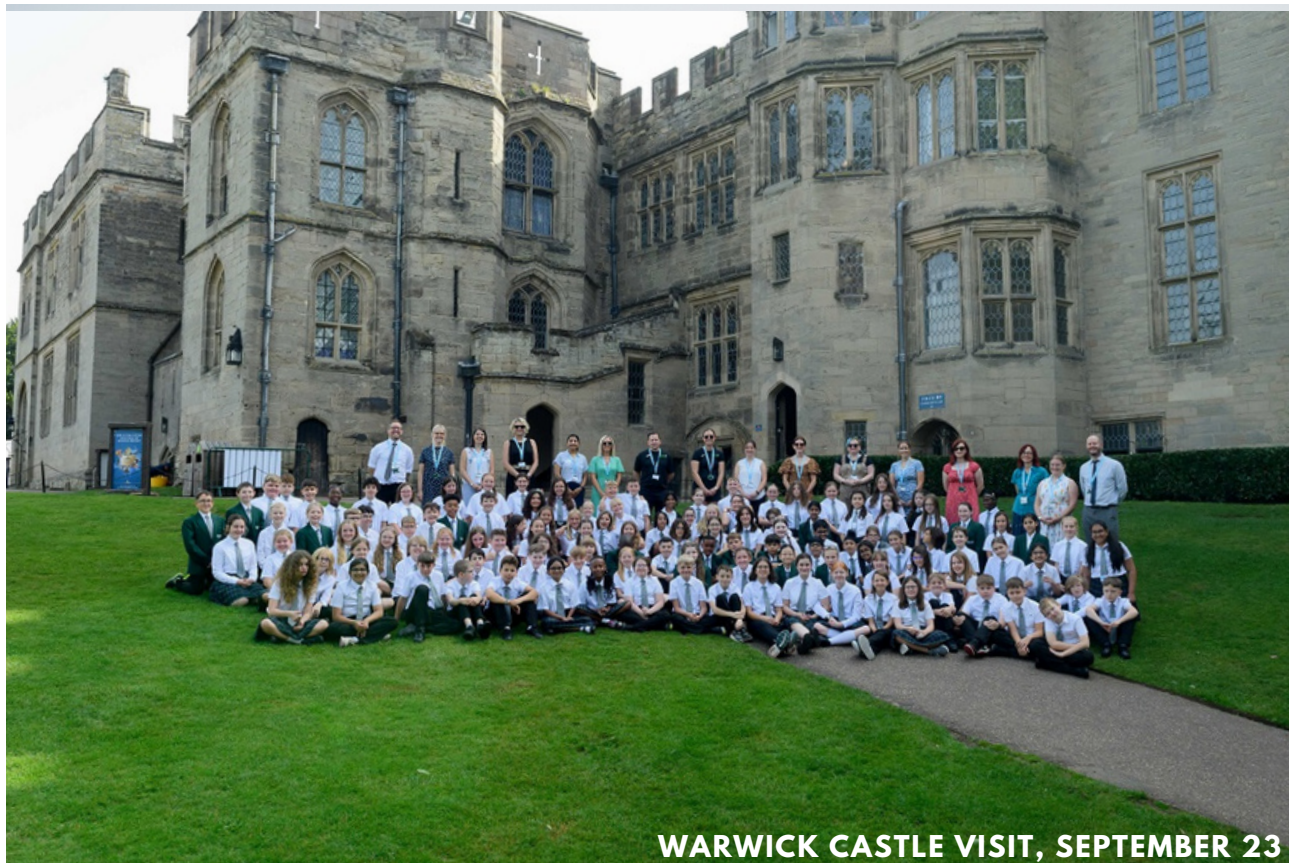




**A SUPER START
FOR YEAR 7:
MEMORABLE
EXPERIENCES,
CELEBRATIONS
& SUCCESSES
GALORE!**



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

As we come to the end of our first half term at Oakley School, I am beaming with pride at the wonderful way in which our pupils have begun their secondary school experience.

They have impressed me with the kindness they have shown each other as new friendships have formed and continue to grow. The confidence with which they have adapted to secondary school life has allowed them to make the most of the opportunities that have been available to them. And what a raft of opportunities they have been!

