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Message from Mrs Kaye



Dear Parents and Carers ,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I reflect on how much we have achieved as a school community in such a short period of time. I have really enjoyed getting to know the new Buttercups children and seeing the Snowdrops pupils being such positive role models for them. This newsletter is jam-packed full of end of term celebrations and includes lots of important news, including the half term reading challenge—be sure to take a look.

The learning that has taken place so far this year has been phenomenal - guided by our brilliant staff, our pupils are making great strides already. This half term we have been focusing on our expectation that everyone is respectful to one another, staff, and their environment. Our pupils have excelled in meeting this expectation and showing respect continues to make our school such a warm and friendly place to be.

Thank you to our dedicated staff who facilitate such a super learning environment for the children, and thank you to our families for supporting us in ensuring that together we do our best to provide a wonderful educational experience for our pupils.

Wishing you all a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 3rd November.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kaye
Headteacher





'Incredible You' - Reception

The new Buttercups have settled wonderfully into life at Oakley school and have quickly learnt our routines and expectations. We began the term with our topic 'Incredible You' and have loved learning all about one another. The children enjoyed sharing their "All About Me" summer projects, which was a wonderful way for everyone to get to know their new friends. They've been busy building relationships, exploring their new learning environment, and growing in confidence each day. We've also loved starting our Little Wandle phonics scheme and are already becoming fantastic at learning our new sounds. It has been a magical first term in Reception, and we can't wait to make even more memories in the next one!



'Here We Are' - Year 1



Year 1 have had a fantastic first half term exploring the theme *Here We Are*, based on the brilliant book by Oliver Jeffers, learning about themselves and the world around them. In Science, they studied the human body, healthy habits, and the five senses. In History, they explored how they've grown and how childhood has changed across generations.

In Art, inspired by Frida Kahlo and Vincent Van Gogh, pupils developed skills in colour mixing, brushwork, and portrait drawing—culminating in their own self-portraits on canvas.

This wonderful learning journey came together in our end-of-term celebration, *Little Artists, Big Stories*, where pupils proudly shared their work as an art gallery with family and friends.



Little Artists, Big Stories - Yr1 Art & History Showcase



The Meadow -SRP



This half term marked the exciting opening of our new Specialist Resource Provision, *The Meadow*. It has been a pleasure to welcome our new pupils and begin building positive relationships as they settle into their new learning environment. Pupils have enjoyed exploring a wide range of new resources, engaging in seasonal autumn crafts, and using the book *The Colour Monster* to support their understanding of emotions. We look forward to seeing their continued growth and development at Oakley School.



After School Clubs



Kids club will continue to be provided by Onside Coaching. To book, you need to create an account and select the club you would like to book into using the link provided. <https://oakley.onsidelive.co.uk/>

Alongside their usual wraparound provision, we are delighted that they are also now offering the opportunity to book your child into some of their After-School Clubs

Tuesday – Multi sports – a range of activities to improve coordination, team skills and an introduction to sports through play.

Wednesday – Climb and roll - gymnastics based activities using apparatus within the school. The children will learn to climb and jump safely and learn a variety of rolls and an introduction to basic gymnastics.

Thursday – Football – This is an indoor session and will look at improving your child's football skills. Please pack shinpads for the session.

Please do email them if you have any questions.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary



Important dates of upcoming events, please do make a note.

More information will follow in due course

Return to school after Half Term	Monday 3 rd November
Anti Bullying Week Inter-Faith Week	WB. Monday 10 th November
Come and Learn Events	Tuesday 11 th November 9-9:40 or Thursday 13 th November 9-9:40 <i>Please check emails to see which event you have been invited to</i>
Remembrance Day	Tuesday 11 th November
Children in Need	Friday 14 th November
Author Visit	Wednesday 19 th November
Primary Disco – PTA Event	Thursday 27 th November
Teacher Training Day	Friday 28 th November
Reception Christmas Show	Tuesday 9 th December 9am
Year 1 Christmas Show	Wednesday 10 th December 9am
Christmas Theatre Trip	Friday 12 th December (PM)
Reception Breakfast with Santa – PTA Event	Tuesday 16 th December (AM)
Year 1 Story Time with Santa – PTA Event	Tuesday 16 th December (AM)
Class Christmas Parties	Thursday 18 th December (PM)
End of term	Friday 19 th December 1pm

Phonics and Early Reading Meeting



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Phonics and Early Reading meeting—it was wonderful to see such a great turnout. We hope you found the session informative and helpful in supporting your child's reading journey.

