



OAK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire Oak Lodge community for your support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year.

This year has been particularly special for me as it has been my first year as Headteacher of Oak Lodge Primary School. From the moment I joined the school, I have been made to feel incredibly welcome by our pupils, families, staff and governors. It has been a privilege to get to know the children and witness their enthusiasm, kindness, resilience and achievements. I have thoroughly enjoyed becoming part of the Oak Lodge community and would like to thank you all for the support you have shown me during my first year in post.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the many parents and carers who have generously given their time to enrich the children's learning and experiences. Thank you to those who have helped to run the library, heard readers, supported sessions in school, volunteered at clubs, donated resources, accompanied school trips and sporting events, assisted at Cross Country and Sports Day, contributed to Cultural Week, and took part in our Year 6 Careers Afternoon, helping to broaden our pupils' horizons and inspire their future aspirations.

Your involvement has enriched the children's learning and experiences in countless ways. Many of the opportunities we are able to provide would simply not be possible without your support, commitment and willingness to get involved in school life. Thank you.

A special thank you goes to our fantastic FSA, whose hard work and dedication have provided so many enjoyable experiences for our children and families throughout the year. They have organised a wide range of events, activities and fundraisers, bringing our community together and creating wonderful memories for the children.

The Summer Fair was a particular highlight and was attended by our local MP, Liam Conlon, who commented on what a fabulous event it was. Every event, activity and sale organised by the PTA raises valuable funds which are invested back into the school, helping us provide resources, experiences and opportunities for the children that would otherwise not be possible. Their efforts make a real difference to our school, and they are always keen to welcome new members from our school community.

I am also delighted to share that work has begun on transforming an area of the school grounds which has been out of use for some time into a sensory garden for our children. We are excited about the opportunities this new space will bring and look forward to seeing it develop into an area that supports wellbeing, learning and enjoyment for many years to come.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff and governors for their hard work and commitment throughout the year, and most importantly our wonderful children, whose enthusiasm, curiosity and positivity make Oak Lodge such a special place to learn and grow.

I wish all of our families a happy, safe and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

With very best wishes,

Ms Baron, Headteacher



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MEET THE GOVERNORS

I joined Oak Lodge as a Community Governor in March and have been enjoying getting to know the school. Volunteering in and giving back to my community has always mattered to me, so becoming a governor felt like a natural way to put that into practice. Oak Lodge is somewhere I feel genuinely invested in, both as a resident of 10+ years in the borough and as a parent with a young child of my own.



For the past ten years, I have been mentoring young people through the Bromley Mentoring Initiative, a rewarding experience which has given me real insight into the challenges young people face today. This experience has reinforced for me just how important it is for children to have a strong foundation early on — one that equips them not just to get by, but to truly thrive and reach their full potential. I hope to be able to bring some of these insights to the benefit of Oak Lodge.

Alongside volunteering I currently work in risk management within the asset management business at Morgan Stanley. Most of my career in financial services has been in the anti-financial crime space. This has given me a strong grounding in governance and oversight, skills I'm keen to bring to Oak Lodge in support of the school.

RNLI Lifeboats

Year 5 did a cake sale to raise money for RNLI Lifeboats. They then took their raised money and donated it when they visited the RNLI station in Hasting during their school trip there. We are so proud of the children who raised £108.00 for this charity. What a thoughtful thing to do!



PASSPORTS TO SUCCESS

Well done to the following children on completing their passports.

