



# 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 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### Summer fun!

What an incredible end to the academic year! This term has been filled with a variety of indoor and outdoor learning experiences that have kept our students engaged, excited, and eager to explore. We've enjoyed educational trips, enriching days, and inspiring visitors who shared their knowledge with our students. Our Sports Days were full of energy and teamwork, with every child taking part in friendly competition and celebration. Students also participated in Masterclasses across different subjects, from MFL to D&T, giving them the chance to develop their skills and engage in hands-on learning. Finally, we are excited to announce the launch of our 1:1 iPad program in September, which will allow our students to enhance their learning with the latest technology.

### Upcoming Events

- Summer Break 21st July – 2nd Sept
- Back to School 3rd September
- Apple Reading Breakfast 24<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Y6 Chester Zoo trip 30<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Poplar Reading Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Cherry Reading Breakfast 8th Oct

- Beech Brampton Museum 13<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Poplar Brampton Museum 15<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Lime Ford Green Hall 21st Oct
- Tulip Ford Green Hall 23rd Oct
- Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

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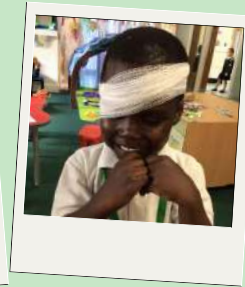


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### Nursery News!

Acorns and Conkers had an adventurous final term of learning! We made our own telescopes to search for sharks, looking up at the sky, down at the ground, and all around. Along the way, we spotted a black cat, collected feathers to make wishes, and lay in the shade under the trees, cloud spotting. As part of Life Skills Week, we also learned about dog safety and first aid, how to use zebra crossing safely and explored the important message of the NSPCC's Pantosaurus, even designing our own pants! There was also lots of fun practising for Sports Day, where our little ones showed off their energy and teamwork. A busy and exciting term for Acorns and Conkers! Well done!



### Reception Round-up!

Reception have had a fantastic term filled with hands-on learning! In Maths, they explored 3D shapes, focusing on faces and patterns. They also planted potatoes and wildflowers, learning about nature and how things grow. The children made beautiful friendship bracelets from leaves and discovered the names of different trees. A highlight of the term was visiting Oakhill's Art Gallery, where they admired the incredible artwork created by children from all year groups across the school. As part of Life Skills Week, Reception learned about the importance of keeping healthy and doing exercise, helping them understand the value of staying active. What a wonderful and exciting half term it has been!



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### Year 1 News!

Year 1 have had a term full of exciting activities and learning! They had their first dance session, where they explored movement and rhythm. As weather reporters, they created their own weather maps and presented forecasts to the class. In D&T, the children designed and built their very own windmills, learning about wind power and engineering. They also explored the concepts of healthy and unhealthy foods, making important connections to how we care for our bodies. For English, Year 1 did some amazing work to celebrate 100 years of Stoke-on-Trent, using the story 'Stanley's Magic Teapot' to transport them through different eras of the city's history. It's been a term of creativity, discovery, and fun! Well done, Year 1!



### Year 2 News!

Year 2 have had a busy and engaging term! In Maths, they explored mass and capacity, developing their understanding of measurements. In PSHE, they learned about life cycles, discovering how different living things grow and change. Their English work focused on exploring tenses, helping them improve their writing skills. In Science, the children studied living habitats, learning about herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores. In D&T, they designed and created their very own Ferris wheels, putting their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test. Geography lessons introduced them to climate zones, expanding their knowledge of the world. During Life Skills Week, Year 2 learned important lessons in dog and water safety. They also began preparations for OSAL by working on their oracy skills, preparing to speak confidently in front of others. It's been a wonderful and productive term!



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### Year 3 News!

Year 3 have had a fantastic and hands-on term! In Science, they used food dye to explore how water is transported in plants, making the process come to life in an exciting way. In D&T, the children learned about seasonal food, including taste testing and creating their own seasonal pastry tarts. They worked hard cutting and prepping all their ingredients, and the best part was enjoying the delicious end result! A big thank you to the kitchen staff for helping bake them all! Additionally, Year 3 completed their OSAL presentations, which were celebrated with family and friends in a special assembly. It's been a term full of learning, creativity, and fun! Well done, Year3!



