

# News Hub



November 2023

## Headteacher Update



Dear Oak Tree School Community,

I am delighted to share some highlights from our bustling past two weeks at Oak Tree. The energy and enthusiasm our students bring to every activity continue to inspire us all.

### Football Match with Addington School:

Our recent football match with Addington School was a spirited affair! It was heartening to witness the camaraderie and sportsmanship displayed by our students. Their teamwork and determination truly exemplified the spirit of healthy competition.

### Anti-Bullying Week:

The entire school came together to mark Anti-Bullying Week, participating in a diverse range of activities tailored to meet the individual needs of our students. It was heartwarming to see everyone engage actively, promoting kindness and respect within our community.

### Cake Sale Success:

I'm immensely proud to announce that our recent cake sale was a resounding success! Thanks to the incredible support from our students and staff, we raised an impressive £124.88. This generous contribution will go a long way in supporting our initiatives and programs.

### Community Engagement and Skills Development:

I'm thrilled to observe our students taking strides towards engaging with the community and honing their skills. These experiences outside the classroom contribute significantly to their growth and development.

### Agricultural Area Development:

Looking ahead, we are gearing up to develop our agricultural area. In the coming weeks, we'll be preparing the grounds for planting appropriate crops. This initiative will pave the way for exciting opportunities in our food technology lessons, enhancing our students' practical learning experiences.

As always, the dedication and commitment of our staff and the unwavering support of our parents and guardians continue to be the driving force behind our achievements.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Oak Tree School community. Together, we're creating an environment where every student can thrive and succeed.

**Abi Davis**  
Headteacher



**OAK TREE**  
SCHOOL

## Children in Need at Oak Tree School

On Friday 17th of November, Oak Tree School hosted a special day in order to help Children in Need!

We held a cake sale on Friday afternoon to help raise money which the pupils (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed. We also held a non-uniform day in which the students got to dress up in their own clothing and donate £1 which also went to Children in Need.

We managed to raise an outstanding total of £124.88! The pupils brought in a lot of cakes and enjoyed lots of delicious treats. Thank you all for your donations!



# Family Support Worker Update



Hello and welcome to our fifth newsletter! We have had a very busy two weeks in school with football matches, cake sales, Christmas performance rehearsals and a visit to Saplings class from Claire Groves, one of the librarians from Wokingham Library.

Claire shared some fun and interactive stories with the children who fully engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the session. 'Hugless Douglas Finds a Hug' was a very popular book and the children all took turns with the Douglas hand puppet.

## Cost Of Living Support:

With Christmas approaching and finding ourselves with continued higher fuel, food, clothes, and petrol costs, I have added some links that may be of help to you to check you are receiving the benefits you are entitled to.

## Money Matters: cost of living advice and support - Reading Borough Council

- <https://www.reading.gov.uk/housing/money-matters/>

## Household Support Fund - Wokingham/Bracknell Forest:

- <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-of-living/household-support-fund>
- [Household Support Fund | Bracknell Forest Council](#)
- [Household Support Fund | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](#)

## Turn2us:

- [Turn2us Benefits Calculator](#)

## Entitledto:

- [Benefits Calculator - entitledto - independent | accurate | reliable](#)

## Charities in the Borough offering support:

- [Winter Warmer | firstdays](#) (Self-referral)
- [The Cowshed | Showing love and support to those in need in Berkshire](#) (Referral Required)

## A couple of other things going on in and around Wokingham/Reading.

Free bus travel on Saturdays over the festive season in West Berkshire, Wokingham and Bracknell Forest. See below for more details:

- [Free bus travel this November and December - Reading Buses \(reading-buses.co.uk\)](#)

[Fred in the Shed](#) will return to the [Jackson's Café](#) at [California Country Park](#) this Friday 24 November at 4pm.

It's a ticketed event, but only costs £5 per child and adults go free! The café will be closed as usual at 4pm on that day, but the kitchen will remain open with a limited menu for those who have bought tickets until 6pm.

To book your tickets, drop by the café or call the team on 0118 973 0776.

**Teresa Crandon**  
Family support worker

## SHARE

Each week SHARE helps over 2000 people in our local community who need support foodwise by redistributing an incredible 40 tonnes of food from local supermarkets and food suppliers that would otherwise go to waste.

No referral is required and the food is free. Our food sharing is for anyone who feels they could do with some help – even if just temporarily. Everyone is welcome. No questions are asked. You will just find friendly faces and plenty of fresh produce.

## Below are some links with more information:

- [About Us - Share Wokingham](#) (Share Wokingham)
- [Share Bracknell - Parish of Bracknell \(bracknellparish.org\)](#) (Share Bracknell)
- [Community – Emmanuel Church Woodley \(emmanuelwoodley.org.uk\)](#) (Share Woodley)

If you ever need help completing any forms or require a referral for support, please get in touch:

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We offer a range of fresh produce including bread and vegetables which are either surplus stock or end of day items from local supermarkets.

