



# Summer 1 Half Term NEWSLETTER



## Oakhill Primary School



### Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy half-term, we are delighted to share the latest updates and highlights from Oakhill Primary School. It has been a short, but fun-filled half 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 this half term and are so excited to share some of our wonderful achievements and successes with you.

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

Hopefully the sunshine continues throughout the half term break!  
Stay safe and see you when you return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### Summer fun!

This half-term has been packed with fun, learning, and celebration! We marked VE Day with a special picnic lunch outside, complete with ice lollies, giving the children a chance to reflect on history while enjoying time together in the sunshine. Our VR workshops brought learning to life in exciting new ways, and the lovely weather has meant plenty of outdoor fun and active learning across the school. Parents were invited to take part in our 'Watch Me Learn' French sessions, joining their children in exploring language learning first-hand. Of course, we're incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for showing such determination and resilience during their SATs. From discos to exciting D&T days, it's been a busy and rewarding few weeks for everyone!

### Upcoming Events

- ☀ Half Term 26th - 30<sup>th</sup> May
- ☀ Back to School 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- ☀ BeeActive Activity Day 5th June
- ☀ Reception Trip - Peak Wildlife 24th June
- ☀ Y1-Y3 Sports Day 27th June 9-11am
- ☀ Y4-Y6 Sports Day 27th June 1.10pm-3pm

- ☀ EYFS Sports Day 4th July 9-11am
- ☀ Oakhill Litter Pick 5<sup>th</sup> July 9.45-11.30am
- ☀ Y6 Leavers Assembly 9th July 1.30-3pm
- ☀ Y6 Prom 11th July 6-8pm
- ☀ Y6 Stanley Head 14th-18<sup>th</sup> July
- ☀ Break up for Summer 18th July

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### Nursery News!

Nursery have had a fantastic half term filled with curiosity, creativity and lots of outdoor learning! We have investigated minibeasts; the children have loved exploring the world of tiny creatures. We've been learning all about bees, why they are so important to our environment, and how they help plants and people. In Maths, we've been spotting and creating patterns, using colours, shapes and objects to develop our early problem-solving skills. In English, we've been focusing on rhyming words, enjoying stories and songs. We are also incredibly proud that every child received a special Headteacher sticker from Mr Smith this half term for their amazing effort in phonics – what a brilliant achievement! Well done, Nursery!



### Reception Round-up!

Reception have had a wonderful half term full of creative learning and outdoor adventures! We've been busy bird watching and recording what we saw by creating our own tally charts – a great way to practise our counting and observation skills. The children have also been planting seeds and learning to name different plants, watching closely as they start to grow. In English, we've loved retelling the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears bringing the characters to life! As part of our outdoor learning, the children created their very own Gingerbread Man using natural materials – they showed amazing imagination and teamwork! WE also learned about why the Gingerbread Man didn't sink! It's been a busy and brilliant half term – well done, Reception!



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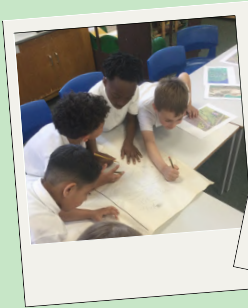


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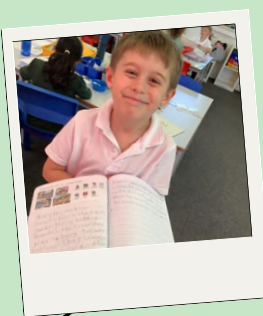
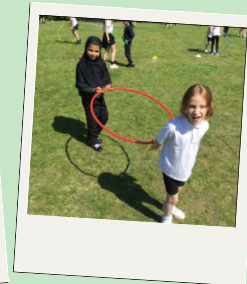
### Year 1 News!

Year 1 have had a super half term packed with fun and learning across the curriculum! In Geography, we've been exploring urban and rural areas on maps and learning to identify human and physical features. In Maths, we've been working on subtraction and money, helping us to solve problems and understand real-life situations. Our PSHE focus has been all about families and communities, learning how people support and care for each other. In History, we travelled back in time to learn about Leif Erikson and his longboats! We've also been inspired by the story of Bettuti, who travelled on a camel, and in English, we enjoyed reading *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* – even having our very own tea party with a very hungry tiger! A fantastic half term, Year 1 – well done.