### Year 4 News!

Year 4 have had a brilliant and creative term! In D&T, they designed and built their own mechanical cars, learning about engineering and problem-solving. In Art, they explored tracing and painting techniques while studying the work of Blexbolex, a French artist and printmaker. The children were also fortunate to have students from Trentham High School join them for Canon reading sessions, where they worked on reading skills and expression. Year 4 also completed their OSAL presentations, and they were fantastic—well done to all the students for their hard work! It's been a term full of creativity, learning, and great achievements.



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### Year 5 News!

Year 5 have had an exciting and productive term! In Maths, they focused on the properties of shapes, deepening their understanding of geometry. The children also took part in team-building activities, developing collaboration and problem-solving skills. In D&T, they designed and created fish toys, using sewing techniques to bring their ideas to life. In Science, Year 5 learned about the gestation periods of animals and humans, exploring the science behind growth and development. For Art, they created digital artwork inspired by the unique style of artist Stephen McMennamy, combining creativity with technology. It's been a term full of learning, teamwork, and artistic expression!

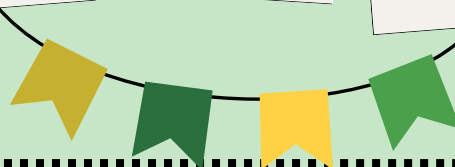


### Year 6 News!

Year 6 have had a fantastic final half term at Oakhill, full of learning and creativity! In Science, they explored the fascinating topic of light, diving into how it works and its properties. The children also used their art skills to create props for the end-of-year Year 6 production, adding a personal touch to the performance. In English, they used the book *The Arrival* to inspire their writing, exploring themes of immigration and belonging. During Life Skills Week, Year 6 learned important lessons in fire, water, and sun safety, skills they can take with them beyond Oakhill to stay safe in everyday life. To top off the term, they had a French food tasting lesson, exploring new tastes and expanding their cultural knowledge. It's been a wonderful and enriching final term for Year 6!



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## Masterclass Moments!



This half term, our Masterclasses have been full of creativity and learning across a variety of subjects! In English, the children used AI to generate characters using technical language and vocabulary. It was amazing to see the characters come to life, and the children worked hard to recognise if their word choices—such as appropriate adjectives—were suitable to achieve the desired outcome. In D&T, KS2 students took part in a subject Masterclass with Miss Else, where they explored the concept of ‘sustainability’ and learned ways to help the environment. They then designed and made their own sustainable bags, using sewing skills. In our MFL Masterclass, with Mrs Alliband, the children had fun exploring the Chinese language. They practiced counting to ten, saying hello and goodbye, and built sentences using support mats, showing great language-learning skills. It’s been an exciting term of hands-on learning and skill development!



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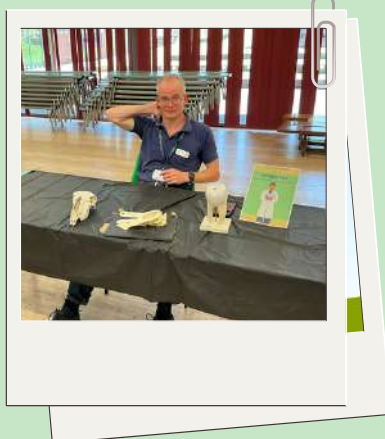
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## Careers Fair!



This half term, our Key Stage 2 pupils had the incredible opportunity to attend a Careers Fair, where we were joined by nineteen employers from a wide range of fields. The event provided the children with a valuable insight into the exciting career opportunities available to them beyond their education. We were fortunate to have a diverse group of professionals, including magicians, police officers, finance sector workers, teachers, computer programmers, fitness and leisure workers, and many more! The pupils had the chance to engage with these experts, ask questions, and discover the skills and qualifications needed for various professions. It was an inspiring experience, as children saw first-hand how their passions and talents could shape their future careers. The feedback from staff was overwhelmingly positive, with many noting how motivated, curious, and engaged the children were in exploring these possibilities. The Careers Fair was a truly enriching experience, sparking excitement and curiosity about the future! Thank you, Miss Else for your hard work organising it.