Our fantastic staff team have delivered memorable experiences from our first days on trips to Warwick Castle and Bear Grylls Adventure Park, to the regular clubs and activities that are open to all young people to participate in and enjoy. I've seen their plans for the rest of the year, and our pupils are in for a treat!

It's not just outside of the classroom where pupils have excelled. The level of engagement and pride in their work that are evident in lessons is remarkable. The hard work and resilience that is already on display will set up our pupils for ongoing success. The entries to our recent STEM competition were truly exceptional and once again demonstrate how special our school community is.

I'd also like to thank you, our parents and families who have made the start of term run smoothly. Do get in touch with your child's tutor if you have any queries or concerns and we will continue to work together to allow your child to thrive here at Oakley School.

I can't wait to welcome you all back after half term, rested, ready to learn and raring to go!

STUDENT PARLIAMENT

School Parliament



Meet our newly elected Oakley Student Parliament members. All pupils were given the opportunity to run for parliament. The elected members had to prepare a speech, present it to the rest of their tutor and then await the results of secret ballot.

We elected the following MPs:

Freya H-7A, Isaac-7A2, Emilia- 7P, Isla-7P2, George-7M, Pheobe-7M2

We also elected the following deputies:

Bella-7A1, Sara-7A2, Emily 7P1, Freya A 7P2, Nael 7M1, Harriet 7M2

We're really looking forward to working on developing Oakley School.



KINDNESS • CONFIDENCE • RESILIENCE

All pupils can share feedback with us via the Student Voice page on our website:
www.oakley-school.com

Your Student Voice
Be an advocate for your community

The Student Voice

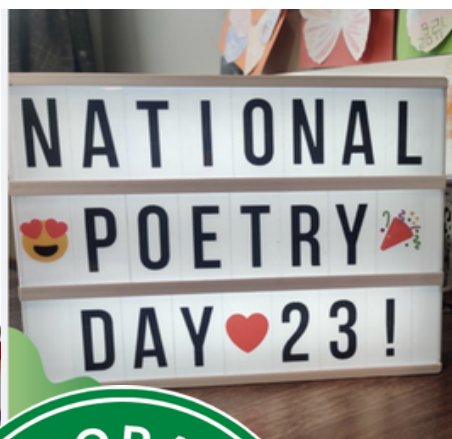
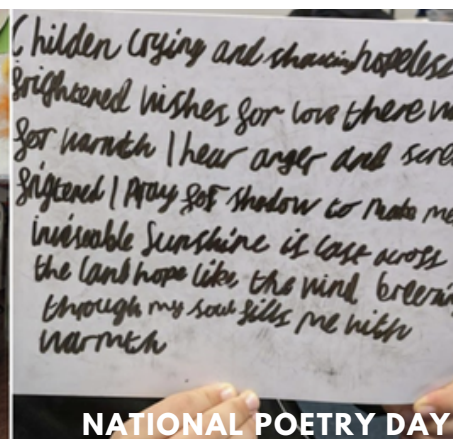
WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T
Let us know how safe our community is and tell us where we need to act.
[Give Feedback](#)

ARE YOU WORRIED, NEED TO TALK?
Get confidential support for issues that may be worrying you.
[Seek Support and Guidance](#)

Coming next term:
Sikhism workshop
Theatre trip
Gurdwara visit
Christmas Lectures
BookTrust Author visit
and so much more...



