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### Newsletter June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

#### Head Teacher's Message

What a week it has been as we have navigated the Red Weather Alert! A big thank you to all the staff at Oaklands who have worked in what have been very difficult conditions, and to the children, who have been an absolute credit. They have listened well, stayed in the shade, kept hydrated and still managed to get some learning done.

We would all like to show our huge appreciation to those parents who were able to donate fans, to those who purchased new ones for the school and to those who donated money to the PTA, who in turn supplied us with some excellent fans for the classrooms and offices. Anyone who has ever supported the PTA will have played a part in making this possible—thank you!

We recognise that, in all likelihood, we will encounter more Red Weather Alerts in the future and are exploring steps to alleviate this; we will keep you updated.

I am sure that, like us, you are all looking forward to some respite from the heat next week. In the meantime, please take the time to have a look at what your children have been learning in class by following 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

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



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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

Last week the Eco Committee presented an assembly to the whole school, showcasing their work, the new-look Eco Code and revealing that Oaklands has indeed retained its Green Flag award. Now we are looking into what future topics and projects the next Eco Committee could take part in.

#### Travel

The Oaklands Travel Plan has been signed off and sent to Modeshift STARS for accreditation. Activities like Scooterbility, balance bike training, pedestrian skills, distraction training and Walk to School Week, to name a few, all contribute towards the travel plan, showing that Oaklands is fully committed to making journeys more sustainable and helping children become more aware of the dangers we face and how to tackle them safely. The recent changes in speed limits, signage and road markings on the local roads surrounding our school have also made a big difference in making the area safer for road users and pedestrians alike. Thank you to all those who were able to take part in the linked survey in the last newsletter – your views really do matter.

#### OPAL

It has certainly been a hot week, and having natural shade in the form of our bushed areas has helped give the children some respite from the heat at break and lunch times if they have chosen to go outside. It has been a different kind of OPAL offering alongside our outside space this week, as we have opened up more classrooms offering board games and quiet spaces with colouring as a cooler alternative.

#### Batteries

We had a huge number of batteries brought into the office reception area last week, amounting to 262 – an amazing effort! These little acts really do make a difference and help the earth by conserving raw materials such as cobalt, lithium and nickel, as well as preventing toxic chemicals from getting into places they shouldn't be.

#### 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.



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### Upcoming Summer Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
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