

News Hub



SPRING TERM 1
2025

Update from the Headteacher and The Senior Leadership

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the academic year!

This term has flown by, and we're so proud of everything our students have achieved so far. From making progress in their learning to developing independence and confidence, it's been fantastic to see them growing every day.

Our staff have been working incredibly hard to support and challenge students in all the right ways, making sure they feel safe, engaged, and ready to learn.

As we look ahead to the next half of the year, we're excited about the opportunities to come and the progress still to be made. A huge thank you to our families for your continued support, it makes such a difference, and we truly value the partnership we have with you.



From all of us in the Senior Leadership Team, we wish you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Be sure to follow us on 'X' (formerly Twitter) [@oaktreeschool1](https://twitter.com/oaktreeschool1) for updates throughout the year.



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Primary Update

This half-term has been packed with exciting experiences for our Primary students! We kicked things off with a visit from the Soft Play Bus, which was a huge hit with everyone. Another highlight was the opening of our brand-new Library. A massive thank you to Ryan and everyone involved in creating such a fantastic space for our students to enjoy. We also welcomed Little Muddy Boots, who brought some wonderful outdoor learning experiences to Primary. The Fire Service paid us a visit, giving students the opportunity to see a real fire engine up close and learn about fire safety.

We celebrated Chinese New Year in our Cultural Day, exploring traditions and enjoying themed activities across classes. Little City also came in, providing a brilliant role-play experience where students could immerse themselves in different jobs and real-world scenarios.

Every class went on fantastic community visits, exploring new environments and practicing important life skills. We also had some incredible reward trips, including a visit to Camp Mohawk, where students had a brilliant time engaging in outdoor activities.

It's been an action-packed term, and we look forward to more exciting learning adventures next half-term!

Secondary Update

It has been a very busy term in Secondary. Year 7 have enjoyed an amazing trip to The Living Rainforest, learning about animal life cycles, their preferences, and how they live in their natural surroundings. They have also worked on their social skills during a trip to Costa Coffee.

Year 8 Students have been working hard, creating environmental art around a specific issue. They have explored international cuisine in Food Tech, preparing a range of delicious dishes and learning global cooking techniques.

In Maths some of the children have been exploring equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages whilst others have been exploring statistics and interpreting graphs and tables. In

English lots of students faced the dragons in our mock 'Dragon's Den' pitching new products they had designed. All of Year 8 have achieved their first AQA Coding Certificate in Computing lessons. We also learnt about recognising scams on Safer Internet Day.

In PE all students have been learning and developing key skills within Badminton. All the students have embraced the new enrichment programme and have been enjoying learning new skills, working towards AQA unit certificates.

8R have been on a number of community visits including Cole Zoolology museum. 8G have been learning about working in retail at the JAC charity shop. 8H have learnt how to use the ticket machine at Winnersh station to buy train tickets. 8L have enjoyed a whole range of trips out.

We're looking forward to what next term will bring.



Family Support Worker Update

Hello,

I am delighted to announce that I am the new Family Support Worker for Oak Tree School!


I have a wealth of experience in supporting children, young people and their families and am hoping to be a valuable addition to our school community.

My role is to provide guidance, advice, and practical assistance to families; helping to ensure that every child has the best possible experience while at Oak Tree School.

Whether it be a non-judgemental, patient and compassionate listener or support with accessing local or specialised services, I have a flexible perspective to ensure a family focused, child centred approach.

You can contact me via the school office on 0118 216 0040 or direct through email h.roberts@maidenerlegthrust.org or on the family support number 07886 182480. I am aware how busy life can be for many of you so please feel free to WhatsApp or text to arrange a call back or to ask a quick question.

I am looking forward to meeting you at our soon to be arranged coffee mornings (please look out for an invite soon) and other in-house activities where together we can create an environment where every child is encouraged, valued, and motivated to achieve their best in school and beyond!



www.wokingham.gov.uk/lo

The SEND Local Offer webpages tell you about local support for children and young people aged 0 to 25, with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families.

Find out about:

- Support in nursery, school and college
- Local health and social care services
- Activities, groups and short breaks
- Preparing young people for adulthood

Keep up to date
Sign up to the SEND Local Offer newsletter for regular updates about what's on for families.

Contact us
If you need help to find information, or to give feedback about the Local Offer:

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AUTISM AND NEURODIVERSITY
EMBRACING DIFFERENCES

We believe everyone deserves to feel supported and empowered.
Let us walk with you on your journey.

Are you feeling lost or lonely on your autistic or neurodiverse journey?
You are not alone. We are here for you.
We're a group of individuals and families, just like you. We come together to build a supportive community in Berkshire.

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BEING ACTIVE Multi-Sports Club Football Club Group led activities	LEARNING Workshops for parents/carers Teen Life Skills Workshops for professionals

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Reach out. Find Support.

A 'User Led' charity created by parents/carers in 2005.
We offer support, advice and activities for autistic or neurodiverse individuals and/or those with other learning disabilities or difficulties. (Plus parents/carers, siblings or professionals within Berkshire).
Our charity is open to all —no diagnosis required.

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My working hours are: Monday and Thursday 8:30-4:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30-3:00pm

Sky diving for soft play!

Please help us build your children a soft play.



Our teachers, Kim and Hannah are jumping 15,000ft out of a plane to raise money to help build our school a soft play on the 22nd of February!

Please share with friends and family!



Scan the QR code to donate now!



Year 8 Environmental Art



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