

News Hub



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Update from Senior Leadership

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Along with Abi successfully bringing her happy and healthy baby girl into the world, we had some memorable moments in July here at Oak Tree.

Market Day

Oak Tree's first ever Market Day was a great success. The engagement from the students, staff and parents was delightful to see. The students made a whopping £380 from selling their unique items at their stalls. Well done and thank you to all for your part in a hugely successful afternoon.

Activity Week

Our first-ever Activity Week was a huge hit! It was fantastic to see our students dive into a variety of activities, from arts and crafts, science and offsite adventures. Classes enjoyed trips to; Legoland, Chessington World of Adventures, The Lookout Centre, Jake's Playbarn among other locally based excursions. We would also like to thank our visitors who held workshops for the students onsite which were thoroughly enjoyable. It was truly wonderful to witness the students' enthusiasm and joy throughout the week. Seeing them try new things, work together, and simply have fun was a reminder of what makes our school so special. A lot of firsts were had in Activity Week for all involved!

Picnic

Another highlight was our family picnic. In scorching conditions, a positive time was had by all. It was wonderful to see so many families both new and returning, coming together. The picnic was a perfect opportunity for parents and new students to meet our existing students, staff, and other families. The sense of community was truly heart warming, and it's this supportive atmosphere that makes Oak Tree School such a special place.

Transition Sessions

We also had our transition sessions this month. These sessions were incredibly valuable in helping our students get comfortable with their new classrooms, teachers, and classmates for the upcoming year. Seeing the students explore their new environments and start building new friendships was wonderful to witness. It has been a positive first start for the upcoming changes for September and beyond.

KS2/3 Information Evening

New KS2 and 3 parents were invited in for an information evening with our multidisciplinary team, which gave them an opportunity to ask any burning questions about their children starting with us in September and what our vision is as a school for all our students.

Year one - Completed

As we head into the final days of our first full year and start looking forward to the summer holidays, We want to thank you all for your ongoing support and involvement in our journey as a new school. Your encouragement and engagement are vital to our students' success and happiness. Thank you for your part on a successful first year of Oak Tree. We look forward to the next chapter at Oak Tree and are delighted that you are all a part of it.

From all of us at Oak Tree School, we wish you a happy and healthy summer holidays and we can't wait to see you all back in September along with our new arrivals!

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Primary Update

Secondary Update

Saplings Class:

This term, the Sapling class has been focusing on space, creating rockets, planets, and aliens. They have also explored the surroundings outside Oak Tree School using the minibus. The class went on a wonderful trip to Jake's Playbarn and The Lookout, where they practiced interacting with other adults and children, and learned safety instructions such as holding an adult's hand and wearing reins. They also had the opportunity to see animals like rabbits and llamas. All the students in the Saplings class have demonstrated great confidence in their environment and effectively communicated their wants and needs to all the staff members.

Elm Class:

This month in Elm class we have been able to take part in many different activities. One huge success from this month was activity week. The children all took part in off site trips as well as fun external visitor led activities, such as "Bonnie the bubble lady" and "Make Sense Theatre" as well as a science experience day which the children really enjoyed. As we come to the end of the first academic year at Oak Tree School, we look back with pride of all we have accomplished this year

Ash Class:

Ash class had a fantastic activity week. We went on three trips out of school and participated in workshops to develop our creativity and sense of wonder. Last week we started our transitions into our new classes. Although this was a challenge, we talked about our feelings and explored our new room. We moved our favourite books and toys into our new room which has helped us all to feel a sense of belonging. If we aren't staying in our class and moving to a new one, we have been meeting children and teachers from our new classes to get to know them. All in all, this last week has opened up opportunities for great conversations and learning around changes and new beginnings. Well done Ash class. I know that the end of the year has been tricky but I'm so proud of all of you!

Pictures Shared From Primary Around the School



Chestnut Class:

Chestnut class have been working hard this year! We have ended the term with activity week. Chestnut class completed a range of activities such as making slime, although unfortunately that was not a success. However, our brownies were delicious so that made up for it! We then went swimming and had fun splashing around.

On Wednesday, we went to Palmer Park, where we climbed on the wobbly climbing frames, built sandcastles and pushed each other on the swings. Thursday was an exciting day - we went to Legoland and for some of us, it was the first time on rollercoasters! It was great seeing the children smiling, being brave and enjoying the rides. On Friday, we walked to Sainsburys to buy our ingredients to make a shared Chestnut class lunch. To end the week, all of Year 7 had a fun water fight! Chestnut class have had a busy year and I am very proud of the progress they have made!

