



OAK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, it is hard to believe how quickly the time has flown by and that we have already completed another term. It has certainly been a very busy one, filled with a wide range of trips, events and memorable experiences for our children.

It has been a real pleasure to watch the Christmas productions and enjoy the festive carol singing across all year groups. The children worked incredibly hard and performed with confidence, enthusiasm and festive spirit – they made us all very proud. A huge well done also goes to the children who represented our school in the Bromley Schools' Athletics competition and achieved a fantastic win. What an achievement!

This term has also brought some staffing updates. Mrs Holloway has now begun her maternity leave and we would like to wish her all the very best during this special time. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Davis, who will be covering in her absence and I hope you will join me in giving her a very warm welcome.

Our Christmas Fair on Saturday was hugely successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. A big thank you must go to the FSA and to all the parents and carers who helped to make the event such a success. Your hard work, commitment and generosity make a real difference to our school and the opportunities we can provide for our children.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers who support the school in so many other ways, whether by helping in the library, supporting school trips, assisting with design technology activities such as cooking and sewing, or reading with children. Your time and contributions are truly valued and have a positive impact on our whole school community.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

Ms Baron, Headteacher



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SCHOOLS LEARNING TRUST

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that Oak Lodge is now on Instagram.



Please follow us at:
oaklodgeprimaryschoolbromley

We will be celebrating the wonderful learning, achievements, and experiences that take place at Oak Lodge every day.

Our Instagram page will be used to showcase:

- Classroom learning and children's work
- School assemblies and celebrations
- Special events and theme days
- Our school environment and facilities
- Staff highlights and whole-school moments

This platform will allow current and prospective parents to gain a richer insight into the life of our school and the many opportunities our pupils enjoy.

As we will be posting content on Instagram frequently, we will be discontinuing the half termly newsletter.

We look forward to using Instagram as a platform to strengthen our community and celebrate the wonderful things happening at Oak Lodge each and every day!



ATTEND AND ACHIEVE!

Please can we remind you the importance of school attendance and that holidays should not be taken during term time.

Therefore, we are unable to authorise any requests for holidays.

It is also important that children arrive at school on time.

Days off school = Days of lost learning

% attendance in one school year	Number of days learning missed
100%	0 days missed
95%	1 week & 4 days missed
90%	3 weeks & 4 days missed
85%	5 weeks & 3 days missed
80%	7 weeks & 3 days missed
75%	9 weeks & 1 day missed

PASSPORT TO SUCCESS

Well done to all the students who completed their passport this half term!

First Name	Class	Year	Passport
Bella - Rose G	Hedgehogs	1	Bronze
Oakley M	Hedgehogs	1	Bronze
Jack B	Hedgehogs	1	Bronze
Mia H	Owls	2	Bronze
Leo W	owls	2	Bronze
Luke S	Owls	2	Bronze
Kade D	Robins	2	Bronze
Oscar H	Owls	2	Bronze
Buddy M	Owls	2	Bronze
Spike S	Owls	2	Bronze
Ivy H	Owls	2	Bronze
Tiger R	Owls	2	Bronze
Etta M	Snowdrop	3	Bronze
Max R	Snowdrop	3	Bronze
Vilson B	Snowdrop	3	Bronze
Evie G	Snowdrop	3	Bronze
Luan T	Snowdrop	3	Bronze
Lina A	Holly	4	Gold
David M	Bracken	4	Silver
Sofia E	Bracken	4	Silver
Darcy C	Bracken	4	Silver
Fred C	Ivy	4	Silver
Victoria V	Bracken	4	Silver
Ruby D	Bracken	4	Gold
Charlie F	Bracken	4	Gold
Ciku B	Elm	5	Diamond
Katrina O	Ash	5	Gold
Eva S	Ash	5	Silver
Jesse W	Ash	5	Silver
Eden O	Elm	5	Gold
Suki P	Elm	5	Gold
Eloise B	Elm	5	Gold
Lily V	Elm	5	Gold
Penelope L	Elm	5	Gold
Harry D	Elm	5	Gold
Eden P	Elm	5	Platinum
Ollie H	Elm	5	Platinum
Zaylei U	Elm	5	Gold
Alyan M	Fir	6	Platinum
Elliot B	Pine	6	Platinum
Imer M	Pine	6	Silver
Henry C	Pine	6	Diamond
Madeleine G	Pine	6	Silver



Santa Dash

As a school we took part in a national Santa Dash. Each year group ran a particular distance alongside some festive music and an enthusiastic Santa. Take a look at our school Instagram for a sneak peak.

