



OAKFIELD ACADEMY  
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Oakfield Academy  
newsletter

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

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## WORLD BOOK DAY

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## MEET THE TEACHER

My name is Oliver Mepham and I am in my third year of teaching at Oakfield, however I have worked here on and off for over 10 years.

My favourite part of teaching at Oakfield are the



cheerful interactions I have with the children every day.

I played Centre for my school netball team, Striker for the football team and Wing for the rugby team.

## GET IN TOUCH

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## DIARY DATES 25/26

### MARCH



26 March **Water House Celebration Assembly**

### APRIL

2 April **Last day of term, closing 12.15pm**

24 April **Earth House Cake Sale**

### MAY

11-14 May **SATS Week**

21&22 May **Bikeability**

### JUNE

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

8-12 June **France trip**

## REMINDERS



If you have forgotten to bring your sanitary products or have any worries about your period please speak to a member of staff. We have plenty of products, advice or support available.

## UNIFORM

Oakfield Academy Logo or embroidered items can only be purchased from Cosmic Monkey, Unit E3, commerce park, Southgate, Frome BA11 2RY, or via their online shop: <https://www.cosmicmonkey.co.uk/category/Oakfield-Academy> other items can be purchased elsewhere.

## VACANCIES

### SEND Administrator

We are seeking a SEND Administrator to join our team for 20 hours per week, working between 8:15am–4:15pm (hours negotiable), Monday to Friday. This is a term-time position plus 5 additional days.

For full details and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/oakfieldacademy/job/send-administrator-1539810>



## NEWS

### BELLA'S TROPHY HAUL

A humongous congratulations to Bella Gagliano who won 9 gold and 1 silver medal in her recent competitions. She also earned 7 trophies from her Swim Club Presentation.

Bella earned these from competing in all differently styled swims such as freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. More impressively, she won the race which included all 4 styles (medley). Her races ranged from 25m to 200m.



### MID-SOMERSET DRAMA FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Mark Salmon on taking part in the event for the first time and achieving an outstanding first place in his class for Solo Acting.

He has also been invited to perform his piece again the following evening, an opportunity he was very much looking forward to.





## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to share some exciting updates from the English Department, particularly in light of our recent celebration of World Book Day. The day was filled with engaging competitions, a sponsored read and fantastic costumes, all of which fostered a love for reading among our students.

In Year 5, students are currently writing their own chapter based on their class novel 'Cosmic'. Year 6 has been focusing on character descriptions based on their reading of 'Peanut Jones', while also honing their SATs reading skills during comprehension lessons. Year 7 has successfully completed their 'October, October' unit and will soon begin

studying 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Meanwhile, Year 8 has wrapped up their WW1 poetry unit and is set to embark on a unit exploring Gothic writing, where they will plan and write their own imaginative Gothic stories.

We are proud of the progress our students are making and encourage you to support their learning at home. Engaging in discussions about their reading and writing can greatly enhance their understanding and enjoyment of literature.

Thank you for your continued support of our English curriculum. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Miss Offer



## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March was World Book Day, and both pupils and staff embraced the day with a range of fantastic costumes. We also had fun during the day Dropping Everything And Reading when the signal was given, as well as enjoying some bookish activities in tutor groups during PSHE.

Lots of pupils also came to the library to exchange their token for a WBD book, and KS2 pupils took part in some fun bookish games at lunchtime.

There was a real buzz around the academy as everyone shared their love of reading. Congratulations to our diorama competition winners: Tilly W, Genevieve J, Mark S and Finley M, and well done to all who took part. Thank you to families for your continued support in encouraging a love of reading.

## LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

Congratulations to our new Year 5 Library Assistants Emily, Molly, Martha, Bella and Felix. They will be working alongside our Year 6 assistants for the rest of the year, helping to keep the library running smoothly and looking beautiful. Those Year 5 pupils who were not selected this time, will get a chance to be library assistants from the start of Year 6.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 8 library assistants, many of whom have been doing the job since Year 5, for all their hard work and support over the years. They can now sit back and relax, while the younger pupils do all the work!



## RUN OAKFIELD RUN!

Our ReMind fundraiser was a successful result. A brilliant amount of money was raised for ReMind UK and we had a great turnout of children on the field ready to exercise and earn their house some very valuable points.

Results will be revealed in the house assembly on the last day of term.

