



OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Oakfield Academy
newsletter



We work hard to show Ambition, Etiquette, Honesty, Respect, Kindness and Pride

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Full details on page 3.

MEET THE TEACHER

I have worked at Oakfield for nearly 17 years and feel incredibly proud to be part of such a special community. The best part of my job is supporting both pupils and staff to recognise their potential, grow in confidence, pursue their

ambitions and even discover new ones along the way. Outside of school, I love live music - in fact, the iconic Frome venue Cheese and Grain is the main reason we chose to make Frome our home!

GET IN TOUCH

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DIARY DATES 25/26

MAY

21-22 May **Bikeability**

25-29 May **Half-term**



JUNE

1 June **Year 6 Height and Weight Checks**

8-12 June **France trip**

JULY

6-10 July **Activity Week**

8-10 July **Charterhouse trip**

16 July **Year 8 Leavers' trip to Chessington**

17 July **Last day of the term**

MOBILE PHONES

As we look forward to the upcoming academic year, we are excited to announce a new initiative designed to enhance focus and create a more mindful learning environment. Starting this September, Oakfield will be introducing mobile phone pouches for pupils.

This decision follows the latest Government guidance, which expects all schools in England to be mobile phone-free environments. The Department for Education has recently placed this guidance on a statutory footing, meaning

schools are now legally required to have a clear policy that prohibits phone use throughout the entire school day.

By introducing secure pouches, we are joining schools nationwide in following these government standards to ensure our classrooms remain calm, safe, and focused.

More information will follow soon with details of when we will be introducing the pouches and the details about how we will introduce them to the children.

FROME FESTIVAL

FRI 3 - SUN 12 JULY 2026

Frome comes alive this July! Enjoy ten days of music, theatre, art, and family fun across the town. There's something for everyone—live shows, workshops, and unforgettable experiences await.

See full programme:

<https://fromefestival.co.uk/frome-festival-2026-brochure/>





SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 PRIZE DRAW WINNERS



Well done to all !!



CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6 – YOU DID IT!

This week, our Year 6 students have shown incredible dedication and resilience as they completed their SATs exams. After months of hard work, revision, and perseverance, it's time to celebrate their achievements and the effort they have put in.

SATs can be challenging, but every student approached them with determination and a positive attitude. Whether it was in reading, writing, maths, or grammar, each child gave their best, and that commitment deserves recognition.

We are proud of every Year 6 student. Well done to all!

A NOTE ABOUT SAFEGUARDING...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school office and ask to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Thomas, or any of our Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Miss Nightingale, Mrs Green, Mrs Gardner, Mrs Stickleby or Mrs Applegate.

The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

During the school holidays if you have a concern about a child, please contact Children's Social Care by phone on **0300 123 2224** or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk.

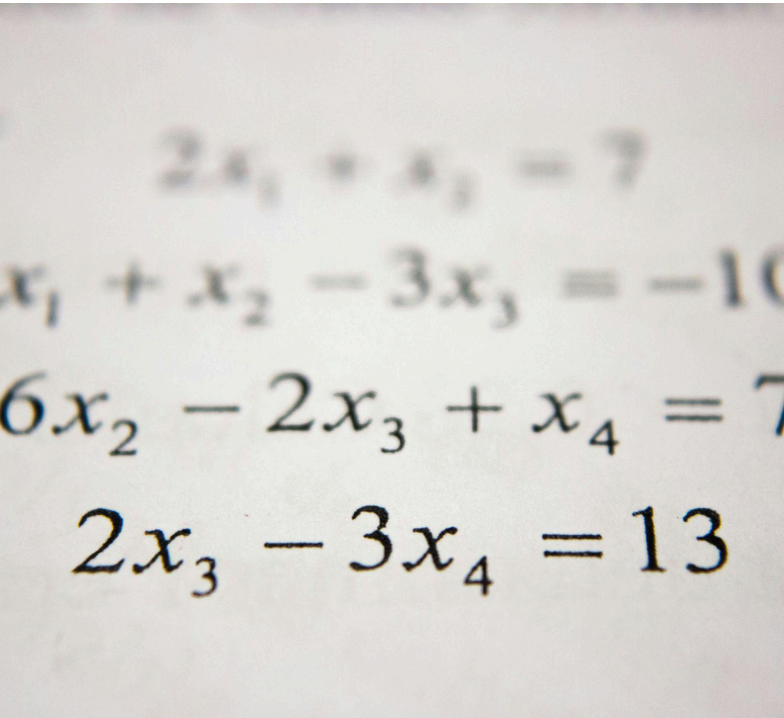
Out of office hours

If you would like to speak to a social worker outside of office hours, please phone the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 123 2327**.

