



End of Year NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the academic year, we are delighted to share the latest updates and highlights from Oakhill Primary School. It has been a busy, but super-fun last term crammed with learning, creativity, and exciting opportunities for our wonderful pupils.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and enthusiasm that everyone has shown not only this half term, but for the whole academic year and are so excited to share some of our wonderful achievements and successes with you.

The weather and sunshine has been hot (but amazing!), so has allowed us to take our learning beyond the classroom and outside!

Hopefully, the sunshine continues throughout the 6 week holidays! Have a wonderful break, stay safe and see you when you return on Thursday 3rd September.



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Summer fun!

What an unforgettable way to end another fantastic year at Oakhill! This half term has been packed with memorable learning experiences, exciting events and incredible achievements. From celebrating 100 years of Oakhill, Sports Days, trips and themed learning days to our Careers Fair, Summer Fayre and achieving both the Inclusive Attendance Bronze Award and School Games Gold Award, there has been so much to celebrate. We have also continued to develop our 1:1 iPad curriculum, using technology to enhance learning and provide the very best opportunities for every child. As always, our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and ambition, making us immensely proud. We hope you enjoy looking back at some of the highlights from another wonderful term at Oakhill.

Upcoming Events

☀ Summer Break	20th July – 2nd Sept
☀ Back to School	3rd September
☀ Maple WML – Phonics	23rd Sept
☀ Apple Reading Breakfast	28th Sept
☀ Cherry Reading Breakfast	5th Oct
☀ Silver Birch WML – Phonics	7th Oct

☀ Beech Reading Breakfast	12th Oct
☀ Sycamore WML – Phonics	14 th Oct
☀ Poplar Reading Breakfast	19th Oct
☀ Year 6 Assembly	23rd Oct
☀ Half Term	26 th – 30 st Oct

*School trip dates can be found on our website

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Nursery News!

What a fantastic half term and end of the year we've had in Nursery! The children have enjoyed lots of exciting activities, including celebrating the World Cup with a fun game of blow football. During Life Skills Week, they learned about healthy and unhealthy foods, practised simple first aid using cuddly toys, learnt how to make their own beds and discovered the importance of handwashing through fun germ investigations. For Well Wednesday, the children explored the outdoors on a mini beast hunt, and one of the highlights of the half term was our special Pirate Day, where the children enjoyed a treasure hunt and a day full of pirate-themed fun and adventure! We can't wait to see you blossom in Reception next year!



Reception Round-up!

Reception have had another fantastic half term packed with fun, adventure and outdoor learning! Inspired by the story The Tiny Seed, the children planted their own bean seeds and are excited to watch them grow over the coming weeks. They have loved spending time outdoors, exploring the school grounds, discovering our very own "mini forest" and getting wonderfully muddy in the mud kitchen, where imaginations have run wild! Although we were disappointed that our trip to Peak Wildlife Park could not go ahead, the children certainly didn't miss out on the fun. Instead, they enjoyed a very special 'Reception Treat Day', complete with a relaxing spa experience featuring cucumber eye masks, soothing foot spas and lots of smiles and laughter. It has been a half term full of exploration, creativity and unforgettable memories!



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Year 1 News!

Year 1 have had a fantastic end to the school year, packed with creativity, discovery and outdoor learning! In Art, the children explored the work of Andy Goldsworthy before heading outside to create their own beautiful natural artworks using materials found around the school grounds. In D&T, they learned all about wheels and axles before designing, making and evaluating their very own moving vehicles. The sunshine provided lots of opportunities to take learning outdoors, including investigating deciduous and evergreen trees in Science. The children also loved learning about the Great Fire of London in preparation for their exciting Great Fire of London Day, where history was brought to life through a range of engaging activities. What a brilliant way to finish the year—well done, Year 1! 🌟



Year 2 News!

Year 2 have had a fantastic end to the school year, filled with creativity, practical learning and lots of fun! In Art, the children studied the work of Ansel Adams, taking their own photographs and creating landscape sketches with a focus on light, dark and shading. In D&T, they designed and built their very own Ferris wheels inspired by George Washington Gale Ferris Jr.. During Life Skills Week, the children learned about road safety, stranger danger and water safety, helping them to stay safe in everyday situations. In Maths, they explored the properties of shape, while in PSHE they learned about body changes. They also enjoyed collecting and presenting data using pictograms. What a wonderful way to end the year—well done, Year 2!