Quincy	Badgers	Bronze	Giovanna	Rabbits	Bronze
Lola	Badgers	Bronze	Jude	Rabbits	Bronze
Albie	Hedgehogs	Bronze	Oliver	Rabbits	Bronze
Isabella	Hedgehogs	Bronze	Luke	Rabbits	Bronze
Albert	Hedgehogs	Bronze	Orla	Kingfishers	Bronze
Luel	Hedgehogs	Bronze	Summer	Hedgehogs	Bronze
Hudson	Hedgehogs	Bronze	Isla	Elm	Silver
Jessica	Rabbits	Bronze	Imer	Pine	Silver
Louis	Rabbits	Bronze	Emily	Spruce	Silver
Hunter	Rabbits	Bronze	Lilly	Bracken	Silver
Leandra	Robins	Bronze	Sophie	Ivy	Silver
Milena	Robins	Bronze	Eddie	Ash	Silver
Chloe	Primrose	Bronze	Finley	Ash	Silver
Grace	Badgers	Bronze	Aiden	Ash	Silver
Lukas	Primrose	Bronze	Phoebe	Ash	Silver
Evie	Primrose	Bronze	Oisie	Primrose	Gold
Yuliia	Primrose	Bronze	Sarah	Bracken	Gold
Frankie S	Primrose	Bronze	Daniel	Elm	Gold
Dylan	Rabbits	Bronze	Teddy	Pine	Gold
Demi	Rabbits	Bronze	Aron	Bracken	Gold
Amber	Rabbits	Bronze	Kaejha	Spruce	Gold
Ollie	Rabbits	Bronze	Austin	Elm	Platinum
			Amelia	Elm	Platinum
			Gracie	Spruce	Platinum

YEAR 1 TRIP TO HIGH ELMS

Year One went on a trip to High Elms. First, we went on a big air-conditioned coach.

When we arrived, we went into a large shady forest and looked for different types of bugs. We learnt that millipedes are detritivores. This means they eat dead trees and plants.

Next, we went pond dipping in a huge pond. We used nets and found baby newts, flat worms and water boatman. We also saw a beautiful dragonfly by the pond.

Finally, we learnt about and were able to hold stick insects and giant African snails.

Just before we left to come home, we had a walk in the shade and were able to identify some trees.

We all had a fantastic time.

By Jude, Amber and Sofia



YEAR 2 TRIP TO HEVER CASTLE

Year 2 had a fantastic day visiting Hever Castle as part of our Tudor topic. The children explored the beautiful castle, discovered what life was like during Tudor times and learned all about Anne Boleyn, who grew up there.

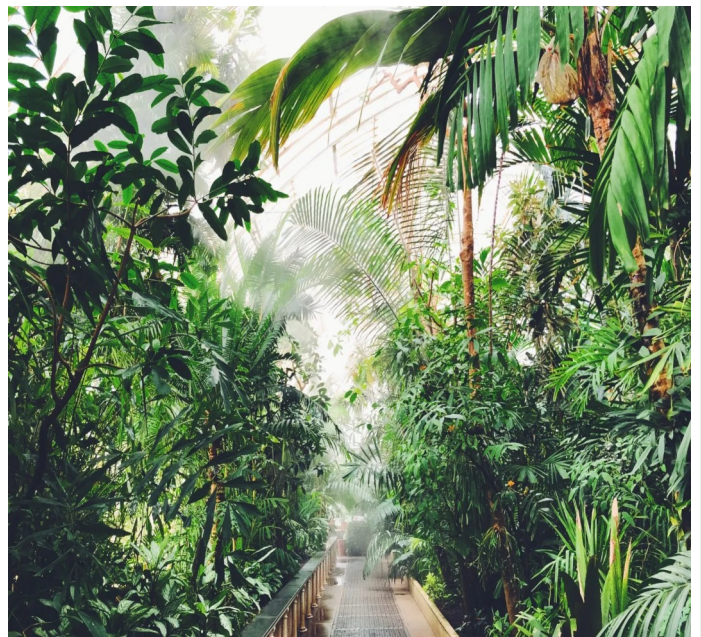
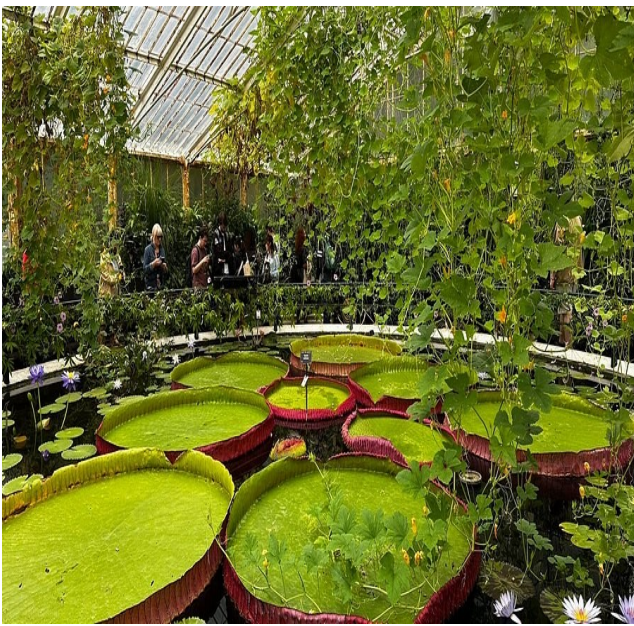
The children enjoyed exploring all the different rooms inside the castle, the grounds and bringing their classroom learning to life. As always, a favourite part was exploring the playground.