### Year 2 News!

Year 2 have had another fantastic half term, diving into lots of exciting topics! In Maths, we've been busy measuring length and height using rulers and metre sticks - we had fun measuring things around the classroom! In English, we've been writing setting descriptions, using our senses and conjunctions to create detailed and imaginative scenes. We also enjoyed an interactive Geography lesson, learning all about coastal areas – perfect preparation for our upcoming beach trip next half term! In Science, we explored microhabitats, discovering the tiny creatures that live in different environments. In Art, we learned about the incredible sculptor Augusta Savage, and were inspired by her story! Well done, Year 2 – you've been curious, creative and hardworking all term!



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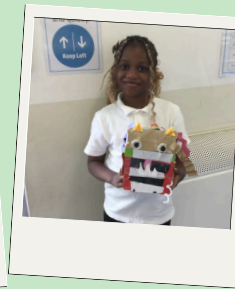


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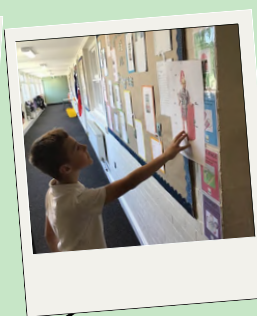
### Year 3 News!

Year 3 have had such a busy half term! One of the highlights was our enrichment VR lesson, which brought the world of the Ancient Greeks to life! In Science, we've been observing and exploring plants and what they need to thrive. In English, we've been working hard on writing our own narratives, learning to use speech to bring characters and dialogue to life. In French, we've enjoyed learning how to talk about our hobbies, building our confidence in speaking another language. Our Geography lessons have focused on coastal erosion, where we've explored the causes and effects of changing coastlines, and in History, we've been comparing the lives of rich and poor people in Ancient Greece. Well done, Year 3 – you've worked hard and shown great curiosity this half term!



### Year 4 News!

Year 4 have had a fantastic half term, filled with creativity, history and hard work. In Art, we explored the unique style of Blexbolex, taking inspiration from his bold illustrations to create our own amazing pieces. As part of our History learning, we took part in an Inside Out Roman activity, where the children tested their knowledge by identifying and remembering the different parts of Roman armour – a fun and memorable way to bring history to life! The children have also worked incredibly hard preparing for their OSAL presentations, showing great focus and confidence. They completed their presentations brilliantly and we are so proud of each and every one of them – fantastic work, Year 4!



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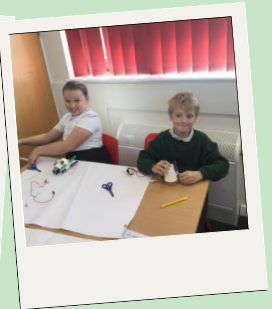
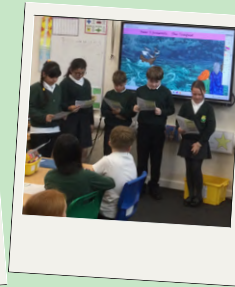
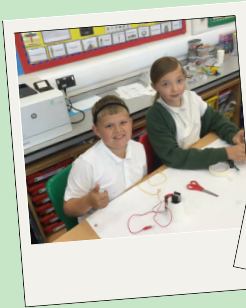


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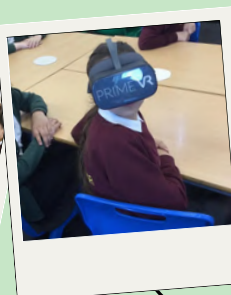
### Year 5 News!

Year 5 have had a brilliant and action-packed half term! We kicked things off with a memorable History lesson by mummifying a class member, bringing our learning about Ancient Egypt to life in a fun (and slightly messy!) way. In Art, we went foraging for natural materials in the sunshine to use in our creations, exploring texture and form in a hands-on way. The children also impressed us with their confidence and expression while performing Shakespeare, showing real flair for drama and language. In Design and Technology, they had a fantastic time designing and building their own electronic doodlers, learning about circuits and creativity all in one go. Well done, Year 5 – what a fantastic term!



### Year 6 News!

Year 6 have had a fantastic half term filled with creativity, imagination and hands-on learning. In English, they wrote brilliant character descriptions based on The Wishmaker, using AI to generate images of what they thought the character might look like. Some children were so proud of their work they shared it with Mrs Dodd, who was very impressed! In Design and Technology, the creativity continued as they designed and built their own playgrounds and crafted steady hand games, combining design skills with problem-solving and precision. As part of our Geography learning, the children took part in an exciting VR lesson all about the rainforest, bringing their topic to life in a truly immersive way. Well done, Year 6 – your enthusiasm and hard work continues to shine!