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Year 3 News!

Year 3 have had a fantastic end to the school year, packed with practical learning and exciting experiences! In D&T, the children explored cooking and nutrition, learning how food travels from farm to plate before making their own delicious vegetable pastry bakes. In Art, they created colour, pattern and texture swatch boards, while English lessons included a lively Alice in Wonderland debate. In Science, they investigated the permeability of rocks, and in PSHE they discussed their future aspirations. They also enjoyed plenty of World Cup fun, including creating country fact files. What a brilliant way to finish the year—well done, Year 3!



Year 4 News!

Year 4 have had a fantastic end to the school year, full of exciting learning and memorable experiences! In D&T, the children designed, made and raced their very own cars on the playground, while in English they enjoyed putting a twist on traditional tales by writing their own twisted fairy tales. During Biodiversity Day, they learned all about birds and trees, and in Computing they developed their coding skills using Scratch. In Science, the children explored the fascinating digestive system, and they have continued learning about the Romans in preparation for their exciting Roman Day. To finish the half term, everyone had great fun celebrating the FIFA World Cup with a range of football-themed activities. What a brilliant way to end the year—well done, Year 4!



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Year 5 News!

Year 5 have had a fantastic end to the school year, filled with fun, practical learning and important life skills! During Life Skills Week, the children learned about road safety as both pedestrians and passengers, practised first aid skills including bandaging, and explored how to budget money and interpret a bank statement—valuable skills for the future! We were also incredibly proud to see every child receive a swimming certificate in recognition of their hard work throughout the year. In History, the classroom was transformed as the children created their very own Oakhill pharaohs through a memorable mummification activity! They also enjoyed taking part in 'Crazy Courses' led by visitors from Staffordshire University. What a brilliant way to finish the year—well done, Year 5!



Year 6 News!

Year 6 have certainly ended the year on a high! After working incredibly hard during their SATs, the children have enjoyed a range of engaging, hands-on learning experiences. In D&T, they worked collaboratively to design, create and evaluate their own board games before taking on the challenge of designing and building functioning playgrounds. They also took part in an exciting photography workshop led by a professional photographer, where they explored the school capturing photographs of other children using the skills and techniques they had learned. It has been fantastic to see the children finish the year by showing such creativity, teamwork and independence in everything they have achieved. What a brilliant way to end a fantastic year—well done, Year 6!



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Sport Superstars



This half term has been a sunny and sporty one at Oakhill! We have been incredibly proud to see so many of our children representing the school in a variety of sporting events. Our athletes competed at the Stoke-on-Trent City Finals at Northwood Stadium, while others showcased their teamwork and determination in netball tournaments and cross-country competitions across the city. We also took part in the Orchard Community Trust Cross Country event, where all of the Trust schools competed—and we are thrilled to announce that Oakhill finished in 1st place!

Throughout these events, our children truly lived our school values. They showed resilience by never giving up, ambition by striving to achieve their personal best, respect for teammates, opponents and officials, independence by taking responsibility for their own performance, and empathy by encouraging and supporting one another every step of the way. We are incredibly proud of every child who represented Oakhill so brilliantly—well done, Team Oakhill!

Of course, a massive welldone to everybody that took part in sport's day too! A few fun filled days celebrating talents and teamwork! Superstars!



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Oakill 100!

This half term, we celebrated an incredible milestone as Oakhill turned 100 years old! To mark this special occasion, the children enjoyed two fun-filled days packed with exciting activities and unforgettable memories. They took part in an interactive Oakhill History QR Trail, using their iPads and geography skills to navigate around the school and uncover fascinating facts from Oakhill's past. There was plenty of excitement on the inflatable assault course and giant slides, while every child painted a stone to create a lasting Oakhill memorial, celebrating 100 years of our wonderful school community. The celebrations also included a special picnic lunch and many more activities that brought everyone together.

As part of our centenary celebrations, we were delighted to welcome former pupils and members of the local community back to Oakhill. Visitors enjoyed guided tours of the school, explored our historical archives and shared treasured memories of their time at Oakhill, making the occasion even more special for everyone involved.