For further guidance, please visit our [school website](#) and the [Little Wandle parent area](#), where you'll find useful resources and tips.

A gentle reminder: reading books are sent home every Thursday and should be returned by Monday to support our school reading groups. Please help us keep books in good condition by ensuring water bottles are kept separate from book bags. Thank you for your continued support!

Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 7th October we were absolutely delighted to celebrate our first Harvest festival together. We were blown away by the number of families who joined us to enjoy such an uplifting start to the day.



The children worked incredibly hard to learn a selection of harvest songs, which they performed wonderfully for their families. Alongside this, we enjoyed thoughtful readings and fantastic artwork, all helping us to reflect on how thankful we are for the food we share.



We were also pleased to welcome Reverend Jonathan from St Chad's Parish, who led us in a moment of reflection about gratitude and generosity. The kindness and generosity of our families shone through in the amazing collection of donations received—**all which have been donated to the Leamington Night Shelter**. A heart felt thank you to our whole school community for your continued support.

Cycle To School Week



Cycle to school week took place from Monday 13th-Friday 17th October. This was a fun and active way to kickstart our pupils' days and was a key part of us working towards our Warwickshire Safe and Active Travel Award. Everyone who cycled to school this week contributed to their class and house totals, earning valuable points along the way! Well done to all who took part.

P.E Days

A reminder that PE days will be staying the same next term:

Reception (Buttercups) and The Meadow (SRP) - **Thursdays**
Year 1 (Snowdrops) - **Tuesdays**

Half Term Reading Challenge: **"Look Where I Was Caught Reading!"**

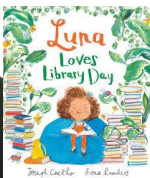
This Half Term holiday, we're inviting all pupils (and staff!) to join in our fun "Look Where I Was Caught Reading!" challenge! We'd love parents and carers to snap a photo of their child reading their favourite book in an unusual or unexpected place — the more imaginative, the better! Whether it's in the garden, under a blanket fort, up a tree, or somewhere surprising, we want to see how creative our readers can be and promote a love of reading wherever you are!

Please either print out or upload your photos to Tapestry by Monday 3rd November so we can share and celebrate them after the break. There will be prizes for the most original and inspiring entries — so get reading and get snapping!



Recommended Reads For This Half Term

Each newsletter will feature staff book recommendations to inspire lots of wonderful reading for pleasure at home. This week, Mrs Welbourne and Mrs Brebner share two fantastic picks.



"I'd love to recommend '*Luna Loves Library Day*' by Joseph Coelho—it's a heartwarming story about Luna's weekly visits to the library with her dad. It reminds me of cosy library trips with my Gran when I was little. This book celebrates how magical stories can be and what wonderful places libraries are. Over half term, why not visit your local library to explore all the wonderful books? If you haven't already, get yourself a library card. They're free and offer lots of wonderful books to enjoy."

"I recommend '*The Leaf Thief*'. This funny and beautifully illustrated story follows a squirrel who's convinced someone is stealing his leaves! I love the silly squirrel and spotting clues in the pictures. Over half term, why not go on your own leaf hunt? Collect different shapes and colours and make a leaf collage or picture at home. Don't forget to share on Tapestry!



School App - School Lunches

A reminder that all school lunch orders for the upcoming term will be managed through the MyChildAtSchool App. The menu for school lunches can be found on the app under the dinner tab.

Please note that all lunch orders must be placed no later than **one day before they are required**.

To ensure all children are catered for, a jacket potato will be served to any child whose lunch order is not received by the cut off time. We kindly request that you make your child's lunch selection in a timely manner.