Thank you for your food donations. Mrs Stockton will be dropping the donations to the Shrubland Trust.



Junior Leadership Team

At Oak Lodge, we are lucky enough to have a fantastic **Junior Leadership Team**, led by our **Head Boy (Duncan) and Head Girl (Rhiannon)**, supported by their **Deputy Head Boy (Alyan) and Deputy Head Girl (Rosie)**.

They have already been incredibly supportive throughout the year, showing responsibility, enthusiasm and a real commitment to helping our school community. We are very proud of the positive role models they are becoming and can't wait to see what else they will achieve in their leadership roles.

Congratulations to all of them—we know they will do a brilliant job!

Mrs Stockton

Assemblies

I hope you have had a wonderful half term and are looking forward to a restful break with loved ones.

I wanted to share the assembly themes that we have covered across the Autumn Term. This will give you an insight into what your children have experienced and could introduce topics of conversation at home.

The themes we have covered are; New Start, 999 Day, Promoting Reading, National Sign Language Day, National Poetry Day, Black History Month, World Mental Health Day, Diwali, Bonfire Night, Anti Bullying Week, Remembrance Day, Celebrating Friendship, Positivity, E-Safety, Hannukah and Christmas Day.

These assemblies often lead to further discussion outside of assembly time where children feel empowered to talk about feelings and topics that they believe in. This is something we think is very special.

Miss Gibbs

EYFS teacher and RE lead

Year 4—Trip to Bromley

We went on a superloop bus and then I travelled to see a huge building and we went to see a library. There was a very interesting little museum in the library and I was very inspired by it. Then we got to go to The Glades. I really wanted to go into some of the shops. My favourite part was the secret Palace, it has so many interesting things too learn about there.

-Sofia (Bracken)

We went on a superloop bus and stopped at Bromley South Station. Next, we went an exhibition at the library and I saw a Roman pot, Crystal Palace photos and an old mirror. Then Mrs Antonova showed us a secret palace and it turned out to be the Bishop of Rochester's Palace.

-Aron (Bracken)

To get to Bromley South Station we took a superloop bus. When we got there we look at Bromley civic centre and made some notes about it. Then we walked to an exhibition in the library. I stopped a Roman pot, a patched dress and an old painting of Bromley. The we saw a beautiful mural made by Charles Darwin about how animals developed over time. We went inside The Glades shopping centre to have a sneak peak around. Then we went through the glass bridge over the road. We were going to see a secret palace, we walked down a secret passage way into a secret park and down the path there was a well from Anglo-Saxon times.

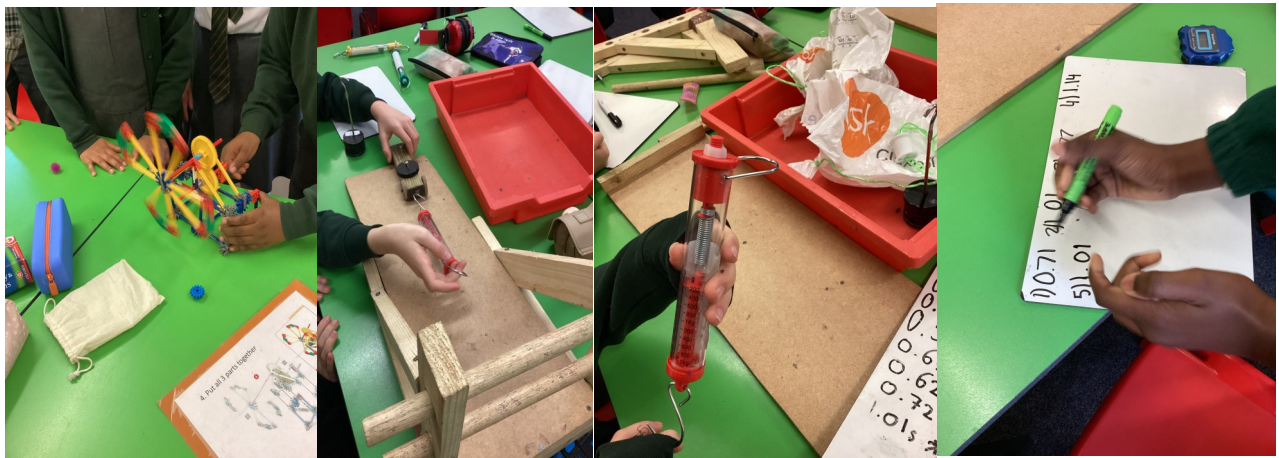
-Mabel (Bracken)