The children represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day. It was a memorable visit that helped deepen their understanding of the Tudors.



YEAR 5 TRIP TO KEW GARDENS

On our school trip to Kew Gardens, I learned lots about how indigenous people use plants in the rainforest for food, medicine and building shelters. We visited the Palm House and the Princess of Wales Conservatory, where it was really hot and humid, just like a real rainforest! We also saw amazing carnivorous plants that trap insects to survive. Being there helped me understand how Maia must have felt in Journey to the River Sea when she was exploring the rainforest because I could imagine what it was like to be surrounded by so many different plants in the warm, sticky air. We also walked along the Treetop Walkway and answered quiz questions about what we saw. Some of us had to be really brave because we were scared of heights but we had a wonderful day!



YEAR 6—CAREERS AFTERNOON

Our Year 6 Careers Afternoon gave pupils the opportunity to meet and chat with a range of professionals in small, informal groups. They discovered a wide variety of exciting career paths, asked thoughtful questions, and gained valuable insights into the skills and experiences needed for different jobs. The afternoon inspired the children to think about their own futures and the many possibilities that lie ahead. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time to share their careers and experiences with our pupils—your support made the afternoon such a valuable and inspiring event. Here are some of the children's thoughts:

I personally loved how all the adults gave up their spare time to tell us about their amazing jobs. Some of my favourites were an architect designing house extensions and a travel agent. I learnt about businesses that I hadn't even considered before. - Adeline

I found it interesting to learn about different jobs. I discovered how people gained their jobs, the pathway to their jobs and how little AI can take their jobs. - Duncan

I really liked how they had lots of things that you could touch and they explained things really well. I really liked the doctor, lawyer, game designer and the hotel one. -Solin

Careers day was a really fun day finding out about other people's talents and jobs. I enjoyed learning about working in a hotel and it inspired me to look into hotels. Also, I found the job of being a project manager at Harrods really interesting. I absolutely loved learning about the lawyer because I really want to be a lawyer. - Lizzie

I loved how there were different jobs and you needed different skills. I learnt that if you like two different things then you can find a job that involves both. - Abigail

My group learnt about electricians, lawyers and Lego mascot makers. We learnt for some jobs you don't need university and to always follow your dreams. -Ester



SPORTS DAY

Our annual Sports Day 2026 was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination, and sporting achievement. The children demonstrated incredible commitment, energy, and talent as they competed in a range of exciting events, encouraging one another and giving their very best throughout the day.

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers, whose enthusiastic support and encouragement helped make the day such a wonderful success. Their cheering from the side lines created a fantastic atmosphere and made the event even more special for our children.