Tell us immediately about any of the following and open the relevant option for details on how to report your concern:

- A child is suffering significant harm
- You want to protect a child from abuse or serious neglect
- You feel the child requires urgent or short-term care (acute services)

Or you can contact NSPCC Helpline via email help@nspcc.org.uk anytime or call 0808 800 5000 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

MATHS DEPARTMENT

It is a busy time for assessments in the Maths department. Year 6 pupils have been focused on their SATs, while Year 8 have been completing their End of Unit Tests, covering topics such as fractions and accurate drawing.

This week, Years 7 and 8 have been preparing for their end-of-year assessments ahead of half term. We look forward to seeing how much the pupils have learned and celebrating the progress they have made in their mathematical knowledge and skills.

Mr Oates

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Year 5's have been exploring the topic of changes of materials, getting to grips with reversible and irreversible changes.

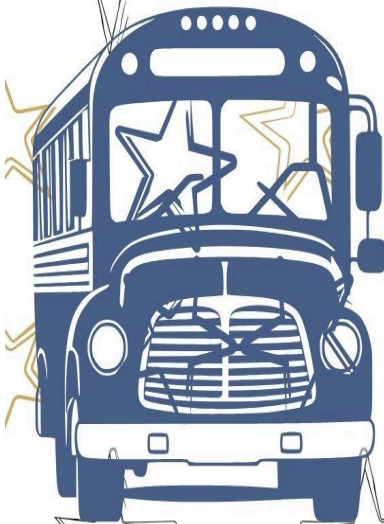
Year 6's are currently looking at the different food groups and will be examining the heart and how it works just after half term.

Years 7 and 8 are focused on revising for their end-of-year exams, which assess students' learning across the whole year. There are plenty of revision resources available on the students' Google Classroom accounts.

Mr George



YEAR 6 - I CAN I AM BUS VISIT



Year 6 'I Can I Am' 8th-10th July

During Activities Week, the I Can I Am bus will be visiting Oakfield to work with our Year 6 pupils.

I Can & I Am is a charity founded by the educational speaker, James Shone. The charity works with young people within schools providing tools to help maintain good mental health and positive self-esteem despite the challenges of the teenage years. They are passionate about in giving young people the tools to 'inflate their balloons of self belief'.

I Can & I Am deliver their workshops on board their specially adapted double decker bus. On board the bus, pupils will take part in a pizza making session on the ground floor which has been converted in to a state of the art kitchen by the bus sponsors, Howdens. This activity provides time for informal conversation and is something that all pupils find that they can do - even the most nervous participants. We accommodate those with gluten and dairy allergies and can provide greater assistant to those pupils that might need it. The recipe is simple, taking only 30 minutes in total, and even our youngest visitors find the process straight forward and hugely rewarding.

Pupils then take part in a workshop on the top deck of the bus where they'll spend time with a mentor from the I Can & I Am team. The aim is that they will leave the session with a better understanding of their own qualities and strengths, plus tools that will help them to manage their own emotions and to deal with any setbacks that arise for them, or others close to them in the future. This will be a unique experience in a positive environment where pupils can focus solely on themselves and their own wellbeing.

This two minute video clip shows the bus in action: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egMD4HNNVe0&t=84s>

Further details about the charity can be found at www.icanandiam.com



Congratulations!



CONGRATS OAKFIELD!

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 5** Bella G, Roxy O, Theo P and Felix S.
- Year 6** Max B, Violet L, Anya M, Elody J and Laylah B.
- Year 7** Toby B, Logan L, Charlie M and Libby A
- Year 8** Scarlett S, Mila P, Evie G. Alice H, Katie H-F, AJ H, Beau M, Icarus P-T, Eleanor S and Isla H.

