

# News Hub



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## Headteacher Update



I am thrilled to share some exciting updates from our dynamic learning environment. Over the past few weeks, we have witnessed a wonderful transformation within our students as they have become more settled and have formed strong friendships that are at the heart of our school community.

Our students are actively engaged in various streamed core lessons, and they are diligently completing relevant coursework, reflecting their dedication to their studies. It is a true testament to their potential and eagerness to learn.

Our dedicated staff members have shown remarkable adaptability, embracing new situations with enthusiasm, and passionately implementing our curriculum. I am immensely proud of their dedication to our students and their unwavering commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

As we move forward, our focus remains on ensuring that our students are not only academically challenged to reach their full potential but also receive the holistic support they need to become independent individuals. We kindly ask for your continued patience and support as we work towards this shared goal.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. Together, we will continue to make Oak Tree School a place where every student can thrive academically and personally.



**Abi Davis**  
Headteacher



**OAK TREE**  
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## Oak Tree Coffee Morning



This week we invited parents into Oak Tree School for our first Coffee Mornings. We had a good attendance and I hope over time more parents/carers are able to join us.

We had lots of things to talk about during the Primary classes Coffee Morning.

Transport to and from school and how this is going was discussed as well as using the home/school communication book and how important this is for the parents to know what their child has been doing throughout the day.

We also talked about setting up a book loaning scheme at school for parents to use for themselves or share with their children around such things as Toilet training, visits to the dentist, going shopping etc.

Secondary classes Coffee morning was a busy one! We also talked about transport to and from school and the setting up of the book loaning scheme. We discussed the use of social media platforms and the importance of setting a good example to our children by using it in a positive way. I was also able to share a document about ways to communicate with the school and who to contact.

I think the most talked about subject on both mornings was how delicious the cakes and biscuits were. Thank you to the children in Year 7 for baking them!



**Teresa Crandon**  
Family support worker



**OAK TREE**  
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# Visuals shared with our students and parents at secondary coffee morning



## Internet safety



Do



1) Be kind to other people.



2) Think carefully before replying.



3) Wait before replying if you are confused or upset.



4) Report comments and block people if you are upset.



5) Remember some people lie online.

Do not



1) Send or say mean or rude messages.



2) Send a lot of messages to people.



3) Message people late at night.



4) Tell people your name, birthday, number and address.



5) Plan to meet someone from online.



## Primary Update

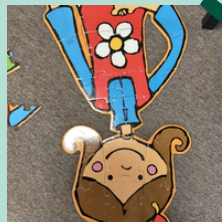
Children in Saplings, Elm and Ash have had a very busy couple of weeks. The children continue to come into school happily and ready to learn.

**Saplings Class:** The children have been listening to the story of Goldilocks and the three bears and playing with porridge oats in the tuff tray. The children have also playing 'Go and Stop' on the zebra crossing in the outside area with the scooters. They enjoyed making cookies with Willow class.

**Elm Class:** Elm Class have been using 'Wake up, Shake up' to build their tolerance to sharing space with their peers and developing cause and effect thinking by using 'Lets Connect' which involves developing their anticipation skills. The children have been learning the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and have enjoyed making a fruit salad talking about tastes, colours and textures using the communication boards to ask for more or stop.

**Ash Class:** The children have been learning place value in Maths and using objects to support their learning. Ash Class is following the theme 'Me and My...@' They have done body, senses and feelings. In cooking they have made sandwiches with their favourite filling and how to wash up.

## Pictures Shared From Primary and Secondary Around the School



## Secondary Update

Our secondary classes have enjoyed lots of baking and taking part in football trials.

**Chestnut Class:** In English the pupils worked on a persuasive piece of writing to convince someone to go on a holiday to somewhere they have enjoyed. In science they talked about the spectrum of colours in light and the direction of light travel. We have thoroughly been impressed with the students maths skills. The children really enjoyed working in groups of four, weighing in representing place value and rounding numbers. We have also enjoyed making a vanilla sponge for coffee morning!

**Willow Class:** Willow class have been working on place value by looking at PV grids using base ten. They have been thinking about a family tree, reviewing historical family trees and using their organisation skills using descriptive writing about each family member. They have responded well to the football trials and encouraging each other.

**Beech Class:** There has been a focus on friendships in Beech Class, getting to know each other and having a friendship quiz. The focus in English has been on the text 'I was born for this' designing a poster on how the characters are feeling. They are continuing to develop their division skills during maths.

**Maple Class:** Maple Class are also reading 'I was born for this' developing character descriptions and explanations. In history the class have been learning about the local area through time. Lunchtime clubs have been introduced at lunchtime with more variety-art, sports, games and gardening. Students have enjoyed baking for the coffee mornings and engaging in dance sessions very well.

We appreciate the huge transition to secondary school and as a new school we are continuing to develop and progress. To help support the school please share ideas productively to the class teacher so that we can continue to develop our home school relationship.

We have taken on your feedback and will be sharing our baseline criteria on the website next week along with planning for you to continue to support your child.

## Social Media

If you would like to keep up to date with the progress being made at Oak Tree School, follow us on...



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