

News Hub



SPRING TERM 2
2025

Update from the Headteacher and The Senior Leadership

As we wrap up the spring term, we just want to say a huge thank you to our amazing pupils, families, and staff. It's been a busy few months full of learning, laughter, and progress, and we couldn't be prouder of how far our young people have come. From creative projects to themed days, trips, and daily wins in the classroom, there's been so much to celebrate.

Our staff team continues to go above and beyond to support every pupil, and the positive partnerships with families make all the difference.

After Easter, we'll begin welcoming our new pupils due to start in September 2025 as part of their transition journey which is something we're really looking forward to.

Until then, we hope you all enjoy a restful and well-deserved break. We'll see you back in school on Tuesday 22nd April.

The Senior Leadership Team

HELLO
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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 term at Oak Tree has been full of fun, learning, and community spirit!

We began the month with World Book Day, where pupils and staff and parents brought stories to life by dressing as their favourite book characters. Classrooms were buzzing with book-themed activities, storytelling sessions, and a shared love of reading.

Following that, we welcomed Professor Kiki for an exciting science workshop. Pupils were amazed by her incredible experiments and hands-on demonstrations, which sparked lots of scientific curiosity and laughter throughout the day.

Our school choir then visited Abbeyfield Care Home, where they performed a lovely selection of songs for the residents. The children sang beautifully and showed great kindness, making it a special moment for everyone involved.

We also celebrated Holi during our Cultural Day, with every class exploring the festival's traditions through colour-themed activities, dance, and art. The highlight was our vibrant colour run, which filled the playground with smiles (and lots of colour!).

For Red Nose Day, the school came together to raise money and awareness red-themed dress-up, and a whole-school bake sale! It was a fun-filled day for a fantastic cause.

To end the term, we had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny, who brought joy and chocolate to the students. Thank you Shannon for making that happen!

Secondary Update

We have really enjoyed this term in secondary, especially now the sun has come out and we're able to really enjoy the outdoor areas of the school.

In land based studies the students have made good progress is digging over the ground and have started planting our crops. Everyone is looking forward to seeing how they grow.

In Drama lessons year 8 have been exploring the genre 'melodrama' by learning about stock characters and their vocal/physical characteristics, putting these characters into mini performances and writing their own melodramatic scripts.

We have celebrated World Book Day; doing all sorts of book-related activities including hearing staff reading their favourite books, taking part in a nationwide live quiz, and being in a fancy dress parade. It was a great day and we hope that students are inspired to read more as a result.

We also celebrated Holi with a range of activities including Bollywood dance, a colour run and lots of learning about what Holi is as well as how and why it is celebrated. Have a look at the photos of the students enjoying themselves later on in the newsletter.

More recently we celebrated Red Nose Day, with an assembly to help us understand what it is all about and why we raise money on the day. Students from secondary represented the school on a visit to Abbeyfields care home on Red Nose Day both in the school council and in the choir. They were a credit to the school and we're looking forward to our next visit there already!



Family Support Worker Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you who joined us for our recent Coffee Mornings, EYFS Stay and play sessions and Parent Training session at school. Your presence and support made these gatherings a success and as a school we are truly grateful for the opportunity to engage with many of you.

These informal events allow us to share important updates, discuss upcoming activities and most importantly, strengthen the sense of community within our school. Your insights and feedback are invaluable and we are so appreciative of the time you took to attend and contribute.

We hope these events have been an enjoyable and an informative experience for you and we look forward to continuing to work together to support our students and make our school a wonderful place for all.

I hope that you all have a wonderful half-term and we look forward to seeing you at future events!

You can contact me via the school office on 0118 216 0040 or direct through email

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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School Advisor Board Update

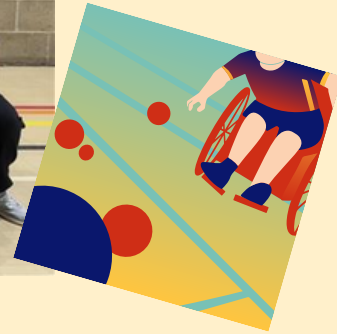


My name is Brian Poxon and I am the newly appointed Chair of the School Advisory Board for Oak Tree School. The SAB meets once a term and works closely with the Headteacher to provide support and challenge in the context of the Trust's strategic vision and values. Through harnessing local knowledge, resources and relationships, the SAB provides local input and feedback to the Trust Board to ensure accountability to local stakeholders and effectiveness in decision-making. I look forward to getting to know the school and to supporting the senior leadership team in championing the work of the pupils and staff at the school.

As you will probably be aware, last term nominations were opened for the role of Parent Member on the School Advisory Board. We are delighted to announce that Sarah Brown was successful in securing the position, joining existing parent SAB member Shannon Smith who started on the SAB when the school opened in 2023. Further details of the School Advisory Board's work within governance can be found on the school website.

Secondary PE

Some Year 8 Students represented OTS at a Boccia and New Age Curling Tournament being held at Waingels College. They were exceptional throughout the tournament, demonstrating fantastic support to one another and good team play to win some brilliant contests.



Some Year 7 and Students went to Goals in Woodley to participate in a Football Tournament organised by Reading Football Club. Students were playing against a range of ages and schools and demonstrated fantastic resilience, skill, determination and team work. For some this was well out of the comfort zone but they embraced the challenge, defenders brilliantly and scored some fantastic goals.



We want to give a huge thank you to Niki for giving up her time to do the Bollywood dance sessions with the students!