DAY OF LANGUAGES



NATIONAL POETRY DAY



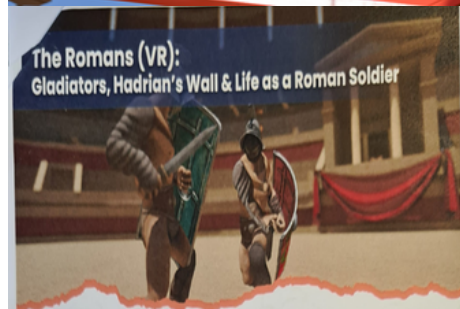
William Shakespeare



RSC AMBASSADOR DAY



BEAR GRYLLS ADVENTURE PARK



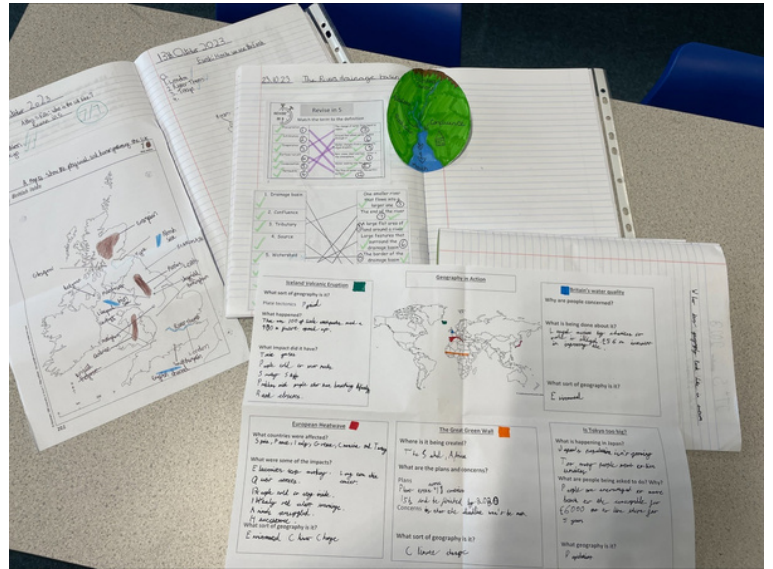
VR ROMAN EXPERIENCE



WARWICK CASTLE VISIT

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

This half term has been busy in **Geography**, with student's building upon their learning from primary school to understand how geography connects us to the rest of the world. This was followed with Atlas skills and working to improve their general knowledge of the physical and human world around us. Recently, we have started a topic on hydrology and understanding how water moves around the planet before we go on to study rivers and flood events.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?



We've had a fantastic half term in **Food and Nutrition!** Students have settled very well into their Food lessons and are very much enjoying the variety of activities. They have coped very well in food practical lessons. We have made it work with a great degree of success. Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring your child has come to school equipped for these lessons. We have made fruit fusion and cous cous salad. The focus of these lessons has been knife skills, personal hygiene and kitchen safety.

Special Mentions to the following students who have demonstrated excellent practical skills this term!

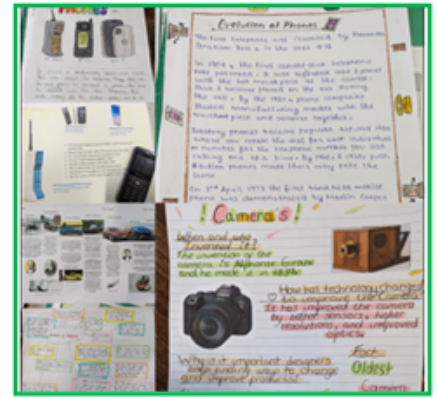
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7A2: NOAH E, LINA R
7M1: JAMIAH B-R, OLIVIA W
7M2: CHARLOTTE G, HARRIET L
7P1: ABIGAIL B, ZAYNAH Q
7P2: ETHAN DB, ISLA B



Next Term:
Potato Bake
Savoury Rice
Chocolate Tiffin

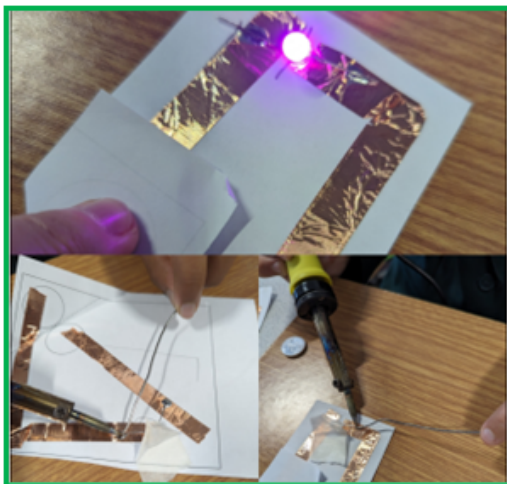
In **Character and Culture** we have been learning about building and sustaining positive relationships. We've also considered why it's important to attend school and had lots of fantastic entries for our attendance poster competition. Well done to Netra N for her winning entry.





It has been a fantastic start to the year in **Design Technology**! Lots of HAPs were given for all the amazing entries of the Summer Challenge Competition. Well done again to all the participants and our winners!

During this half term students have been learning about the design process with a focus on Electronics and Graphic Design. Working for Hallmark, students have been designing and manufacturing a light up – pop up card. They have been creating samples of paper engineering techniques, using copper track to create circuits and soldering their components. Students have demonstrated excellent creativity with a range of media and attention to detail.