Beech class:

Activity Week was a success, with students fully engaged in various activities and enjoying trips offsite. Overall, it has been a great academic year for Beech Class. The students have made significant strides in their core subjects and continued to progress in other areas of the curriculum. I am pleased with everyone's achievements in Beech Class and confident they will continue this success in Year 8. Have a wonderful summer break!

Pictures Shared From Secondary Around the School



Secondary Update Continued..

Maple Class:

It has been a fantastic end to a very successful year for Maple. The students have made outstanding progress in all areas and have grown in confidence. As a class team we have been privileged to have been able to work with such a talented group of students and are going to miss being together as one class next year. Maple have continued to develop across the curriculum within, algebra, poetry, climate, dance, my body and me - PSHE/RSE. Students particularly enjoyed preparations for the market place event which was a huge success. Maple enjoyed the variation of different activities such as, swimming, bowling, parks, baking, crafts, Dinton pastures visit, Chessington World of Adventure's and more during Activity Week, many overcame some personal barriers and stepped outside of their comfort zone. We wish you all a safe and restful summer!

Willow Class:

Willow Class have been very busy over the final weeks of term. Despite us being on the final stretch, the children have been continuing to put their all in and have produced some excellent learning. We had a fun-filled Activity Week which was hugely successful and it was amazing to see the children pushing themselves to new limits whether that meant conquering busy, crowded environments, riding rollercoasters for the first time or getting involved with a water fight! Looking back across the course of the year we could not be prouder of how far our children have come. We feel they are well placed to move on to the next part of their Oak Tree journey and are excited to see how they get on in year 8. Thanks to all parents and carers for your support this year - it has been greatly appreciated. Have a lovely summer!

Pictures Shared From Secondary Around the School



School council:

I want to start by saying a massive well done to our first school councillors here at Oak Tree: Joey, Leo, Ben and Taiven. They have set up a house system, ran house competitions and raised money for the school all in a short period of time. It has been wonderful hearing all their fun and exciting plans and seeing these come together.

Following on from Sports Day, the winner with the most house points for the end of this year are as follows:

- 1st - Greta
- 2nd - Morgan
- 3rd - Temple
- 4th - Carl

Well done to all for their hard work at sports day.

I look forward to working with the next team of school councillors and hearing all their ideas they have for the school.



Family Support Worker Update



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to our final newsletter for this school year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and positive engagement in the school throughout the year.

With the long summer holiday ahead of us I wanted to share a link to the NSPCC who have partnered with 'Ambitious about Autism' to create a range of online safety tips, advice and activities for families of children with SEND.

“As a parent or carer, you play an important role in helping your child to have positive experiences online. If your child has additional needs, then this role can be even more important, and it can feel like a lot of responsibility when you hear about some of the risks young people face online” (taken from the NSPCC website)

[Online safety for children with SEND | NSPCC](#)

And finally....

Upcoming events in September and October

School returns:

Wednesday 4th September

Primary coffee morning

Tuesday 24th September 9:30-10:30-Year 1,2 & 3

Tuesday 1st October 9:30-10:30-Year 4 & 6

Secondary coffee morning:

Tuesday 8th October 9:30-10:30-Year 7 & 8

We will send out a reminder of the coffee morning dates nearer to the time and who to contact to confirm your attendance.

Wednesday 24th July-Last day of term-school will finish at the usual time of 3pm

We hope you have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in the Autumn Term.

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Activities / Helpful links available :

Holiday activities

Below are a few more links to activities and events happening in Wokingham and the surrounding area over the summer holiday.

Millers Ark-My Way at the MERL (Museum of English Rural Life)-[Miller's Ark, My Way at The MERL - The MERL \(reading.ac.uk\)](#)

Stay and Play sessions at 'Our House', Wokingham-[Wokingham Directory | School Holiday Stay and Play for children with additional needs](#)

SEND Swimming Lessons-[Swimming Lessons: Enrol Online Today | Places Leisure Places Leisure SEND sessions-SEND Sessions | Arborfield Green Leisure Centre \(placesleisure.org\)](#) CAN network summer activities-

[Summer activities.pdf \(sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk\)](#)

Autism Berkshire have lots of information and parent support available on their website-[Introducing the Berkshire West Autism & ADHD Support Service - Autism Berkshire](#)

With information about parenting courses you may also find useful-[Berkshire-West-Autism-ADHD-Service-leaflet-pages-1-to-4.pdf \(autismberkshire.org.uk\)](#)

Dates for Saturday Club May - July:

SATURDAY CLUB

27th April
11th May
8th / 22nd June
13th / 27th July

11am – 1pm Children with Physical disabilities/Downs
3pm – 5pm Children with ASD and associated conditions
Put the dates in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you all soon.
Any queries email ots@maidenerleghtrust.org or call 07925692277
No need to book Our House, Toutley Road, Wokingham. RG411QN

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Speech & Language Update

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I write this today reflecting on what a great first year it has been at Oak Tree School.

