

# News Hub



MAY 2025

## Update from the Headteacher and The Senior Leadership

As we come to the end of another term, we would like to say a huge well done to all our students. It may have been a short term, but it's certainly been action-packed.

We've celebrated VE Day with a day of learning about its significance, culminating in a fantastic 1940s-style street party. We've enjoyed a range of trips, met a variety of farm animals, and, most importantly, continued with our learning and made brilliant progress. One of the biggest highlights has been welcoming five chicks to our school community, which has created plenty of excitement among both students and staff.

With the warmer weather, we've been able to spend more time outside, and we're looking forward to even more outdoor learning and fun next term.

After the break, we're pleased to welcome Abi back on site as Headteacher. At the same time, we say farewell to Ali, who has helped lead the school since Christmas. She will be greatly missed, and we thank her for all her hard work and support.

Our staff team continues to go above and beyond to support each pupil's unique needs and interests. The positive relationships we share with families make a real difference and help us work together to achieve the best outcomes.

We've also begun welcoming new pupils who will join us in September 2025 as part of their transition journey, and it has been a pleasure to show their families around our wonderful school.

We wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing everyone after the holiday.



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## Primary Update

## Secondary Update

It has been a joyful and productive time in the Primary department at Oak Tree. One of the most exciting developments has been the arrival of baby chicks, hatched right here on site. Pupils have loved watching them grow, and once their run is set up, the chicks will become a permanent part of our school community.

We also recently welcomed a visit from the mobile farm, which was a fantastic hands-on learning experience for all our pupils. It was a brilliant way to bring the curriculum to life and spark curiosity about animals and nature.

Throughout the term, our pupils have taken part in a range of cultural celebrations. May Day was marked with fun classroom activities, and for VE Day we held a whole-school street party. Primary pupils played a big role in creating the bunting and decorations, proudly contributing to a very special event.

We are also proud to share that every Primary class is now regularly accessing community visits. This is a huge achievement for both pupils and staff, reflecting growing confidence, independence, and readiness to explore the wider world.

Secondary has been as busy as ever this half term.

Students have taken part in a wide range of community visits, including travelling by train into Reading, using the bus to get to Wokingham, and practising their independence by buying items from local shops. 8G even had a lawn bowls lesson at Wokingham Bowls Club, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

As part of their Humanities studies, all of Year 8 visited Reading Museum to see the replica Bayeux Tapestry. It was brilliant to see students engaging with the story by enacting scenes from the Battle of Hastings, exploring artefacts from the time, and taking a close look at the tapestry itself.

In preparation for our VE Day celebrations, students worked brilliantly in their class groups to make food and drink, including cucumber sandwiches, Victoria sponge cake, and homemade lemonade. It was lovely to see such teamwork and pride in creating their contributions for the event.

In PE, students have been making the most of the good weather by learning the skills of cricket. Engagement has been high across all groups, which is a testament to the enthusiasm and encouragement of the staff leading the sessions.

In other sporting news, Year 8 represented Oak Tree at a football tournament hosted by Brentford Football Club. As we write this, the results are not yet in, so keep an eye on our social media for the latest updates.



# Family Support Worker Update



As we finish for the half-term break, I just wanted to take a moment to wish you all a restful and enjoyable time with your families. It has been a busy term at school and I hope you can all enjoy some well deserved quality time together.

Parenting comes with its own set of stressors, whether it is balancing work and family life or supporting your children through challenges. It is easy as parents to neglect ourselves and not prioritise our own needs but, taking care of yourself is crucial to being able to take care of your family. Finding even the smallest amount of time for relaxation can help restore your energy and reduce stress. Don't be afraid to ask for help when needed; it is okay to lean on your support network.

Please do not forget our events early next term:

Family Intervention Resources and Support Team (FIRST) are joining us for a Sleep Matters information session on Thursday 5th June at 10:00am. To confirm your attendance please fill out this short form <https://forms.office.com/e/Vpiti53kWX>

## Sleep Matters

Face to face information session for parents/carers who have a child or young person with a disability (or on the pathway for an autism assessment) who live in the Wokingham Borough

\*Please note parents/carers with a child or young person who does not have a disability may attend this workshop if capacity allows

Is your child experiencing sleep problems?  
Would you like to find out more about sleep?

Join us for Sleep Matters on:

Date: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 25  
Time: 10 – 11.30am

To book or for more information, please contact Harriet Roberts

Email – [h.roberts@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:h.roberts@maidenerleghtrust.org)

Our training is delivered by practitioners trained by The Sleep Charity & Southampton University Hospital Sleep Disorder Service

### This session will include:

- The impact of sleep deprivation
- Understanding sleep cycles
- The importance of good sleep hygiene
- Information about our next informative and detailed Waking up to Healthy Sleep Course



Sleep Matters



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Coffee Afternoon and Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday 12th June at 2:00pm. To confirm your attendance please fill out this short form <https://forms.office.com/e/U8e69KGY9Z>



I look forward to our next term together, please remember you can contact me via the school office on 0118 216 0040 or direct through email [h.roberts@maidenerlegitrust.org](mailto:h.roberts@maidenerlegitrust.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.



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