Stars of the Week!

Each Friday several students who have demonstrated excellent effort in DT will be chosen to be SOTW! They will receive HAPs and a positive call home to parents.



Mrs Mali would like to say a massive thank you to all her Year 7 pupils for working so hard and with so much enthusiasm in their **History** lessons this term. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed learning about how historians work and the impact the Romans had on Britain. We have had fun making recruitment posters for the Roman Army as well as covering significant Roman people like the African Roman Emperor, Septimius Severus, and the Ivory Bangle Lady as part of our work for Black History Month. We have finished this term with an immersive, virtual reality experience looking at what Roman life was like in places like Hadrian's Wall and the Colosseum, which I am sure pupils will remember for a long time. Well done Year 7 and I look forward to teaching you more exciting and memorable History lessons next term.

So far this year Oakley students have participated in invasion games and health related fitness as part of the **PE** curriculum. They have explored different tactics to use in football, as well as learning about the importance of warm-ups and the effects that exercise has on the body throughout the fitness topic. After half term all students will be doing rugby/tag rugby.



A big thank you to all the students who have attended an extra curricular sports club this half term. Your dedication and commitment to football, dodgeball, dance, and many other clubs has been amazing! Also a big congratulations to those who played in the football tournament and netball match. You all represented the school well and showed excellent teamwork.



There are several other fixtures scheduled for after half term so please keep coming to training if you wish to be selected. For more information regarding extra curricular clubs see the PE notice board.

We have been really impressed with the enthusiasm and effort in PE- keep it up!



Cells

Root hair cell
These cells are in ground level soil. They absorb water from the soil.

White blood cells
These cells protect our body from bacteria etc. They eat and kill your remaining bacteria. They are found in your blood and can move in or out of blood.

Sperm cell
These cells are involved in making babies. It is very tiny and can swim.

Phagocytes
These white blood cells eat up all the bacteria in the body. They eat many different kinds of bacteria in the lungs and elsewhere.

Egg cell/sperm cell
The egg cell is a cell that is part of the female reproductive system. The sperm cell is from the male reproductive system. When they meet they start a reaction - a process called fertilisation - to form a baby.

The axon
The dendrite



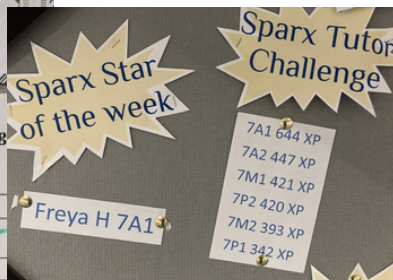
Come in to
Connect

Oakley School PE Department

Star of the Week

7A1	7A2
Holly	Ranveer

7M1	7M2
Lottie	Max



HOUSE POINTS UPDATE:



2398



2737



2274

Bronze Certificate (75 HAPs):

Tallulah F
Stacy H
Phoebe R
Zahia F
Andrei B
Sara M
Max W

Lina R
Harriet L
Tia L
Dhanvi T
Zehra E
Aika K
Jessie W

Freya H
Rayan N
Brooke T
Jonathan W
Archie W
Charlotte G

Silver Certificate (100 HAPs):

Edwin C
Nael L
Isaac M



Extra-Curricular

Autumn 2

INFORMATION

Lunch Time Clubs 13:40 - 14:05

For PE clubs students will require trainers (they will not require kit for lunch time clubs).

Meet in the canteen at 1.40 p.m. There is no sign up required for PE clubs.

PE lunch clubs will change on the 21st November due to loss of the Dave Walker Gym

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Club 1	Table Tennis CL Classroom	Basketball CL Gym	Bench Ball CL Gym	Bench Ball / Dodgeball CL/BW Gym	Bench Ball / Dodgeball BW / CL Gym
Lunch Club 2	Netball BW Gym	Just Dance BW IS4	Just Dance BW IS4		
Lunch Club 3	French Club / Spelling Bee HY SF 8	History Mystery Club MI SF 6 Sign Up required	Craft Club TT IS3 20 places Sign up IS3 15th Nov start	Writing Club HS SF3	Computer aided design club TT IT1 Sign up IS3
Lunch Club 4		Maths Club MH SF 1	Transformations With Warwick University (Invite Only from HS)		

