

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

ATTENDANCE

We value attendance and punctuality at Oakfield and whilst we appreciate that we all get ill sometimes and need time to rest and recover, we also understand that school attendance reflects the pupils' sense of belonging to our community. We are working hard to create a safe learning environment that fosters strong relationships and engaging in learning. Our school attendance target is 96% and currently we are at 91.5%, which is just below the national average for similar schools. Pupil punctuality has hugely improved and we appreciate the efforts families have gone to ensure their children are in school on time. This academic year, we have been quicker to spot potential difficulties with attendance and have sent letters, emails and made phone calls to reach out and see how we can support if there are early concerns. If you would like further support to improve your child's attendance or wonder if there is more we can do to support you, please let us know.

Thank you for working with us to support your child to have the best attendance they can and ensure your child doesn't miss out on the educational and social opportunities that are planned.



**Year Five
Superkids (w/c
13th October)**

**Buddy,
Frida,
Bella and Nancy**



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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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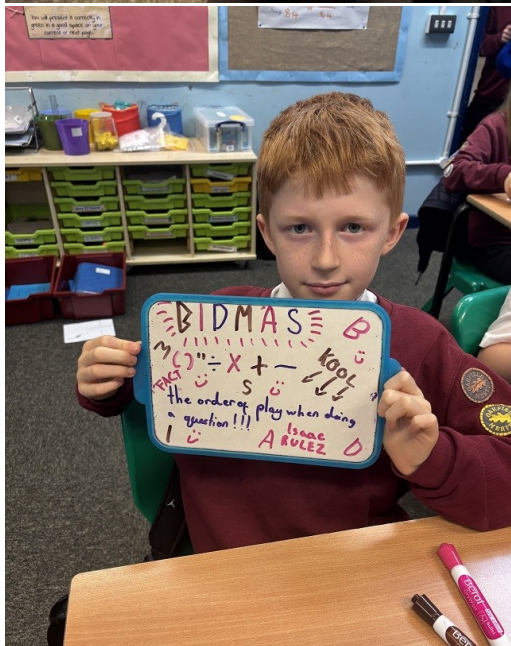




Year 6 Bronze Badge

Achievers

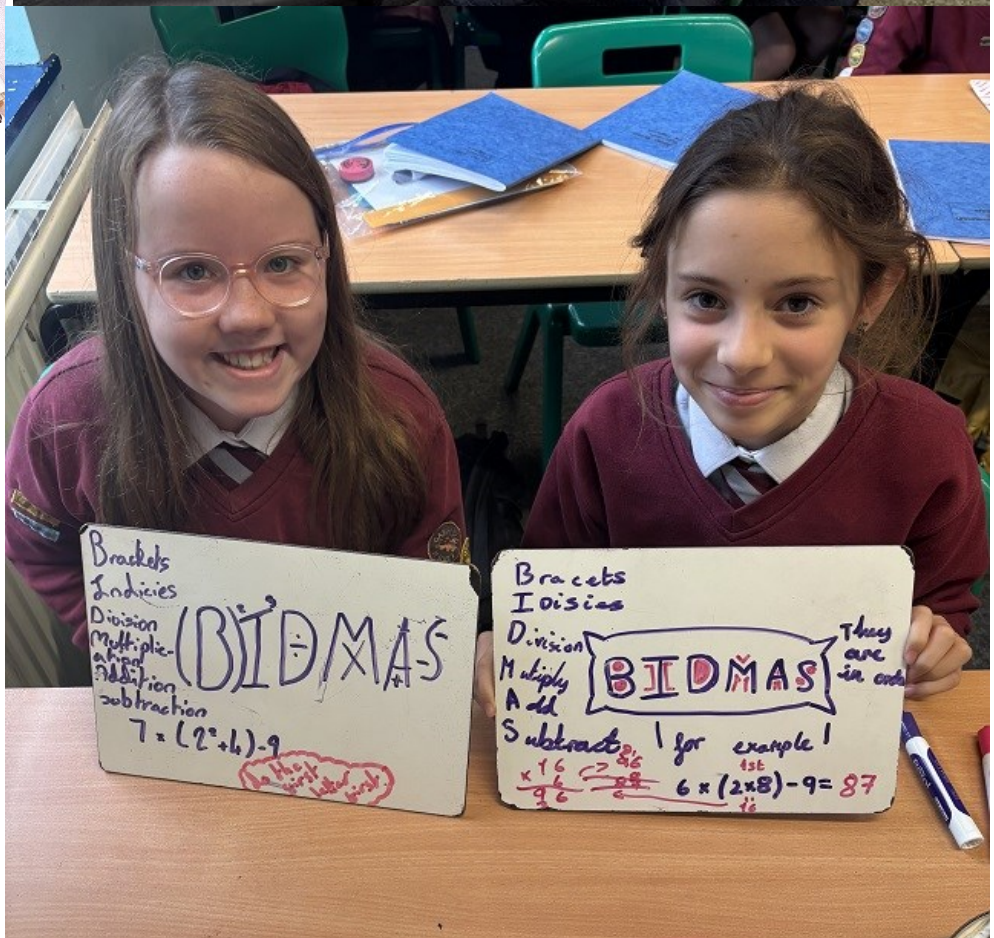
Eric, Genevieve, Connie, Bertie, Talia, Imogen, Renesmee, Harrison, Joshua, Isaac, Bee, Leo, Ashley, Isabeau, Emilia, Rafe (not pictured), Louie (not pictured).



