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Newsletter April 24th, 2026 Head Teacher's Message

It's two weeks into the summer term and we are finally seeing an improvement in the weather. Hopefully this results in less difficult laundry for families as the children seem to be covered in dust, rather than mud, when they come back from break and lunchtime.

On this note, we will be making a decision regarding the uniform consultation this half-term. Any changes will not be drastic and will not require families to have to buy new uniform immediately. They will be phased in, meaning that children are welcome to continue wearing existing uniform until they outgrow it or it needs replacing due to wear and tear. A letter will be sent out with details of the decision.

I would like to welcome Miss Collins to the Oaklands team, who has taken up the role of Pastoral Lead. She only started this week but is already getting to know all the children and we look forward to her continuing and building on the pastoral offer at Oaklands.

Finally, good luck to all of those taking part in the London Mini Marathon this weekend and thank you to Miss Mason for organising this. Thanks also to the parents and families who will be travelling into town to support our runners – the sun will be shining and I'm sure a brilliant time will be had by all.

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 had a very productive Eco meeting last week. The first thing we discussed was how to advertise, store and log the hire of our new litter-picking equipment for use outside school. This initiative will hopefully be rolled out as soon as the finer details have been finalised, so watch this space.



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As we are nearing the window for the renewal application of the Eco Green Flag, we finished our meeting by brainstorming some ideas for questions that could be asked as part of an Environmental Review. One example was: Do you have recycling bins in every classroom? We could safely answer yes to this one!

Remember, 'No Mow May' is coming soon — leave the lawnmower in the shed and see the wildflowers grow for the month of May or even beyond. There will be areas of the school grounds that will be left to grow wild and we would appreciate pupils sticking to the paths when coming in and out of school to prevent flowers being trampled and to reduce the risk of harm to, or from, insects.

Travel

Year 4 took part in 'Pedestrian Skills' this week, learning how to safely navigate roads and pavements — a vital life skill. Thanks to Chi from HCC. 'Walk to School Week' is coming up in May, so hopefully these new skills can be put to the test.

OPAL

The field and paddock area remain dry, finally, so we are able to get a few extra items out at lunchtime. Year 5 are our current Play Rangers and are doing a fantastic job helping other year groups to make sure that everything is back where it should be when the first whistle blows. We introduced wheeled play on the bottom playground this week and many happy pupils have enjoyed this new addition to the OPAL offering; each class will have access to it once a week, and it will only be available when the weather is dry. We have also been asking for song requests as we are compiling an 'Oaklands Playlist' which we will be playing soon on the top playground and at the tipi. What song would you choose?



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Upcoming Summer Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 1st May	Whole school mini-marathon event
Monday 4th May	Bank holiday - school closed
Tuesday 5th May	RSHE parent information event 9:00 - 9:30am
Thursday 7th May	Polling day - school closed
Friday 8 th May	Year 4 Archery against St Michaels @ Oaklands
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 21st May	Year 6 Dodgeball festival at Monks Walk 9:30 - 11:00
Friday 22nd May	Year 4 class assembly 9:00 - 9:30
Half term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May	
Monday 1st June	Children back to school – Whole School and Class Photos
Monday 1st June - Friday 12th June	Year 4 multiplication check
Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June	Year 1 Phonics screening check
Wednesday 17th June	Sports Day - Reception and KS1 AM, KS2 PM
Thursday 18th June	Reserve Sports Day - Reception and KS1 AM, KS2 PM
Friday 19th June	Year 1 class assembly 9:00 - 9:30
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 6 residential parent meeting at 9am and 3:30pm. The same presentation will be delivered at both meetings.
Friday 26th June	Year 3 class assembly
Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 9th July	Transition Day
Friday 10th July	Reception class assembly
Monday 13th July	Reports sent out to parents
Monday 13th July	Year 6 show afternoon performance



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Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 show evening performance
Friday 17th July	End of term celebration afternoon: 2pm-3:15pm
Tuesday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers assembly: 10:30 - 11:00 am Year 6 children to leave afterwards. End of term 2pm finish. No after school club