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Head Teacher's Message

At the end of a busy half term, I would like to thank the Year 6 pupils, the staff who have taught them down the years and parents for the effort and determination that was so evident in preparing for and sitting the KS2 SATs. I was thoroughly impressed with how mature the children were; arriving early for breakfast with their friends, supporting each other emotionally and for their level-headed approach to tackling the tests.

For those children in Year 5 who may be starting to think about next year's tests, I would reiterate the message we always give to our Year 6s – SATs are just one measure of how they are progressing. If they try their very best, that is all we can ask for.

We are very happy to say that yesterday, after a visit from our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) mentor Sam, we achieved the Platinum Standard for OPAL play. This is the highest accolade available, putting us in the top 1% of all schools nationally with the quality of our play provision. This accreditation follows 2 years of dedicated development from the Oaklands Team, and we are incredibly proud that all our children get the opportunity to experience exceptional play times every day.

Credit must go to Mrs Morgan and Mrs Bissmire (OPAL Curriculum Lead and Play Lead) who have been the driving force behind this achievement. It is of note that to become an OPAL Platinum School you must meet at least 90% of the standards in the 'strong' section of the audit; Oaklands attained 100%.

To celebrate this achievement, we will be holding an award ceremony and parent play session on Tuesday 14th July between 9:00-10:30am. You will have the opportunity to come and celebrate with us and enjoy an OPAL play time with your child.

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

[Williow](#) [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.



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Note from Mrs Bissmire and the Eco Committee

Ecos

It has been a busy few weeks for the Eco Committee, from No Mow May and Walk to School Week, to preparing to submit our Green Flag renewal application by finalising our Action Plan and Eco Code. The next step in our application is to collate everything and send it off, with fingers crossed for a successful renewal. The committee have also been designing posters and preparing an assembly to showcase the work that has been done over the last nine months.

Travel

It has been the annual Walk to School Week this week, where each journey to school is logged daily. As a school, we are proactive in promoting a healthier, more sustainable journey to and from school, and the pupils really do try their best when possible to do so. I even had one child excitedly tell me over the last few weeks about moving closer to school and that they will now be able to walk every day— they moved at the weekend, which was perfect timing for this week!

OPAL

The weather has been kinder in general this half term, and the children have been having a lot of fun with the introduction of wheeled and water play on the bottom playground on their allocated day. It is not just the bottom playground that has had new additions; the top playground offering has also been enhanced with target games, water for the mud kitchen, musical instruments and soft cushions, along with the return of chalk. It really is a joy to see! We have also been creating a music playlist, with artists ranging from Taylor Swift, Oasis and Alex Warren, all the way through to 'Baby Shark', chosen by the children over the last month.

Upcoming Summer Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
Half term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May	
Monday 1st June	Children back to school
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



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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
Tuesday 14th July	OPAL Celebration Event 9:00 – 10:30 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