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Head Teacher's Message

As we say goodbye to the Spring Term, it is good to reflect on how much has been packed into this relatively short term. We have had more external sports events, class assemblies, a visit from a Team GB athlete (who also happens to be a Commonwealth gold medallist!), as well as lots of great learning.

A highlight for me was the Year 5 Phasels Wood residential trip. Miss Mason, Miss Allen, and I all thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent with the children and were so impressed by their levels of resilience. There were many success stories—from children conquering fears of heights while climbing and abseiling, to spending their first night away from home, and even trying new foods.

The kindness and care the children showed to one another was exceptional and made us all very proud.

Next week is the last of many at Oaklands for Miss McGrath, who has supported many children in various capacities down the years. In her role as Pastoral Lead, she has significantly impacted the lives of some of our children and families through offering support and guidance. We wish her all the very best as she takes on a new role as a School Family Worker in the local area.

I hope you enjoy reading about what has been happening in your children's classes over the last couple of weeks.

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

- As the weather is warming up, please remind children to bring in a water bottle.
- If you would like your child booked into ASC, please can we remind you that you need to book them via the Arbor parent portal by 12 noon on the day you require.

Note from Mrs Bissmire and the Eco Committee

Eco Note

We are halfway through the Big Walk and Wheel fortnight, and it has been lovely to see so many smiling faces in the morning as children join the Walking Bus or arrive on their scooters—both great ways to travel! Hopefully, the children have enjoyed being more active on their journey to



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school. Not only are they getting fitter and healthier, but they are also helping to save the environment at the same time, which is a bonus.

We are also in the Great Big School Clean window and would like to encourage the children to be more litter-wise both in and out of school by taking part in a 30-minute litter pick. The Eco Committee will be doing their 30-minute litter pick outside the school grounds next week to help us reach the pledge of collecting 8 bags of litter made at the start of the campaign.

The battery count is still going strong, with 190 batteries already donated this month alone.

OPAL

It has been a great delight to reopen the field and paddock areas, and hopefully, they will stay open for the rest of the academic year. The sun has shone brightly as dens have been made and relocated, the sandpit has once again drawn a crowd, the mud kitchen is in full service, and the tipi base has been busy with toy cars and Lego building. Our Year 4 Play Rangers have also been doing a superb job making sure that the equipment is put away properly.

Upcoming Spring Term Diary Dates

Summer Term dates to be sent out separately next week.

Date	Event
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
Thursday 26th March	World Maths Day PTA Easter egg hunt
Friday 27th March	End of term 14:00 – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Monday 13th April	Children return to school