Congratulations to Mercury House, who were crowned our overall Sports Day champions, and to Venus House, who claimed victory in the relay races. Well done to everyone who took part—you should all be incredibly proud of your efforts and the excellent sportsmanship you displayed throughout the day.



CULTURES WEEK

Our Culture Week was a wonderful celebration of diversity, inclusion, and the many traditions that make our school community so special. Children from Reception through to Year 6 took part in a range of exciting activities designed to help them learn about and appreciate different cultures from around the world.

One of the highlights of the week was our fantastic Culture Parade, where children proudly dressed in traditional clothing representing different countries and cultures. The school was filled with a beautiful array of colours, patterns, and traditional outfits, creating a vibrant celebration of our wonderfully diverse community.

Throughout the week, pupils had the opportunity to learn about different countries, explore their cultures and traditions, and discover interesting facts about communities from around the world. It was fantastic to see children sharing their own cultural backgrounds and learning from one another.

A special thank you goes to our amazing parents and families who generously volunteered their time to support our Culture Week. Parents visited classes across the school, hosted assemblies, shared stories, and even cooked delicious food for our children to enjoy. Their enthusiasm, generosity, and willingness to share their cultures and traditions helped make the week such a memorable and enriching experience for everyone.

Years 2, 3, 4, and 5 were lucky enough to welcome African (Nigerian) storyteller Ms Chi-Chi Nwachukwu, who brought traditional stories to life in the way they were originally told. Through a wonderful combination of drama, music, and expressive storytelling, Ms Nwachukwu captivated the children and transported them into the heart of each story. The children thoroughly enjoyed this special experience and loved learning about the rich traditions, culture, and heritage woven into each tale. We really appreciate you coming in to provide our children with such an amazing experience.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make Culture Week such a memorable and enriching experience. The enthusiasm, creativity, and participation of our children, staff, and parents truly made the week a success.

Thank you to our whole school community for celebrating our differences and showing that our diversity is something to be proud of!



CULTURES WEEK



YEAR 6 PGL RESIDENTIAL

Our recent residential trip to PGL in Swindon was an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. The children were absolutely fantastic from start to finish and made us all incredibly proud. Throughout the weekend, they showed remarkable courage as they conquered their fears, embraced new challenges, and stepped outside their comfort zones. They worked together brilliantly, encouraging and supporting one another every step of the way. Their resilience, teamwork, and positive attitudes were wonderful to see, and they represented our school exceptionally well. It was a truly memorable trip, filled with laughter, achievement, and experiences that will stay with them for years to come.



Y6 PRODUCTION

Our Year 6 production of Robin and the Hoodies was nothing short of spectacular! The children delivered a remarkable performance that entertained and delighted everyone who came to watch. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and commitment they showed throughout the rehearsal process, working hard to learn their lines, perfect their songs, and bring their characters to life with confidence and enthusiasm. Their teamwork, talent, and perseverance shone through in every scene, making the production a tremendous success. It was a truly memorable show that we will never forget, and the children should be immensely proud of everything they achieved.



Y6 FOREST FEST

Our Year 6 pupils rounded off their primary school journey in style at **Forest Fest**, a fantastic celebration organised by our wonderful FSA. It was a truly special evening filled with laughter, music, dancing, and plenty of fun. The children enjoyed spending time together, sharing jokes, celebrating their friendships, and creating memories that they will cherish for years to come. It was the perfect way to mark the end of their time with us, and we are so grateful to the FSA for organising such a memorable event for our Year 6 leavers.



FSA NEWS

🌞 FSA Summer Newsletter 🌞

As another fantastic school year comes to an end, we'd like to say a **huge thank you** to our amazing school community for all of your support. 💙

🌞 A Busy Start to the Last Term!

We've had so much going on over the past few weeks...