Keeping Our Lunches Healthy



To support our pupils' health and focus, we ask that those who send packed lunches please ensure they follow the rules outlined below. We are working towards our Healthy Schools Award (<https://www.healthyschools.org.uk/>) and this means we need to ensure all lunches follow our healthy eating policy. All meals and snacks prepared on site are compliant with this.

We've noticed a few items that are not permitted, so this is a friendly reminder:

- **What to include:** Healthy items like sandwiches, fruit, vegetables and dairy.
- **What to leave out:** No sugary items like sweets, chocolate, cakes or sweet biscuits.
- **What to drink:** Please only send water in your child's drinks bottle. Sugary drinks are not permitted.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Adventure Awaits! Forest School is under construction!



We are so excited to share that planning and construction has begun on our new Forest School! This project is set to bring a wealth of creative, nature-based learning opportunities to our pupils. We are delighted to partner with Fitt4Kids, who will be joining us to deliver the initial sessions starting later next term.

We would be so grateful for any contributions you are able to make to this project. We are currently collecting items to help us equip the space. Please consider donating if you have any of the following:

- **Household items such as old pots, pans and utensils. Old sheets and blankets.**
- **Wellies & waterproofs.**
- **Pallets, drainpipes/guttering and cable reels.**
- **Gardening tools - watering cans, gloves, seeds, trowels and plant pots.**
- **Pine cones, conkers, acorns, sticks, pebbles, shells and bamboo poles.**

Please contact the school office if you are able to help with any of these donations.

General Reminders

Nut-free School

Please remember that we are a **nut-free school** and therefore **no nuts can be brought into school**. These are nuts in all forms whether they be whole nuts or ingredients in other food or anything that may contain traces of nut — please do check ingredients carefully when providing snacks or lunches for your child; children will not be allowed to eat any nuts or any products containing, or maybe containing, nuts.



Safety in School

All children must be accompanied on to the school premises by an adult in the morning who must stay with them until they are greeted by school adults and are safely inside the school building. **Please do not leave your child unattended on the school playground.**

Blue-Badge Holders

We appreciate everyone's efforts to park considerately around the school. Please remember that the disabled parking bays are provided to ensure that members of our school community with disabilities have safe and convenient access to the school grounds. Even for a short moment, parking in these spaces without a valid blue badge can cause significant inconvenience. Your thoughtfulness helps ensure our school site is accessible for everyone.

Cycling/ Scooting

A reminder to all families that cycling and scooting to school is encouraged, we have bike racks at the front of the Secondary building for Primary pupils to use. With that however, we wish to remind all members of our school community that pupils and parents must dismount their bike or scooter before entering the green gates at the front of school. We kindly ask that you then push them along the path at the front of school. We also wish to stress the importance of wearing a helmet. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Dogs

Please remember that, with the exception of assistance dogs, that dogs must not be brought on to the school site at any time (this includes carrying dogs in arms). If you need to leave your dog outside the school gates, please ensure that it is tied up well away from the paths—some children and adults are fearful of dogs and we need to ensure that they feel safe coming into school.

End of Day Collection Procedures

As far as possible, any changes to collection of children after school should be notified to the office before 12.00 noon – this ensures that a message can be given to the teacher at lunchtime and not in the afternoon which disrupts a lesson and is sometimes difficult for office staff. We do understand that there may be occasions when traffic delays mean that children are collected late from school. Children will stay with their teachers until the last child has been dismissed and then are brought to the office to wait to be collected.



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School Health Newsletter

Struggling with bedtime battles? A consistent and calming bedtime routine can make a big difference in helping children fall asleep more easily, and stay asleep through the night. Read the latest newsletter from Compass, the School Nursing Service which includes simple tips to create a peaceful wind-down routine.

[Click here to read.](#)



Family Information Service

The latest edition of the Family Information Service newsletter is available to read at: [FIS Newsletter](#)



Stay Safe this Half Term



As we head into the October half term, there are plenty of exciting activities for families to enjoy! From local events to creative autumn crafts, there's something for everyone. This helpful guide also includes important safety tips for Halloween and Bonfire Night to help keep everyone safe while having fun.

[Click here](#) for ideas and advice.



