

# Headteacher's UPDATE



OAK TREE  
SCHOOL

May 2026

## Heateachers Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

I am delighted to share with you the many successes and exciting developments that have taken place across our school over the past month. It has been an inspiring period, filled with meaningful learning experiences, growing independence, and a wonderful sense of community.

### Celebrating Student Success and Development

Our Year 9 students have been working hard on their Market Day projects as part of their work-related learning. This project helps students develop teamwork, communication, budgeting, creativity and problem-solving skills through practical activities. I look forward to seeing their ideas develop over the coming weeks.

Some of our students are now accessing specialised courses within other Maiden Erlegh Trust schools. This allows students to pursue learning opportunities that match their interests, needs and aspirations for the future.

### Engaging Experiences Beyond the Classroom

This month has been rich in visits and enrichment activities, which have brought learning to life:

- Our farm visits were a huge success, with students showing great care and empathy while interacting with the animals. It was a joy to see how much they gained from this hands-on experience.



- Our Early Years children welcomed Little City, providing an exciting opportunity for imaginative, play-based learning. The engagement was remarkable
- We were also visited by an Animal Club, where both secondary and some primary students had the opportunity to interact with reptiles. Students approached the session calmly and respectfully, showing growing confidence.

### Building Independence and Community Engagement

We are proud of the progress students are making in accessing the wider community. Students are now fully participating in community visits, developing vital life skills along the way.

- A special mention goes to Rowan Class, where Habiba has shared the success of students walking to Sainsbury's. This was an important step in building independence, confidence and real-world learning skills.

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### Sporting Achievement

Our recent football tournament was another highlight of the month. Students from across the school took part, and the pride and joy on their faces was unforgettable. These moments reinforce the importance of teamwork, perseverance and celebration of achievement – values we hold dear.

### Staff Update

We are delighted to welcome Gaile, who has taken on the role of class teacher for Pine Class. Gaile brings more than 20 years of experience working with students with SEND and is already making a positive contribution. She is working closely with the team to ensure lessons remain engaging, purposeful and well matched to students' needs as we move through the summer term.

### Our School Environment and Staff Commitment

As a staff team, we have continued working to improve our school environment. Recently, several corridors have been painted to help create calm and welcoming learning spaces for students.

In our staff meeting this week, we spent time reflecting on our shared vision:

"Nurturing potential and encouraging independence."

We discussed how we can continue supporting one another to ensure every

student has the best possible opportunities. I would also like to thank staff for their continued hard work and commitment in supporting our students each day.

### Looking Ahead

As we move into the summer term, we look forward to more outdoor learning, community visits and enrichment activities for students across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a privilege to see the progress, resilience and achievements of our school community.

Kind regards,  
**Abi**



### Important Updates

**Information about reading training will be uploaded to the website by 22 May 2026.**

**Year 9 Sports Day will now take place on 15 June due to the residential trip. We look forward to the activities planned for the summer term.**