Year 5—Forces workshop

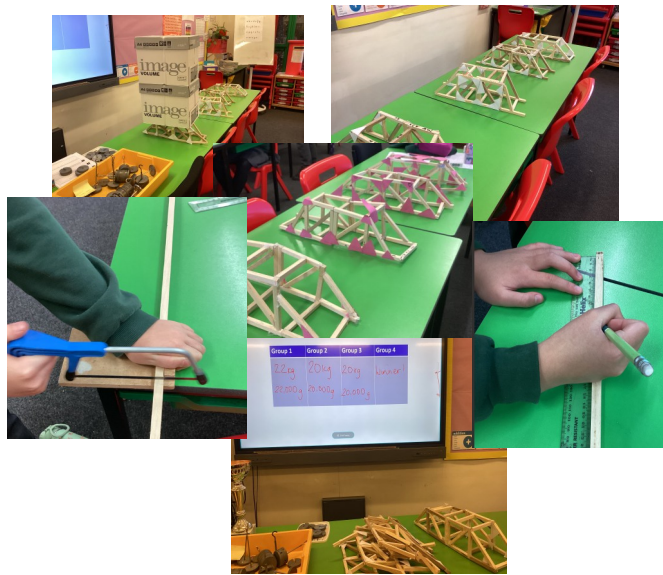
During are workshop, Mr Berry came and taught us about forces and we did lots of experiments like learning how to use pulleys in different ways; looking at friction and air resistance. In the afternoon, we experimented with water. We learnt what a newton is and how to use them to measure force.

In one experiment we used a parachute and a plastic bag. We realised that the plastic bag will go down slower if you spread the bag out .

Mr Berry didn't just make us do the work, he made it fun and enjoyable and let us all join in!



Year 5—DT project and school trip



On the 11th and 12th of December, we had DT lessons all about bridges. We found out about different types of bridges: truss bridges, beam bridges, arch bridges and other types of bridges.

We built our own bridges out of wood and tested them to see which one was the strongest.

I was in group 1 but we didn't win. Group 3 won (surprisingly). It is surprising because it was very uneven and one part was sticking up completely. My group tried our hardest and so did every group and that's the most important thing. One of the other groups (group 2) put extra support to make it stronger.

When we tested them my group sadly went out first them group 2 and 4 both went out with 22kg.

The strongest bridge held 38kg!

On Monday, we went to the High Street to carry out a geography survey to determine what was the most popular place. We wrote our own surveys and asked people questions. We stood outside different shops: M&S, Sainsbury's, Lidl and the Post Office.

The most popular place was M&S. The least popular place was Sainsbury's but this depended where we were standing. Some people lived in the area and said their favourite supermarket was their closest supermarket.

It was a really fun day because we made new friends and some people even told us about when they went to Oak Lodge!



Year 2 trip to Crystal Palace Academy

This month, our Year 2 children embarked on an exciting adventure to Crystal Palace Academy, organised by the Palace for Life Foundation. The day was filled with a fantastic multi-sport afternoon, where the students had the opportunity to utilise the incredible indoor dome. They participated in a variety of activities that focused on running, jumping, and throwing, all designed to enhance their physical skills while fostering teamwork and resilience. Well done Year 2 for your enthusiastic participation! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to help.