Year 6 have recently concluded addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in Maths. We looked in depth at the order of operations using BIDMAS as a memory tool.

We are now working hard towards fractions which will continue after the half term holidays.

Mathematicians hard at work: Isaac, Olive & Betty, Eva & Camille.



Oakfield Academy

November Bingo Night

Friday 28th November 2025



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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.



Pumpkin Day & Harvest Festival

Celebrating local food together

Sun 26th Oct. 12pm-10pm @ The Silk Mill, Frome

Community Harvest Swap Bring your homegrown treasures (fruits, nuts, veggies, flowers, plants, seeds and homemade preserves) to Share and Swap.
Stalls & Kids Activities 12pm-4pm Local Food & Drinks and Nature Friendly Growing, and Community Projects. Plus seasonal Crafting and Play for all. FREE (Entry Donations Welcome!)

How do we future proof Frome's food systems?

Fun and interactive activities to explore Frome's climate adaptation food strategy, all day and then at the...

New! PUMPKIN EVE (£10-£15)

Bar providing tasty drinks all night.
5.30pm Discussion with local food and climate action experts about creating a food belt or adaptation donut around Frome.
7pm-10pm Delightful Feast (v/gf) created by JO HARRINGTON
Music and dancing with local DJ's and LIVE BAND...

SEIZE THE DAY

Frome Made differently
TOWN COUNCIL

CAMHS

NHS

Somerset

NHS Foundation Trust

Families Learning About Self Harm (FLASH)

WHO IS THE PROGRAMME FOR?

Any adult who has shared responsibility for bringing up a child (11-17 years old) can attend the group including stepparents, grandparents and carers. We welcome parents on their own or with a partner or adult family member. Please note, this group is not intended for families of young people currently under care of Tier 3 CAMHS. For families currently care coordinated by CAMHS East or West teams, please speak to your keyworker who can discuss other FLASH groups with you.

Friday's Nov 7th-14th, 21st - 28th & Dec 5th (9.30-12.30am)
The Balidon Centre, Yeovil - Booking Essential



WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME COVER?

This is a 5-week programme which aims to create better communication and personal relationships between parent/carers and young people. FLASH allows parents the opportunity to discuss the self-harm with people who understand and learn how to manage concerns within your home.

It will include:

- Exploring what self-harm is, what the risks are and what is the function of self-harm
- Listening and self-esteem enabling skills
- Managing self-harm within the family environment
- How self-harm impacts on parenting and ways to manage under stressful circumstances
- Coping strategies for parents and carers

FEEDBACK

"I feel more comfortable addressing things with my YP. I am not always fearful of her harming - I recognise triggers more effectively."

"I felt very comfortable opening up with the other parents and not judged"

"It has helped me to understand a bit more, and know how to respond and when to step back and allow her to come to me if she wants/needs."

Contact us
for more information

0300 124 5012
camhsspa@somersetft.nhs.uk

IMPORTANT
Due to limited availability and safety your place needs to be booked. We will not be able to accommodate anyone who is not pre-

registered.



Thank you to everyone for taking part in our wear green for World Mental Health Day on Friday 10th October. We raised an amazing £384.30, with half being donated to Place2Be and half to the World Mental Health Foundation.

We added in an element of competition across our 4 Houses. It was a close competition but Earth House raised the most with £100.71!



Why not visit the Canteen ?