READERS OF THE WEEK

- Year 5** Dora G, Willow D, Lilly M and Lilly W.
- Year 6** Emilia M, Devon C and Orson G.
- Year 7** Nathan S, Rose S, Edith G and Rubus G-S.
- Year 8** Poppy S, Ella W, Florence A, Daniel B and Alexis S.

OAKFIELD LIFE



BEYOND THE GATES



UP 4 UNDER SPORTS



MAY HALF TERM

FESTIVAL OF SPORT

THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2026 (1 DAY)
9am - 4pm

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

The Cricket programme is the perfect holiday club for the cricket mad youngster, whatever their ability!

The Multi Sports programme will involve a fantastic variety of sports that everyone can enjoy!



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Rodden Road, Frome, BA11 2AH

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TEA & TOASTIES



**FREE AFTER-SCHOOL DRINKS &
SNACKS. JUST DROP IN.**

Ages 12-16



**Tea and toast.
Friendly faces. No pressure.**

Relax with free drinks, toast and snacks in an easy-going, space with supportive youth workers. Spend time with friends or just take a breather – there's no pressure to talk or join in.

FREE

TUESDAYS
Good Heart Cafe
7 Palmer Street, Frome
3:30-5:30pm
(term time only)

WEDNESDAYS
Key Centre
Feltham Lane, Frome
3:30-5:30pm
(term time only)

Staff and volunteers onsite to listen and to share information about local youth support options.

 purpleelephant.org.uk



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Real People, Real Projects, Real Difference

FOOD AT FIVE

**Mondays-Key Centre, The Mount
Wednesdays-Frome Cricket Club
Thursdays- Trinity Church Hall**

**Hot freshly cooked meals served
with dessert at 5pm
Vegetarian and takeaways available
too (please bring containers)**

Hot drinks available

Suggested donation: £1 per meal

**Please contact us if you have any
dietary requirements**



**Purple Elephant
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every session, with
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SUMMER HOLIDAY

ART CAMP FOR CHILDREN!

CREATIVE MAKERS - CIC

THE SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON

THURSDAY 23RD JULY & FRIDAY 24TH JULY

MONDAY 10TH – FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST (FULL WEEK)

TIME 9:30AM – 3:00PM

WHERE AVANTI PARK SCHOOL, FROME

Each session will be led by a qualified and experienced Art and Design teacher, providing children with the opportunity to explore a variety of artistic techniques. Throughout the programme, students will discover the work of different artists and create their own pieces inspired by these artists. They will experiment with a wide range of materials to produce paintings, prints, sculptures, and even large-scale installations. By the end of each session, every child will have their own creative work to take home and share with family and friends.

The Art Club is designed to encourage children to express their creativity, develop new skills, and be inspired by the world around them.

CHILDREN WILL:

- Discover and be inspired by artists and the arts
- Develop your creative skills and try new things
- Create your own work and explore your ideas
- Share your project and celebrate!

PLACES ARE LIMITED, SO DON'T MISS OUT!

SIGN UP NOW AT CREATIVE-MAKERS.CO.UK

COST £38 PER DAY

ANY QUESTIONS? creativemakersfrome@gmail.com www.creative-makers.co.uk



ACTIVITIES

Half Term Holiday Activities: Bugs, Bats & Butterflies

Investigate some of the winged wonders that visit Wells Cathedral, and try fun-filled family activities that can help support biodiversity at home.



Bat Trail

Saturday 23 to Sunday 31 May, 9am–4.30pm

Follow our bat trail and contribute to our growing bat roost tree.



Beautiful Butterflies

Tuesday 26 May, 10.30am–3.30pm

Learn about pollinators and make a butterfly feeder or try paper butterfly crafts.



Brilliant Bats

Wednesday 27 May, 10.30am–3.30pm

Find out about the bats that visit the Cathedral with a fun, interactive talk, and make a flapping bat toy.



Beds for Bugs

Thursday 28 May, 10.30am–3.30pm

Help us give our bug hotel a makeover, and make your own mini version to hang at home.

Admission included with entry to Wells Cathedral.

No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

Plan your visit online at wells cathedral.org.uk/holidays

Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Half Term Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.



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