Term Dates 25-26 **Autumn Term 2025**

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October: Half Term Break

Friday 28th November: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)

Friday 19th December: Autumn term ends
(12:20pm Secondary / 1:00pm Primary)

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)

Tuesday 6th January: start of Spring term

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February: Half Term Break

Friday 27th March: Spring term ends

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April: start of Summer term

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May: Half Term Break

Friday 26th June: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)

Friday 17th July: Summer term ends
(12:20pm Secondary / 1:00pm Primary)



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Sat 26th October

10am-11.15am

Crowne Plaza Hotel

The Enchanted Cinema

£10 (adults £5) | Age 4+



Imagine going to the cinema and becoming part of a pop-up orchestra that creates every single sound effect and the musical score! Using your voice, hands and playing a range of unusual, delightful and ingenious instruments, you'll join in to create sound effects to excerpts from the enchanting animation, *My Neighbour Totoro*. A magical experience for children and parents alike.

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Sat 26th October

2pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel

The Brothers McLeod Knight Sir Louis and the Cauldron of Chaos

£8 (adults £5) | Age 8+



Get ready to laugh your socks off at the fifth Knight Sir Louis adventure! A powerful magical object has been rediscovered: the Cauldron of Chaos. A scheming witch finds the cursed pot and plans to make her fortune with it, even if it means the end of the Kingdom of Squirrel Helm.

Who will rescue the land from the witch's dodgy deals? Knight Sir Louis, of course! Draw along with the BAFTA-winning Brothers McLeod, Greg and Myles.



Sun 27th October

Crowne Plaza Hotel

9.30am

Julie Tatchell and Amanda Middleditch Bartie Bristle and Other Stories

£8 (adults £5) | Age 3+



Step into the magical world of Bartie Bristle and friends in this stunning treasury written by the Teddy Bear Ladies, Julie Tatchell and Amanda Middleditch, best known as stars of the BBC's *The Repair Shop*. Set in a village in the heart of the Old Woods, enter the magical world of the teddy bear shop and the heart-warming stories of Bartie and his teddy bear friends. Bring a teddy from home for a fun, interactive event.



Sun 27th October

Crowne Plaza Hotel

10.15am-11.15am

Christopher Edge Black Hole Cinema Club

£8 (adults £5) | Age 8+



We welcome the award-winning author of *Escape Room* with another edge-of-your-seat adventure. When Lucas meets his friends at the local cinema - nicknamed 'The Black Hole' - they're excited about the movie marathon ahead. But as the lights go down, Lucas, Ash, Maya, Caitlin and Finn watch in disbelief as a jet-black tidal wave comes crashing out of the cinema screen and the five friends find themselves swept into an epic and perilous adventure. Can they save the day before the end credits roll? The fate of the world might just depend on it...



Sun 27th October

Crowne Plaza Hotel

2pm - 4pm

Halloween Craft with Becci Books £8 (adults Free) | Age 4-7



It's time for spectacular Halloween craft, with pumpkins and ghosties galore! Make flying bats and witches' hats, with pom poms, pipe cleaners and more... All materials and instructions provided. Book your slot between 2pm and 3pm, or 3pm and 4pm.



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AUTUMN TERM VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMMES

Workshop/ Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Sleep and Routines	10th October 09:30 – 11:30	Virtual
Boundaries and Rules	15th October 10:00 – 12:00	Virtual
Routines	16th October 12:45-14:45	Virtual
Keeping your child in mind	16th October 17:30 – 19:30	virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	23rd October 12:45 – 14:45	virtual
Parenting Together	28th October 10:00- 12:00	virtual
Sleep and Routines	6th November 09:30 – 11:30	virtual
Boundaries and Rules	6th November 12:30 -14:30	virtual
Routines	12th November 12:30 – 14:30	virtual
Understanding your teenager	14th November 09:30 – 11:30	Virtual



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Understanding Children's Behaviour	18th November 09:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Boundaries and Rules	21st November 09:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Understanding your teenager	27th November 10:00-12:00	Virtual
Sleep and Routines	28th November 09:30 - 11:30	virtual
Parenting Together	1st December 17:30 - 19:30	virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	9th December 10:00- 12:00	virtual



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