No referral needed just pop along to these locations on the following days:

**MONDAYS**

12.30-2.00pm - Shinfield Baptist Church, 1 Fairmead Road, Shinfield, RG2 9DL. [check online](#)

3.30pm- 4.30pm Emmanuel Church Centre, Southlake Crescent, Woodley RG5 3QW

**TUESDAY**

10.00am - 11.30am FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead, Wokingham, RG40 4ES

**WEDNESDAY**

1.00pm - 2.30pm Rainbow Centre, Rainbow Park, Winnersh, Wokingham RG41 5SG

2.00pm-3.30pm The Community Flat, 36 Frensham Green, Shinfield, RG2 8EH

**FRIDAY**

12-30pm - 2.30pm - Norreys Church, Norreys Avenue, Wokingham, RG40 1UU

1.00pm - 3.30pm St Andrews Church, Priestwood Court Road Bracknell, RG42 1TU

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## Primary Update

Children in Saplings, Elm and Ash have had an incredibly busy couple of weeks. They have been learning about different holidays during Winter time in different cultures and enjoying the sensory circuits in the morning - a great way to start the day!

**Saplings Class:** This week Sapling class have been looking at Room on the Broom during my communication as well as creating handprints ready for the Christmas tree. They have also really been enjoying their sensory circuits which have been every morning.

**Elm Class:** Elm class have really enjoyed exploring a new sensory story this week, 'The Owl Babies' which the whole class seemed to enjoy. Some of the class have shown great interest in the sand pit outside. The children also did some great decorating of biscuits where they were able to use their communication boards effectively.

**Ash Class:** We have been exploring the Night Time world. Our learning has centred around The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark; exploring different nocturnal animals, the stars and events that happen outside after dark, such as camping and bonfires. Our Cooking lessons have taken us on a journey through celebrations at this time of year: Diwali and Thanksgiving, looking ahead to Christmas. In Maths, we have been working on arithmetic and number, and in My Play and Leisure we have been playing a lot of traditional children's games.

### Pictures Shared From Primary and Secondary Around The School



## Secondary Update

Our secondary classes have had a very busy couple of weeks. They have been working hard to support Children in Need by doing car washes for members of staff in the school. They also participated in activities for Anti-Bullying week. Some of the boys enjoyed playing football against Addington School and they played very well!

**Chestnut Class:** This week, Chestnut class have been learning to write a setting description of the jungle in The Firework Maker's Daughter, focusing on expanded noun phrases, similes and subordinating conjunctions. In Maths, we have been practising our 3, 6 and 9 times tables. In RSE, we have been looking at hygiene and the importance of washing our hands, looking at how clean and dirty hands create mould on bread. As well as this, we have been learning how our sweat changes as we hit puberty which creates body odour and the importance of showering and using deodorant before exercise.

**Willow Class:** Willow Class have loved getting involved with all things Children in Need. The children organised a charity car wash and scrubbed away until they were sparkling clean - the staff were very satisfied customers! In addition, on Tuesday we ventured out on our first trip to Watmore Lane Park - the children were exceptionally well behaved and had a fantastic time playing a variety of sports and games and using the park equipment. They were very aware of the dangers and utilised the skills learned in our preparation sessions.

**Beech Class:** Beech class enjoyed taking part in anti bully week activities last week and the bake sale on Friday for Children in need! Beech class have been focusing on Mental health for RSE and there have been great discussions on managing grief bereavement. The boys did really well in both the football matches and are looking forward to playing more games.

**Maple Class:** Within Maple we have been continuing to read 'I was born this way' and developing our vocabulary and analytical skills. We have completed the unit of Place Value within Maths and are now moving onto constructing, measuring and using geometric notation. We have been exploring population around the world in Geography, planned and practiced our Christmas performance in drama and continued to develop our fundamental skills within Food Technology. Our students have supported each other within ICT and the use of the new ICT suite with their own log ins as well as many more areas within the curriculum.

Within the assembly this week for World children week they had to write a note on another Student of Oak Tree School and why that person was amazing. These were some comments:

- She is really funny and she is very kind
- You are the best person in each and every way
- makes me laugh everyday and always plays
- is really smart and kind

## Social Media

If you would like to keep up to date with the progress being made at Oak Tree School, follow us on...



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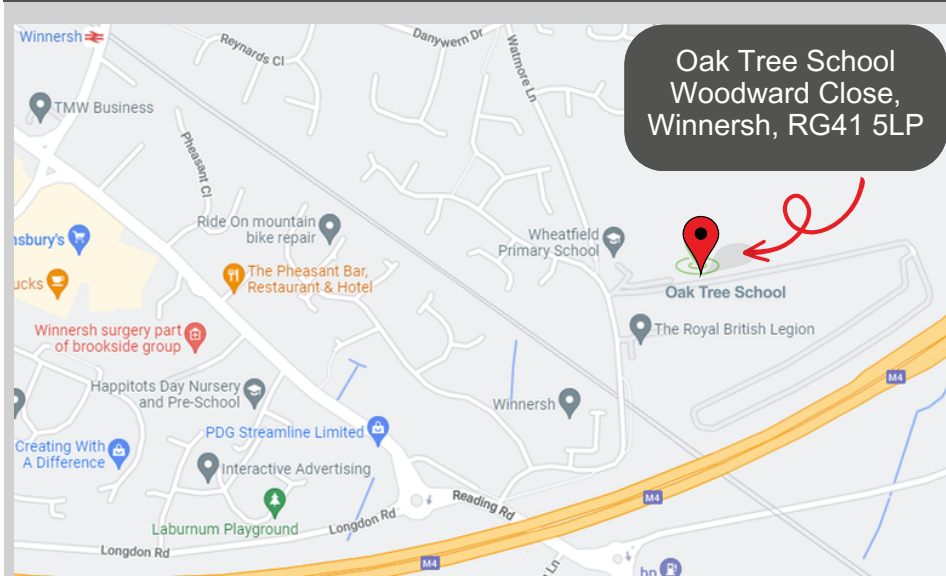


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