Ms Parsons completed the Bath Half Marathon in her brain outfit, as did Mrs Doel & Mr Mepham more comfortably in their usual running gear.



## OAKFIELD HOUSE NEWS

### EARTH HOUSE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Last week it was the turn of Earth House to celebrate its fabulous pupils.

It was fantastic to see so many parents in attendance, especially on such a wet and windy afternoon. The pupils were all excited and keen to see who had been awarded prizes for their excellent attitude and approach to the different subjects. We handed out over 50 certificates, and it was a real privilege to see how proud the prize winners were, but also how supportive their peers were in their celebrations.

Well done to all the prize winners, and to the whole of Earth House!

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## Stars of the Week

**Year 5:** Erin C, Osian K, Lily-ann M, Oliver T, Otilie F B, Poppy D, Skyla B-L, Ryan A and Mason S.

**Year 6:** Caleb H, Oliver S, Olive B-F, Ellie Mae L, Betty B, Lola B, Patrick D, Mostyn C and Bertie M.

**Year 7:** Oliver M, Rose S, Miles H and Elliott S.

**Year 8:** Dev S, Oliver W, Ioan S, Daniel B, Aria S, Esosa O, Patrick P, Lily H, Adam B and Harvey S.

## Readers of the Week

**Year 5:** Dotty J, Zack P, Frida S and Pandora E.

**Year 6:** Jacob P, Mostyn C, Elody J, Freya W, Eric H, Isaac A, Danni S and Isabeau K.

**Year 7:** Logan S, Edith G, Isabella B C and Lexi-Mai H.

**Year 8:** Adam B, Henry I, Jake M and Lili St C.





## 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 Stickley 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](mailto: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](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) anytime or call 0808 800 5000 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

## COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING RECENT OUTBREAK OF MENINGITIS B

NASPM has advised that there has been a recent outbreak of Meningitis B in the UK. There is no cause for alarm within our school community.

Please make yourselves familiar with the key symptoms to be aware of. These include:

- Sudden onset of high fever and severe headache
- Stiff neck and dislike of bright light
- A rash that does not fade when pressed with a glass
- Confusion, extreme drowsiness, or cold hands and feet
- Vomiting, joint pain, or seizures

Please visit the NHS website for further information.



## NEW NURSERY PROVISION AT TRINITY FIRST SCHOOL

We're pleased to share that plans have been agreed for a new nursery at Trinity First School. This is an excellent addition that will benefit many local families and strengthen provision within our wider community.

Work is due to begin after the Easter break. During this time, we are delighted to support Trinity by welcoming their Year 3 pupils to Oakfield. They will be based in two of our currently unused classrooms within the Year 5 block. In supporting Trinity in this way, the Trust will avoid the need for temporary accommodation, allowing resources to be invested in improvements to Oakfield instead.

This reflects the strong partnership between our schools, and we are proud to be working together to support this important project.



## Oakfield Shine at National Reading Champions Quiz!



Huge congratulations to our National Reading Champions Quiz team, who came fourth in our regional heat out of 25 teams across the South West. Just out of the top three, but an absolutely brilliant result!

Well done to Ophelia, Jack, Dev and Stella!

## NATIONAL READING CHAMPIONS QUIZ SUCCESS!

On Thursday 19th March, a team of Year 7 and 8 pupils took part in the regional heat of the National Reading Champions Quiz and came fourth out of 25 teams across the South West! This was a brilliant result, and only six points adrift of the winner, so please congratulate them if you see any of them:

Ophelia H

Stella P

Jack D

Dev S

Emma S

# OAKFIELD LIFE



Fair Frome

Real People, Real Projects, Real Difference

## FOOD AT FIVE

We're a warm space  
4:30pm-6:30pm

Just turn up,  
everyone is welcome!

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  
Support Worker at every session, with activities provided!