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### Watch Me Learn!



This half term, Willow, Maple and Cedar and Holly classes took part in fantastic 'Watch Me Learn' sessions in French with the wonderful Mrs Alliband. The children were excited to showcase their learning – they confidently counted in French, sang French songs, and even learned about the iconic Eiffel Tower. It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents, carers and family members into school to join in the fun and support the children's learning. A huge thank you to Mrs Alliband for her incredible enthusiasm and dedication, and to everyone who attended.

Nursery had a wonderful Learn With Me session this half term, and it was fantastic to see so many parents and carers join us in the classroom! Families had the chance to take part in a range of activities alongside the children, with messy play and construction proving to be firm favourites. The children loved sharing their learning and showing their grown-ups all the fun they have at school. Thank you to everyone who came – your support makes these moments extra special!



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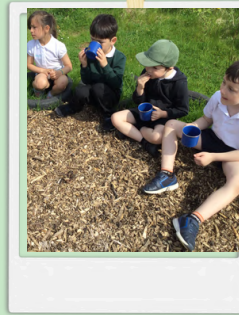




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## Fantastic Forest Schools!

This half term's Forest Schools sessions have been extra special, thanks to the beautiful weather! The children have loved getting hands-on and creative in nature – they've been busy learning the names of trees, feeding the birds, and building bug hotels to support local wildlife. With the hot weather, they showed great care and empathy by creating mini wildlife ponds, helping animals stay safe and hydrated during the dry days.

Beyond the fun and discovery, Forest Schools plays a vital role in supporting children's holistic development – building confidence, resilience, and a deep connection with the natural world. It also nurtures friendships and positive relationships, as children work together, share ideas, and support one another in the great outdoors. These sessions continue to be a highlight of the week – filled with meaningful learning, muddy adventures, and lasting memories.

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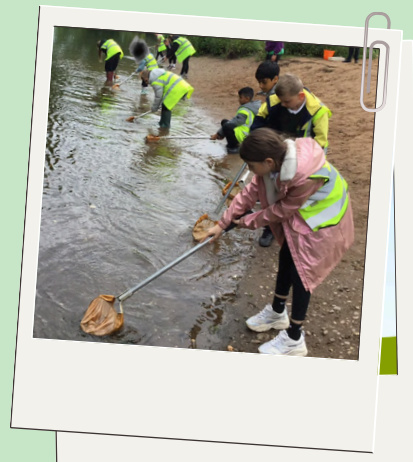
## Sport Shoutouts!

A massive well done to the incredible children who took part in the Stoke Town Netball Tournament! For many, it was their very first time playing on a proper court – but you would never have known it! They showed amazing resilience, perseverance, and team spirit in every single match. Their confidence grew with each game, and the way they encouraged and supported one another was truly heart-warming. Well done, team – you're all superstars!



## Terrific Trips!

Year 5 had an exciting and educational visit to The Wolseley Centre this term. The children took part in a variety of hands-on activities including pond dipping and river dipping, discovering a fascinating range of water-based creatures. They also measured the flow of the river by throwing sticks in and calculating the distance they traveled. As part of their scientific learning, they took pH levels and temperature readings to check the water's safety. The children confidently identified different species of plants and aquatic life, showing great curiosity and care. As always, their behaviour was exemplary, and they represented Oakhill impeccably. Superstars!



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### Disco Fun!



We had an absolute blast at our recent discos! Years 1-3 and Years 4-6 each had their own special dance parties filled with great dance moves, fun, and lots of laughter. The children dazzled in their beautiful outfits, waved glow sticks, and even rocked out with some enthusiastic air guitar solos! There's no doubt we have some future superstars in the making—what fantastic energy and joy all around. We can't wait for the next one!



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## SATs Superstars!

This half term, our Year 6 children sat their SATs and we couldn't be prouder of how incredibly hard they worked—not just in the run-up, but also on the big days themselves. Thanks to the SATs breakfast each morning, they were all fueled and ready to give their best. Their dedication and perseverance truly shone through, and we're confident all their effort will pay off. To celebrate, they enjoyed a fantastic day of fun in the sun, filled with games, ice lollies, activities, and treats—the perfect reward for their hard work. A special thank you to the Year 6 staff, who have worked tirelessly all year to ensure the children learn, grow, and enjoy their learning journey. Remember, SATs don't measure all the wonderful qualities each of you has—your kindness, creativity, and resilience matter just as much. Well done, Year 6—you're amazing!



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