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## Sport Shoutouts!



What a fantastic half-term of sporting success!

Our pupils did brilliantly at the Stoke Town competition held at Northwood, showing fantastic teamwork and determination. We were thrilled to then compete in the Northwood City Finals, where everyone gave their all and made us incredibly proud. We also took our Year 6 pupils to a rounders competition, where they played with real passion and skill—finishing as runners-up! A brilliant result! A special shoutout as well to our Year 5/6 girls, who took part in a football tournament and absolutely smashed it with their performance, teamwork, and determination. Well done to all our sporting stars—you've represented Oakhill brilliantly! Thank you to all staff, parents/carers that support with these events too to make them possible.



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### Terrific Trips!



This half-term has been packed with exciting trips and unforgettable experiences! Year 4 enjoyed a brilliant Roman Day in school, exploring Roman clothing, weapons, and even sampling Roman food. Both Years 4 and 5 were inspired by the music of the Hallé Orchestra during their visit to Victoria Hall. Year 3 took part in important road safety walks, learning how to stay safe when out and about. Year 5 have been particularly busy—visiting Longton Fire Station for a Safe and Sound event, as well as completing geography fieldwork in the local area. Reception had an amazing day at Peak Wildlife Park, seeing animals up close and enjoying the fresh air. Year 1 brought history to life with a Great Fire of London Day, where they recreated the fire and even tasted food from the era. And finally, Year 2 had a perfect sunny day at the beautiful New Brighton Beach—a fantastic way to end the year!



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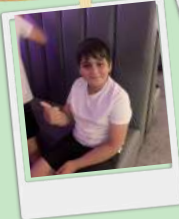
Goodbye, Year 6

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!



Prom night

Good Luck



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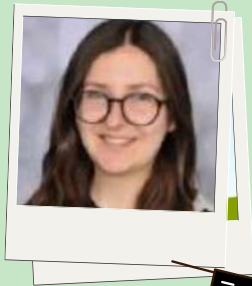
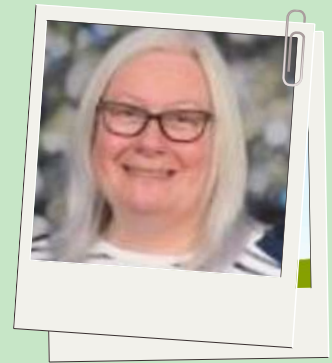
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## Goodbyes & Good Luck!

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we say some fond farewells and share exciting well-wishes. A very special goodbye to Mrs Keay, who is retiring after over 20 years of dedicated service to Oakhill. She has worked incredibly hard and made a huge impact on the lives of so many of our families. Thank you, Mrs Keay—enjoy your well-earned retirement, you will be greatly missed.



We also say goodbye to Miss Ward, who is leaving us to begin the next chapter of her teaching career. Good luck, Miss Ward, and thank you for all your hard work—you're going to be amazing!

**GOOD LUCK**

A short but sweet goodbye goes to Miss Warner, who is starting her maternity leave—we can't wait to meet the new addition to your family! A warm welcome to Miss Kelly, who will be covering Miss Warner's leave—we're confident she'll be a fantastic addition to the Oakhill team.

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Else (soon to be Mrs Obada) and Miss Thomas (soon to be Mrs Davies), who are both getting married over the summer. Congratulations, and enjoy every moment of your special days!

And finally, the biggest thank you goes to our amazing students and parents, who have helped make this another successful and memorable year at Oakhill. Your support, kind words, helpful feedback, and encouragement mean so much to us. We know that Oakhill wouldn't be the wonderful school it is without the continued strength of our parent and carer community behind us.



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