr Bowker and Ms Parsons**







#### YEAR SIX PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Isabella Bello Cordoba 6A

Matilda Monks 6C

Mark Salmon 6O

Chloe Rhymer 6R

Tiffany Adams-Barney 6N

Grace O'Malley 6S

# Whole School Photo

THURSDAY 3RD JULY  
2025

This only happens every  
4 years and so if  
possible kindly avoid  
making any  
appointments that day  
as it will be the only  
opportunity to take part  
in this historic photo  
session at Oakfield.



Thank you so much to  
Mr Gay for the generous  
donation of 5 FIDE chess  
clocks to support the  
chess club.

The students have  
already enjoyed  
practicing under time  
pressures which will  
hopefully improve their  
skills for the next  
tournament.



# Diary Dates

4 Apr	Last day of Term, finish 12.15pm
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 Week
22 May	Yr 7 visit Wake The Tiger, Bristol
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
19 Jun	Oakfield's Got Talent
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 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
17 Jul	Yrs 5 6 7 Book Look
17 Jul	Yr 8 Leavers Trip
18 Jul	Last day of Term
21 & 22 Jul	INSET days
1 & 2 Sep	INSET days



## Karate classes in your area

### Karate promotes:

Self-defence, Concentration, Discipline  
Confidence, Fitness, Co-ordination



For kids, family or adult only Karate classes please contact:  
Sensei-Katie Laws: 07730 583885  
someset@doryokuryu.com

## Join the Big Walk and Wheel Flash Mob

Friday 4th April  
3.20pm  
Victoria Park bandstand

Celebrate Big Walk and  
Wheel 2025 with a 'flash  
mob' dance session with  
Mojo Moves.

No rehearsal required -  
come and dance with us!

The cafe will be open  
for post-flash mob  
refreshments.



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MOVES

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TOWN COUNCIL Made differently