It has been a pleasure to watch our students grow personally, in confidence and as well in their communicative abilities. It is amazing to see what our students can achieve when they are in the right setting, with the right support and the right provision.

In particular, the use of a Total Communication Approach here at Oak Tree has been highly successful, providing each of our students with a voice and this has enabled them to communicate messages they may not have been able to before. Further, the use of Zones of Regulation has given our students with a framework to understand and express their emotions, as well as teaching them strategies which they can implement to help themselves feel better with more autonomy. I am very proud of each and everyone of our students for how far they have come.

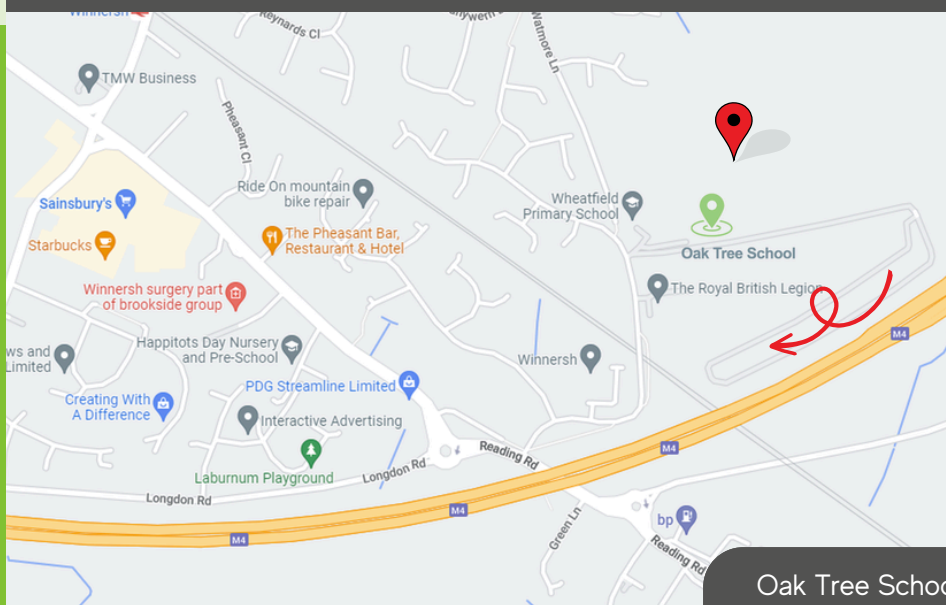
In the new school year, the clinical team is expanding, and we are very excited about how this will continue to benefit our students and their families, by enabling us to offer an even more comprehensive therapy provision. In the first week of term, you will receive correspondence detailing who your child's allocated therapists are as well as their contact details should you need to contact them.

I look forward to the new school year, continuing to work closely with our students and their families, and seeing what else we can achieve.

In the meantime, have a lovely and well-deserved summer break.

Best wishes,
Chloe

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SEN sessions

at Arborfield Green Leisure Centre

To ensure suitability for SEN participants, we have adapted our sessions and reduced capacity to create safe, quiet spaces to have fun!

SEN session information:



SEN Active Play & Bounce

Try our new SEN inclusive Active Play session. A fantastic way for your child to keep active, whilst having fun! This session includes play equipment, soft play & a bouncy castle

Fridays 5.00pm - 6.00pm

[Click here to find out more](#)



SEN Gym session

This session is not exclusive to SEN users, but during this hour the music will be turned off, and our team will monitor session to ensure the environment is friendly for all users

Fridays 4.00pm - 5.00pm

[Click here to find out more](#)

Additional details:

During both of these sessions, from 4.00pm - 6.00pm, Studio 2 will be available for all SEN families to use as a quiet space. We welcome you to use this quiet space to read books, crafts or however you see fit

[Click here to learn more about
Arborfield Green Leisure Centre](#)