🎵 School Discos

Our Reception, Year 1 & 2 and Years 3, 4 & 5 discos were full of fun! Thanks to the hot weather 🌞, our younger children enjoyed a fantastic **Mini Festival in the Woods** instead. There were lots of smiling faces (and a little bit of dust! 😊).

🎵 A huge thank you to **Mighty Mavericks** for providing the brilliant music and keeping everyone dancing!

💧 Our **mist spray station** was a huge success and helped keep everyone cool throughout!

🌲 Year 6 Forest Fest

What an amazing way to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 pupils! From water bomb dodgeball 💧 to the legendary soaking from **Miss Stockton** and **Mr Grice** 😂, it was the perfect send-off before they begin their next adventure.

🏆 Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our refreshments stall.

👋 New Starters Welcome Morning

It was lovely to welcome our new families with teas, coffees and a pre-loved uniform sale.

🎉 Wild West Summer Fete

Our biggest event of the year was an incredible success! Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated and supported us.

🧊 Keeping Cool During the Heatwave

In response to early pick up, the FSA helped keep our school community cool by providing an ice pole to every pupil remaining in class for the afternoon. 🧊

🍭 After-School Ice Lolly Sales

Our after-school ice lolly sales were another great success, with fantastic support from our brilliant Class Reps.

💰 Money Raised This Term

🎉 **Wild West Summer Fete: Over £9,000 profit!**

🍭 **Ice Lolly Sales: £259** (and still rising!)

🏆 **Sports Day Refreshments: £293**

Every pound raised goes straight back into supporting the children and enhancing their school experience. ❤️

🙌 Thank You!

A huge thank you to all of our amazing **Class Reps** for organising rotas, helping at events and selling ice lollies. Your support is invaluable. 💙

We'd also like to thank our wonderful parents, carers, staff, volunteers and the wider Oak Lodge community. We simply couldn't do it without you! 🙌

💙 We Need Your Help!

The FSA works hard throughout the year to organise a variety of fun events for the children and families while also raising vital funds for the school. These funds help provide resources, experiences and opportunities that the school would otherwise be unable to afford. ✨

Every event takes a great deal of planning, sourcing, organising and running, all of which is carried out by a small committee of parent volunteers alongside their full-time jobs and family commitments. 💙

As our wonderful Year 6 children move on to secondary school, we sadly say goodbye to some of our fantastic volunteers. As volunteer numbers dwindle, it is with a heavy heart that we may no longer be able to run as many of the events our school community has come to love. This will inevitably have an impact on the funds we are able to raise for the school.

🙌 **If you would like to see these events continue, or if you've ever thought about getting involved, now is the perfect time.**

Whether you would like to:

- ★ Join the FSA Committee
- 🙌 Help at events
- 🎉 Lead an event (with plenty of guidance and support provided!)

—we would absolutely love to hear from you.

Every little bit of help makes a huge difference. Together, we can ensure these much-loved events continue for our children, families and wider school community. ❤️

📧 Interested? Please get in touch: oaklodgefsa@gmail.com

FSA NEWS

🌈 Looking Ahead...

We've already got lots of exciting ideas for the new school year, and we can't wait to share them with you! 🇬🇧

☀️ Until then, thank you once again for your incredible support throughout the year.

We wish you all a wonderful, relaxing and well-deserved summer holiday! 🌻 🍉 🍷

With best wishes,

💙 The Oak Lodge FSA 💙





SCHOOL TERM DATES

OAK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday, 2nd September – Friday, 16th October

Half term – Monday, 19th October – Friday 30th October

Monday, 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2027

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February

Half term Monday, 15th February – Friday, 19th February

Monday, 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Summer 2027

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Half term Monday, 31st – Friday 4th June

Monday, 7th June – Friday 23rd July

Bank Holiday – Monday, 3rd May

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

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

PUPIL PREMIUM

We are very aware of the financial challenges families are coping with at the moment. Please do contact the school office if you are in receipt of benefits as this may entitle you to subsidised non-residential educational visits.

% 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