As the weather gets colder and wetter, what could be nicer than a hot meal at lunchtime. Pictured is a typical meal from Wednesday this week (Toad in the Hole, roast potatoes and vegetables plus a choice of puddings) costs £3.02. Have a day off making sandwiches and send your child to the canteen! Please ensure your child's Arbor Pay account is topped up ready 😊



FROME HERITAGE CIC
Sharing the past, engaging the community



"A Weekend to Remember" for all generations

Marking the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War 1945-2025

A weekend of theatre, talks, walks and film bringing alive the history of Frome during
"A War to Remember 1939-1945"

Friday 7th November at 7.30pm

"Festival of Remembrance including Frome Town Band, Service Standards and Drumhead Ceremony"

Saturday 8th November

9.45am, 12.45pm and 4.30pm, WW2 Grave Walks
11am Reading WW2 Roll of Honour, Memorial Theatre
2.30pm WW2 film archive, Assembly Rooms
7pm Cinema Night showing iconic 1942 film
"In Which We Serve"

Sunday 9th November at 10.55am

Parade and Act of Remembrance,

Tickets from Memorial Theatre
<https://fromememorialtheatre.org.uk/>
Telephone: 01373 462795

Request from a parent

Please kindly check your child's hair for headlice regularly. If everyone does this then we can go a long way to removing this nasty problem. Thank you for your support.



Poppy Appeal



Poppies and other RBL fundraising items will be available to purchase from school after the half term holidays.

Library News

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Thank you to **Chicken House Books** for this wonderful donation! These books will be used as prizes for our Home Reading Raffle, the first of which are being awarded this week!



CAKE SALE SUCCESS



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our cake sale yesterday, either by supplying or buying cakes. So far we have raised around **£130**, with more to come in our leftovers sale at lunchtime today! All the money will be spent on new books for the library!



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR WISHLIST AT

<https://winstonebooks.co.uk/pages/school-books>



FAMILY HOLIDAY



Activities in Frome for families in need of support.

Sunday 26th October *	9am-1pm	Making music videos Please note this is for ages 9+ and has no wheelchair access	Cheese and Grain, Justice Lane, Frome BA11 1BE (music studio)
Wednesday 29th October *	2:30pm-5:30pm	Tropical Animals—come and explore bugs, snakes and more!	The Key Centre, Feltham Lane, Frome BA11 5AJ
Thursday 30th October *	10am to 1pm	Spooky Arts and Crafts	Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome BA11 3DN

Suggested donation of £2 per child

*Free Fair Frome meal served one hour before end of session!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - contact Rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk to book a place or ask your school or support worker to refer you

Adults to accompany and remain responsible for their children at all times.

Family support workers available at all sessions.

www.PurpleElephant.org.uk



YEAR EIGHT STARS OF THE WEEK

Emma Cawthra

Ella Waterfield

Jack Devlin

Grace Tatlow

Maisie Wood



UP 4 UNDER SPORTS



OCTOBER HALF TERM

FESTIVAL OF SPORT

MON 27TH & THURS 30TH OCTOBER 2025 (9AM-4PM)

The Cricket programme is the perfect holiday club for the cricket mad youngster, whatever their ability! The course will be fun, challenging and improve skills and techniques through a combination of small sided games, coaching sessions and our special version of the 100!

The Multi Sports programme will involve a fantastic variety of sports, including: Laser Tag, Archery, Mini Olympics, Tennis, Handball, Ultimate Frisbee, Tag Rugby, Dodgeball, Lacrosse, Archery & Team Building Challenges.

Open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 – 15.



FROME CRICKET CLUB
Rodden Road, Frome, BA11 2AH

£35 per day or £65 for 2 days



BOOK NOW

Diary Dates

w/c 27	October Half Term Holidays
7 Nov	AIR HOUSE Cake Sale
12-18 Nov	Book Fair in the Library
28 Nov	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm (Access arrangements for Assessments)
9 Dec	Yr 6 Panto Trip
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
6 Feb	FIRE HOUSE Cake Sale
26 Feb	Yr 8 HPV vaccinations
2 March	Last day of Term, closing 12.15pm
11 Mar 26	School photos for Yrs 6, 7 & 8
24 Apr	EARTH HOUSE Cake Sale
22 May	WATER HOUSE Cake Sale
26 Jun	Summer Cake Sale
17 Jul	Last day of Term, closing 12.15pm

Request from the Office

Thank you to all the parents who have sent their child to school this term with clearly labelled uniform. Sadly, we are seeing items in lost property now, where the biro name has faded so much due to washing, that we cannot return items to their owner. Please during the half term break check that the labels on your child's uniform are still clearly visible.

Many thanks.

ONE COLLECTIVE POWER



Digital Wellbeing Talk with Cordelia Fellowes

We were delighted to welcome Cordelia Fellowes from One Collective Power to speak to parents about the risks associated with early and prolonged exposure to digital devices. The session provided valuable insights into supporting children's healthy use of technology, and parents had the opportunity to ask questions, sparking lively discussion and practical advice. A huge thank you to Cordelia and everyone involved in making this informative session possible. Cordelia also recommended a range of books and resources for both adults and pupils on this important topic. Selected titles will soon be available in the school library for families to explore further.

**Goodbye and Good Luck to
Teaching Assistant
Kirsty Barnby
who leaves us today.**