Afterschool Clubs 15:10 - 16:10

- Meet your teacher in the canteen at 15:10
- Ensure parents / carers are aware of your attendance and that you can get home safely after the club.
- If you do not have PE on that day, bring the correct kit for the activity including footwear, PE expectations apply to all clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Afterschool Club 1	Basketball CL Gym	Football CL / BW Field	Rugby (boots & gum shield) CL Field	Staff Meeting	Dodgeball CL/BW Gym
Afterschool Club 2	Netball BW Sports Hall	Board Games Club JN Library	Netball BW Gym		
Afterschool Club 3	Homework 'Club IT1	Homework 'Club IT1	Homework Club IT1		Christmas Cake Club SF7 KG November 17th December 8th December 15th

Oakley School Site Visit

We were delighted to see the progress made at the site of Oakley School today. The external structures are complete, with windows in and brickwork starting. Inside we were able to get a sense of the fantastic spaces with the construction of internal walls well underway. We were also thrilled to see the extensive sports pitches looking lush and green ready for play to begin when we move in next year.



Reception Information Event Wednesday 22nd November

Drop-in to find out more about Oakley School as it opens to its first ever Reception cohort in September 2024

St. Chad's Centre, Bishops Tachbrook, CV33 9RJ

Contact
oakleyschool@stowevalley.com
for more information



Scan to view our online prospectus



Do you know someone with a child starting school next September?

Please let them know that Oakley School is welcoming their first Reception cohort next year at the permanent site of Oakley School. We are holding an information event on Wed 22nd Nov at St Chad's Centre in Bishops Tachbrook for anyone that wants to know more.





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2023 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Calling all budding young artists!

We're looking for entries for our 2023
Christmas card competition.

The winning design will be used digitally
across all the schools in the Stowe Valley MAT

Whether it's a snowman, Christmas tree, or
something else completely, entries can be as creative
as you like!

You can use pencils, felt tips, paint or crayon to
create your entry. We just ask that the design is A4,
flat, and not have anything 3D stuck to it, as it will
need to be able to be scanned. Please also don't add
glitter to your design.

Please hand your entry to
class teacher.



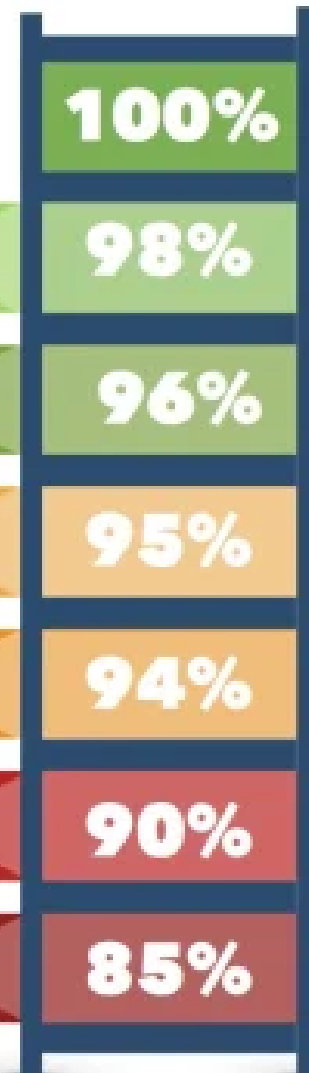
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THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES IS MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER
FESTIVE PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS

Attendance Ladder

Autumn, Spring and Summer term 2022/2023

Total possible school days -195 days



PERFECTION

IMPRESSIVE

GOOD

NEARLY THERE

NEEDS TO IMPROVE

SERIOUS CONCERNS

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Department for Education statistics show that students with 100% attendance are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs at 9-5 including English and Maths than pupils with lower than 90% attendance. Every day and every lesson matters!

We know parents try wherever possible to not have medical appointments during the school day in order to avoid missed lesson time and a reduction in school attendance. However we appreciate this is not always avoidable, therefore please try to book appointments using student social times, such as between 10.30-12.30am mark which will use break and lunchtime and therefore minimises lost lesson times. This can ensure that students are in school for the other 4 lessons and only missing part of one lesson, rather than losing morning or afternoon lessons. Thank you for your on-going support with this.