CHRISTMAS AT OAK LODGE



Our EYFS 'Knock Knock The Nativity' was a joy to watch! The children performed beautifully with so much confidence, enthusiasm, and big smiles—what a wonderful achievement. A huge thank you to our dedicated EYFS team for their hard work, creativity, and support in making this special performance possible. Well done everyone!



On the twelfth of December Oak Lodge school choir went to Burrell Mead to sing. It was a quick six minute walk to get there. We sang 4 songs to the residents and some even joined in. I think they really enjoyed it and they even asked us to sing 'O little town of Bethlehem' again at the end. I would like to give the residents for inviting us. And a big thank you to Miss Melotta for teaching us.

by Emilia
Ivy class

Miss Melotta took our wonderful school choir to sing at Burrell Mead Residential home. The children loved performing their songs to the residents.

Thank you to Miss Melotta for her hard work and dedication to the school choir who also performed at the school Christmas Fair.

On the 12th of December Oak Lodge School choir went to Burrell Mead and sang Christmas songs to the residents. We really enjoy it and we hope they enjoyed it too. They were really lovely people and I would like to say a very big thank you to Miss Melotta for teaching us the songs and taking us to Burrell Mead.

by Julie Ivy class



CHRISTMAS AT OAK LODGE

Year 3 and 4 put on a spectacular carol concert for their Christmas performance. The children sang beautifully to an audience of local elderly and carers. Thank you to the FSA who always give up their time to help out with this event, providing teas, coffees, cakes and mince pies. Thank you to the year 3 and 4 teachers for all their hard work which went into putting on this performance.



Year 1 and Year 2 put on a fantastic performance of their nativity 'I'm gonna shine' to their parents and carers. They enjoyed singing the songs and each class performed a dance with Year 2 taking on the acting roles.

We only have a couple of photos from these year groups; the teachers were too busy singing and dancing along with their classes (you may have seen them at the back!!).

Thank you to all the members of staff who helped put this together!



CHRISTMAS AT OAK LODGE



Crisis

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carols

Year 5 and 6 recently took part in a wonderful Christmas carol service at St Francis of Assisi Church. The children performed a varied and joyful programme that included traditional Christmas carols, musical pieces, thoughtful readings and even a festive Christmas rap, which was enjoyed by everyone.

The pupils performed with confidence, enthusiasm and pride, showcasing their hard work and teamwork. We were incredibly proud of all the children who took part and represented the school so beautifully.

We would like to thank all the parents and carers who came to support the event and helped create such a warm and festive atmosphere. Thank you also for your generous donations to the church and to our chosen charity, **Crisis**, which supports people experiencing homelessness.

Oak Lodge Triumph at Indoor Athletics School Games

The Oak Lodge Year 5 and 6 Athletics team recently travelled to Langley Boys School to take part in the School Games Indoor Athletics competition—and what a fantastic afternoon it was! It was also great to see some Oak Lodge alumni who were leading at the event!

A total of 16 schools competed in the event. Oak Lodge took part in the afternoon session, competing against seven other schools, and I am delighted to report that we finished **first** in our session. The children were amazing in every single event, showing determination, teamwork and resilience throughout. This success was a real credit to their hard work and to Mrs Brown, who had trained them so well.

After our events were completed, we waited anxiously to hear the overall results to find out which school would progress to the regional finals to represent Bromley. After much anticipation, the results were announced—and Oak Lodge came **first overall out of all 16 schools**, winning by an impressive **20 points**!

Thank you to Mrs Brown who worked hard preparing the children for this event with early morning sessions, it definitely paid off!

I am incredibly proud of all the children who took part and represented the school so brilliantly. We are now very much looking forward to the next stage of the competition and the exciting opportunity ahead.

Well done, Oak Lodge!

Mrs Stockton



FSA NEWS

A Huge Thank You to Our School Community

As we come to the end of a wonderful festive season, we wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas fundraising events such a success. The support from our school community has been truly incredible.

