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Head Teacher's Message

Celebrating the Work Behind the Scenes

We would like to take a moment to recognise and celebrate the incredible work that often happens quietly behind the scenes. Mrs Bissmire's dedication has been instrumental in securing some very special achievements for our school this year.

Many of you will know that we have been awarded Platinum status through OPAL, a fantastic recognition of our commitment to high-quality outdoor play. In addition to this, we are delighted to have been reaccruited as a Green Flag School with distinction. This honour reflects the enthusiasm and leadership of our Eco-Council, as well as the whole school's commitment to sustainability.

Mrs Bissmire also oversees the School Travel Plan, which has played a significant role in helping us maintain these important accreditations and continue to build a culture of environmental responsibility.

These achievements do not happen by chance - they are the result of passion, organisation and a genuine commitment to making our school a better place for everyone.

We would also like to congratulate Miss Randall who has successfully passed her apprenticeship to become a Level 3 Early Years Educator, with a distinction. This required a lot of hard work that will benefit Oaklands pupils both now and in the future.

School Uniform from September 2026

Thank you to all who filled in the school uniform consultation. Your views were very helpful in coming to a decision to make our uniform more OPAL friendly.

There was not a significant proportion in favour of either camp, so bearing that in mind, changes will reflect this.

Sourcing royal blue joggers and shorts was cited as problematic. These will change to plain black joggers or shorts. We would also welcome children wearing these as their everyday uniform as we are an active, outdoor school and school trousers can be restrictive. If you would prefer to send your child to school in the traditional grey trousers on non-PE days this is fine.

Skirts and summer dresses remain the same.

Children will wear the sky-blue polo shirts as both uniform and PE shirts. Whilst these will still pick up muddy stains in the winter months, we hope they will be easier to clean than white polo shirts and are also easy to source.



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We continue to recommend dark trainers rather than traditional school shoes. Again, if you would prefer traditional shoes, children can wear these.

The only items that we ask to be branded with the school logo are the school jumpers and cardigans. As you will know, the PTA sell second-hand uniform, so this does not need to be expensive.

We understand that you may already have royal blue joggers and shorts, as well as white polo shirts. We are more than happy for children to continue to wear them until they grow out of them or they need to be replaced.

Thank you again for your input on this.

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

We are delighted to be running Oaklands Summer Camp from Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August 2026, from 9:00am to 4:00pm, at a cost of £35 per day. The booking system is now open in your Arbor portal. If you would like to pay using childcare vouchers, please contact Mrs Murley in the school office.

We are hoping for lots of Oaklands families to join us walking in the Welwyn Festival street parade on Saturday 27th June at 12:45pm from the Welwyn Civic Centre. The theme is GOLDEN, so please wear as much gold as you can — think gold clothes, jewellery, hats, hair and face paint! Please complete the Google Form using this link so that we know how many families to expect: <https://forms.gle/5MhoL3Q6hzc2PqqGA>

Note from Mrs Bissmire and the Eco Committee

Ecos

It has been a very busy time for the Eco team. Our application has been submitted for reaccreditation, and we have also planned a whole-school assembly to showcase the work we have been doing so far this year.

Every member has worked incredibly hard, sharing their ideas and views on all things eco-related throughout the year -not just within our three focus areas of biodiversity, healthy living and litter, but beyond. Their efforts have helped to make our school and its grounds a more enjoyable place for both people and nature.

Travel

Hertfordshire County Council, as part of its Road Safety Strategy, is conducting a survey to gather the views of parents and carers within our school community. This survey is linked to the development of a new Road Safety Strategy for Hertfordshire and asks about routes used by



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children, traffic speeds, and what would make journeys to school feel safer for those who choose to walk or cycle.

They would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey using the link below:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/consultations/transport-and-highways/road-safety-strategy.aspx>

The consultation closing date is **Monday 22nd June 2026**.

OPAL

What a fantastic few weeks it has been at lunchtime! New additions across many areas have kept playtimes exciting, with a wide variety of loose parts available for children to explore and enjoy.

Our Year 5 Play Rangers have been outstanding, helping with the finishing touches to tidying and organisation. Some have even taken on a new role as Play Ranger Mentors, supporting our Year 1 children as they begin their journey as Play Rangers this half term.

Upcoming Summer Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
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
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
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



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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
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