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Head Teacher's Message

Welcome back to the start of a new term at Oaklands. I hope you all had a good Christmas break. I want to begin by congratulating all our pupils for their resilience and adaptability in coping with the wide range of weather conditions we have experienced recently—from snow and freezing temperatures to heavy rain. Their positive attitudes have been truly impressive. Those children choosing to access indoor play during particularly cold and wet spells also behaved incredibly well and enjoyed a range of activities including chess, cup stacking, jigsaws and arts and crafts.

During our recent INSET day, we were pleased to welcome our OPAL mentor who provided further training to staff on supporting outdoor play. This is an exciting step as we prepare for our OPAL accreditation later in the year, reinforcing our commitment to enriching play opportunities for all pupils.

Please take some time to explore the learning highlights and updates from across the school in the links below.

Class News – follow the links below to find out what has been happening in your children's classes. For Hazel class see Tapestry updates.

[Willow](#) [Pine](#) [Birch](#) [Sycamore](#) [Hawthorne](#) [Oak](#) [Maple](#)

Note from the office

Just a quick reminder that all wraparound care sessions must be pre-booked on the Arbour portal. Breakfast Club must be booked by the night before, and After School Club must be booked by 12:00 midday on the day you require a session.

If you have booked a session and need to change or cancel it (for example, if your child is absent from school), please don't forget to send an email. Sessions will not be automatically cancelled, and you will still be charged if you do not notify us.

Note from Mrs Bissmire and the Eco Committee

Ecos

At the end of last year, I applied for a local grant to support a sustainable project that Oaklands could undertake and was lucky enough to be successful. The grant money has now been received, and a shopping list has been compiled for our project, "Let's Get Litter Wise." Part of the grant will be spent on new bins and recycling facilities for each classroom, as well as litter pickers and litter-picking hoops, which pupils and their families will be able to borrow and take out



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of school at weekends, holidays, etc. This will ensure that the local community also benefits from the grant. At the next Eco meeting, we will be considering how to manage, record, and store this extra equipment so it is easily accessible for everyone to enjoy year-round.

OPAL

Winter has once again provided the children with plenty of wet and muddy opportunities during playtime, from jumping in muddy puddles and dancing in the rain to discovering multiple icicles and ice puddles around the grounds. During the most miserable weather, we continue to allow the children the choice to play outside or indoors, where crafts, card games, and board games can be enjoyed. Chess has been a big hit across the year groups. Providing your children with the right outdoor footwear, clothing, and spare clothes really helps in this weather and is much appreciated.

Travel

As the speed limit has now been reduced outside the school grounds and some of the surrounding roads, maybe you are thinking of doing a more active walk to or from school. The Walking Bus will hopefully be returning next week on a new day. An email to confirm the day will be sent out shortly. Come and join us, come rain or shine!

Hawthorne class took part in Distractions Training this week, learning about the hazards of being a pedestrian while using a mobile phone, along with hints and tips on how to stay safe while walking.

Upcoming diary dates

Spring Term 2026 Date	Event
Friday 23rd January	Year 3 class assembly @ 9:00 Choir at the O2
Thursday 29th January	Year 5 residential meeting 8:50 - 9:15 Year 5 residential meeting 15:15 - 15:45 <i>The same information will be given at both meetings</i>
Week beginning 2nd February	SEN Review meetings - information sent directly to parents
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th February	National Storytelling Week
Thursday 5th February	SEN coffee morning 9:00-10:00
Friday 6th February	Year 1 class assembly @ 9:00 NSPCC Number Day
Monday 9th - Friday 13th February	Feeling Good Week
Friday 13th February	PTA Non-uniform day Maple class assembly @ 9:00 Toddler stay and play @ 14:00 - 15:00
Half term: Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	



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Monday 23rd February	Children return to school
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11th March - Friday 13th March	Year 5 Residential - Phasels Wood
Friday 13th March	Year 2 class assembly @ 9:00
Thursday 19th March	SEN coffee morning 9:00-10:00
Friday 20th March	Year 5 class assembly @ 9:00
Monday 23rd March	Parents Evening 15:30 - 18:00
Tuesday 24th March	Parents Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Wednesday 25th March	Year 5 Dance festival at Campus West - provisional date
Thursday 26th March	World Maths Day