Christmas Fair Success

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Fair raised **approximately £7,000!** This fantastic achievement would not have been possible without the generosity of families, volunteers, and everyone who attended and supported on the day.

Wreath-Making Workshop

A very special thank you to one of our wonderful parents, Hannah, who led our wreath-making workshop for the second year running. Thanks to her time, creativity, and organisation - and to everyone who took part - this event raised **over £850**. A brilliant result and a lovely festive activity enjoyed by many.

Fireworks Fundraiser

Our fireworks event was another great success, raising **over £500**. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and helped make it both safe and enjoyable for all.

Christmas Cards

Our Christmas card project was hugely popular again this year, with profits of **nearly £1,000** raised. Thank you to the children for their wonderful artwork and to families for supporting this fundraiser.

Christmas School Disco

The Christmas School Disco was a huge hit with the children and raised **approximately £600**. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the disco and to all the families who supported this fun-filled event.

Festive Community Moments

This Christmas season, the FSA was delighted to support some truly heart-warming events in our community. We provided hot drinks and delicious mince pies for the Year 5 & 6 carol service held at St Francis Church - a wonderful occasion filled with festive spirit and beautiful singing.

We were also proud to support the much-loved Afternoon Tea for the Elderly, bringing generations together and sharing warmth, conversation, and plenty of festive treats. Adding to the Christmas cheer, Years 3 and 4 spread joy with their Christmas carols, filling the season with music and smiles.

Have an idea?

Got an idea for an event? Would you like to be supported by the FSA to lead on making it happen? We would love to hear from you. Whether it's a small idea or a big plan, the FSA Team is here to support you every step of the way. Please reach out - we'd love to get more helping hands involved.

FSA NEWS

Looking Ahead for the FSA:

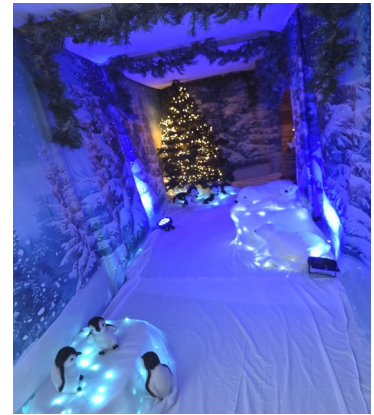
Happy's Circus

We're excited to announce that Happy's Circus tickets will go on sale in January — more details coming soon!

Save the date: Thursday 16 April 2026

FSA AGM & Quiz Night

Our new AGM and Quiz Night date will take place on **Friday 30 January 2026**. This is a great opportunity to get involved, have some fun, and help shape future FSA events. Full details will be shared very soon.



DIARY DATES

Monday 5th Jan	Inset Day
Tuesday 6th Jan	Children return to school
Friday 9th Jan	Spruce class assembly
Friday 16th Jan	Elm class assembly
Friday 23rd Jan	Willow class assembly
Thurs 29th-Fri 30th Jan	Bikeability
Thursday 29th Jan	Year 1 to West Wickham Library
Friday 30th Jan	Ivy class assembly
Friday 30th Jan	FSA Quiz Night
Mon 2nd– Tues 3rd Feb	Bikeability
Mon 2nd– Wed 4th Feb	Lifebus
Thurs 5th-Fri 6th Feb	Bikeability
Friday 6th Feb	Holly class assembly
Friday 13th Feb	Bracken class assembly



TERM DATES

2025/2026

Autumn

Mon 1 Sept – Fri 17 Oct

HT: Mon 20 Oct– Fri 31 Oct

Mon 3 Nov – Fri 19 Dec

Spring

Tues 6 Jan– Fri 13 Feb

HT: Mon 16 Feb – Fri 20 Feb

Mon 23 Feb – Fri 27 Mar

Summer

Mon 13 Apr – Fri 22 May

HT: Mon 25 May – Fri 29 May

Mon 1 June – Tues 21 July

*Bank Holiday – Monday,
4th May*

These are the dates children are expected to be in school.

Any staff Inset days will fall outside of these dates.

We ask that all holidays are taken in the school holidays and not during term time.