Fair Frome, Unit 7, Longacre, Frome, BA11 4BG  
Email: info@fairfrome.org / Mobile: 07714087129 / Landline 01373 480578  
Charity no: 1154080

## IMAGINE MORE KINDNESS

FROM KINDNESS FESTIVAL  
14<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026

I HAVE LOVED VISITING YOU ALL OVER RECENT WEEKS, SHARING STORIES AND CREATING KINDNESS KENNINGS IN ASSEMBLIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, IMAGINATION AND GENEROSITY, AND EVERYTHING YOU'RE HELPING US TO CREATE ON OUR KINDNESS QUEST! WE HAVE RECEIVED SO MANY RESPONSES TO OUR REQUEST FOR POEMS FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF FROME, AND WE ARE HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME PREPARING TO SHARE THEM IN MULTIPLE WAYS ACROSS OUR TOWN DURING THE KINDNESS FESTIVAL (14<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH). NOW WE WANT TO INVITE YOU ALL - SCHOOL STAFF, CHILDREN, FAMILIES - TO JOIN US FOR OUR CELEBRATION EVENT AT 17:30 ON SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH AT ROOK LANE CHAPEL. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE EXAMPLES OF THE WONDERFUL POEMS, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW WE'RE SHARING THEM - YOU'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO HEAR SOME OF THEM READ ALOUD. WE REALLY HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US, ON INTERNATIONAL POETRY DAY, TO CELEBRATE THIS AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT BY ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF FROME!

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BOOK TICKETS AT [WWW.THEGOODHEART.UK](http://WWW.THEGOODHEART.UK)



FairFrome

## Fair Frome Community Pantry

Tuesdays: 2pm - 6pm

Where: Elliott Building, Frome Town Hall

The Fair Frome Community Pantry is a members only pantry. Members have access to food items and toiletries at a lower cost. This membership is not free and costs £3 or £5 per week.

To register as a member visit:

[www.fairfrome.org/our-services/communitypantry/](http://www.fairfrome.org/our-services/communitypantry/)

If you are struggling to fill the form out yourself please contact us on 07754088026 or email: [pantry@fairfrome.org](mailto:pantry@fairfrome.org)

## Key Centre Cafe

Space to hang out, meet with friends, work and play  
Come and have a cup of tea and a biscuit



Monday - 3-4.30pm After School Hang out (Term time only)

Tuesday - 12-2.30pm Frome Birth Talk - Family Drop-in, chat and play

Wednesday - 10am-1pm Open house, all welcome

Thursday - 8:30am-2:30pm The Pod affordable pop-up café

We look forward to seeing you soon!

For more information or if you are interested in booking the Key Centre as a venue please email - [keycentre@frometowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:keycentre@frometowncouncil.gov.uk)

Key Centre - Feltham Lane BA11 5AJ

**Fr**ome  
TOWN COUNCIL

# OAKFIELD LIFE



## BEYOND THE GATES

# WE DID IT!

Our Readathon<sup>®</sup> has been a huge success

We raised **£510** to help provide books and storytellers for children in hospital!

Read  
for Good<sup>®</sup>

*Well done to all our readers, and thank you to everyone who supported them!*

## EASTER ACTIVITY CAMPS

**£15 PER DAY**

**VENUE:**  
FROME SPORT AND FITNESS

**DATE:**  
13TH - 16TH APRIL 2026  
9AM-3PM  
5-13 YEARS

SPORTS, CRAFTS & GAMES  
SWIMMING INCLUDED  
FREE LUNCH

BOOK TODAY! HEAD TO [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/23NEF2TW](https://tinyurl.com/23NEF2TW) OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

EGG HUNT!

\*\*FOR THOSE ON BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS



# OPENDOOR FAMILY LAW

Voices  
Recovery is Prevention

Confused about family law or court? Drop in for clear advice and pathways forward.

WHERE?: Key Centre, Feltham Ln, Frome BA11 5AJ

WHEN? Every other Tuesday in term time starting from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of February 10am till 12pm

For more information goto: [www.voicescharity.org](http://www.voicescharity.org),  
email: [info@voicescharity.org](mailto:info@voicescharity.org) or call 01225 984189

# A Wheelie Good Day!

**A free, family friendly, fun day**

- FREE Pedal fun with music, bubbles, rocket challenge, smoothie bike, plus crafts all day.
- FREE Bikeability taster sessions (book in advance)
- Try our NEW app hire bikes & e-cargo bike
- Learn how to tune your bike in our FREE maintenance demos & Dr Bike safety checks
- Grab a bargain at our bike and accessory sale
- Join Mojo Moves at Middy!

JOIN US SUNDAY

**March 22**  
10am – 2pm

The Workshop, Station Approach, Frome BA11 1PE



Join the fun! Discover what the Frome Community Bike Project offers and how you can get involved in helping Frome cycle more. No bike needed, just turn up and enjoy a wheelie good day.

[fromebikeproject.org](http://fromebikeproject.org)