We rounded off our centenary celebrations with our fantastic Summer Fayre, which was a huge success! Thanks to the incredible generosity and support of our families, staff and wider community, we raised over £2,300. This money will be used to create even more memorable learning experiences and exciting opportunities for our children in the years ahead. Thank you to everyone who helped make Oakhill's 100th birthday such a truly unforgettable celebration!



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Careers Fair!



Our recent KS2 Careers Fair was a fantastic success, giving our children the opportunity to explore a wide range of future careers. We were delighted to welcome 28 volunteers, who generously gave their time to share their experiences, answer questions and inspire our pupils. The children were curious, engaged and asked thoughtful questions, gaining a valuable insight into many different professions while making meaningful links between their learning in school and the opportunities that lie ahead.

The event reflected our Oakhill values, with children showing respect as they listened to our visitors, ambition as they explored future possibilities, and independence through their confident questioning. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers for making the event such a memorable experience, and a special thank you to Mrs Obada, our Careers and Aspirations Lead, for all of her hard work in organising such an inspiring and successful event.



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Terrific Trips!



This half term, our children have enjoyed a range of exciting experiences that have brought their learning to life. Year 1 travelled back in time during their Great Fire of London Day, learning about fire safety from a visiting specialist, taking part in a nature hunt and baking their own bread. Year 2 had an amazing Beach Day, building sandcastles in the sunshine, printing shells, fishing, enjoying ice cream and finishing the day with a fun-filled playground water fight. Year 4 immersed themselves in Roman history by designing and making their own Roman shields before heading outside to take part in an exciting Roman battle. Year 5 enjoyed a visit to the local library to further develop their love of reading and, alongside Year 6, experienced a wonderful performance by the Hallé Orchestra at Victoria Hall. These memorable experiences have created lasting memories and helped make learning fun, engaging and unforgettable.



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Goodbye, Year 6



Our incredible Year 6 pupils are ready to take their next big step—and what a journey it's been! This remarkable group have worked so hard, faced challenges with resilience, and filled our school with laughter, kindness, and determination. They truly shone in their SATs, impressed us all with a wonderful end-of-year production, and were treated to a fun-filled morning of bowling and Domino's as a well-deserved reward. Their prom night was unforgettable—they all looked amazing and celebrated in style!

They rounded off their time at Oakhill with an action-packed week at Stanley Head, creating memories to last a lifetime.

We will miss them greatly, but we know they will go on to achieve fantastic things in the future. A huge thank you to all the staff who have supported them throughout their primary journey. Good luck, Year 6—we're so proud of you!



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School achievements!



We are delighted to celebrate two fantastic achievements this half term! Oakhill has been awarded the Inclusive Attendance Bronze Award Accreditation, recognising our commitment to ensuring every child feels welcomed, valued and supported to attend school.

We have also achieved the School Games Gold Award, celebrating our dedication to providing high-quality PE, sport and physical activity opportunities for all pupils. A huge well done to our staff and children for helping make these achievements possible!

Goodbyes & Good Luck!



We would like to say a fond farewell to Mrs Hales. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication during your time at Oakhill. We wish you every success and happiness in your new role.

We would also like to wish Miss Williams a wonderful summer as she celebrates her wedding. We look forward to welcoming her back in September as Mrs Owens! Finally, we are delighted to welcome Miss Rogers, who will be joining our Year 1 team, and Mrs Neale, who will be joining our Nursery team. We are excited to welcome them to the Oakhill family and look forward to the new school year together.



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Happy Retirement!!



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SO MUCH

Today, we say a very special farewell to Mrs Palmer and Mrs Pirie as they begin their well-deserved retirement after many, many years at Oakhill.

For generations of children, they have been among the very first smiling faces to welcome them into our Nursery, helping them take those important first steps on their learning journey. Their warmth, kindness, patience and fun-loving nature have made a lasting difference to so many children and families, and we know how incredibly lucky we have been to have them as part of our Oakhill family. While they will be greatly missed, the legacy they leave behind will continue to live on through the countless lives they have touched over the years.

Mrs Palmer and Mrs Pirie, thank you for everything you have done for our children, families and staff. We wish you both a long, happy and relaxing retirement, filled with the people you love and all the things that bring you joy. Enjoy every moment—you've more than earned it!

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