



Autumn 1 NEWSLETTER



Oakhill Primary School



#weloveoakhill

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the year it has been at Oakhill Primary School! The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and have built fantastic relationships with their new teachers, especially our newest and youngest additions to our Oakhill family in Nursery and Reception! We are so proud of how well the children have embraced their first half term of learning.

Autumn 1 has been filled with enthusiasm, creativity, and fantastic achievements across all year groups. A particular highlight has been the introduction of our 1:1 iPads in Years 2-6, which have already transformed learning in exciting and interactive ways.

It's been a long half term, but a brilliant start to the academic year, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

Autumn fun!

As Autumn 1 comes to an end, we couldn't be prouder of the amazing start our children have made to the new school year. From exciting trips and creative projects to hands-on learning and new challenges, every class has embraced opportunities to learn, grow, and shine. It's been wonderful to see the school buzzing with curiosity, teamwork, and enthusiasm once again. Our 1:1 iPads have become an invaluable part of learning, helping pupils to explore subjects in innovative and engaging ways. A huge well done to all our children for their hard work and positivity this half term — you've truly made it a fantastic start to the year!

Upcoming Events

- Inset Day 3rd Nov
- Back to School Tuesday 4th Nov
- Parent's Evening Thurs 6th Nov
- Beech Reading Breakfast 12th Nov
- Oak Reading Breakfast 19th Nov
- Redwood Reading Breakfast 26th Nov

- Y 1-3 Christmas Disco 9th Dec
- Y 4-6 Christmas Disco 11th Dec
- Break up 19th Dec

#weloveoakhill





Autumn 1

NEWSLETTER



Oakhill Primary School



Nursery News!

Our Nursery children have had a wonderful first term, full of excitement, creativity, and outdoor adventures! They've loved jumping in puddles, exploring nature, and forming lots of new friendships. As part of Welly Wednesday, the children took part in bark rubbing and created beautiful leaf crowns using treasures they found outside. They also learned all about Diwali, making colourful crafts and learning why this festival of light is so special. Another highlight was retelling The Gingerbread Man, using role play and storytelling to bring the tale to life. It's been a fantastic start to the year for Acorns and Conkers, full of fun, laughter, and learning!



Reception Round-up!

Reception have had an amazing first term filled with creativity, exploration, and hands-on learning! The children enjoyed pumpkin painting and even foraged for berries, which they used to make their own natural paints. They loved reading Funnybones and learning all about the bones in the human body. As part of their topic on Journeys, they made beautiful nature bracelets and explored the world around them. The story of The Three Little Pigs inspired some fantastic outdoor learning, where the children worked together to build their own shelters. In Maths, they've been using ten frames to make numbers up to five, developing their counting and problem-solving skills. What a busy and exciting start to the year for Reception!



#weloveoakhill





Autumn 1

NEWSLETTER



Oakhill Primary School



Year 1 News!

Year 1 have had a fantastic first term, full of creativity, curiosity, and fun! The children have been practising their cutting skills and developing their desktop computer skills in the ICT suite. In Art, they created amazing charcoal drawings inspired by the artist Frank Auerbach, experimenting with bold lines and shading. In RE, they learned all about Harvest and how Christians celebrate this special time of year. In Maths, the children explored 2D shapes, identifying their properties and using them in creative ways. Their English work was based on Jack and the Beanstalk—and excitement filled the classroom when they discovered a video message from the giant himself after somebody had made quite a mess! It's been a brilliant start to the year for Year 1!



Year 2 News!

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting start to the year, filled with learning across lots of different subjects! In Science, they explored animals and human life cycles, discovering how living things grow and change. In Art, the children created beautiful pieces inspired by Faye Halliday, showcasing their creativity and attention to detail. They also compared the reigns of Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria, learning how these two monarchs ruled in very different times. In D&T, the class experimented with pivots and linkages to create moving mechanisms, and in Maths, they worked on number bonds to 100. Year 2 also began learning to play the recorders—an experience Mrs Dodd was lucky enough to hear first-hand! To finish off their busy weeks, the children have enjoyed yoga sessions as part of Fitness Friday, helping them relax and stay active. What a wonderful half term it's been!



#weloveoakhill





Autumn 1

NEWSLETTER



Oakhill Primary School



Year 3 News!

Year 3 have had a fantastic term filled with creativity, curiosity, and hands-on learning! In D&T, they explored structures by designing and building impressive castles fit for Henry VIII, linking perfectly with their History lessons where they learned all about the famous king and his six wives. In Maths, the children have been mastering column subtraction, while in English they wrote detailed non-chronological reports, showing great use of facts and organisation. In Science, they investigated magnetic materials through fun, practical experiments, and in Art they painted beautiful clay tiles inspired by the style of Josiah Wedgwood. The children also took part in a special PSHE friendship session with Tom, our Education Mental Health Practitioner, learning the importance of kindness and teamwork. What a brilliant and busy term for Year 3!



Year 4 News!

Year 4 have had a brilliant term packed with creativity and discovery! In D&T, the children became bakers, designing and making their own delicious biscuits before creating personalised packaging to go with them. In History, they have been learning all about The Titanic, exploring what life was like for the different classes on board. They even had a special visitor who brought in fascinating memorabilia for the children to examine—bringing history to life! In Science, the class investigated melting rates for different materials through hands-on experiments, while in Art they explored how colours can represent and convey meaning, producing some thoughtful and expressive pieces. It's been a truly inspiring and enjoyable term for Year 4!



#weloveoakhill





Autumn 1

NEWSLETTER



Oakhill Primary School



Year 5 News!

Year 5 have had a fun and engaging term full of creativity and collaboration! In D&T, the children explored mechanisms by designing and creating their own impressive pop-up books, combining storytelling with engineering skills. During Fitness Friday, they took on the Hula Hoop Challenge, showing great teamwork and problem-solving as they worked together to succeed. In Science, they learned about filtering and carried out practical experiments to see how materials can be separated. Through their English work, the children explored feelings and emotions linked to texts, learning how these can be expressed effectively through words. It's been a fantastic term of learning, creativity, and teamwork for Year 5!



Year 6 News!

Year 6 have had an incredibly busy and creative half term! In D&T, they've developed a wide range of practical skills—designing and sewing their own waistcoats, building detailed 3D Anglo-Saxon houses, and creating impressive automata toys using hacksaws and hot glue. In Maths, the children have been mastering long division, showing great perseverance and focus. Geography lessons took learning outdoors, where they revisited counties, capital cities, and oceans through fun, hands-on activities. In Science, they explored electricity, building and testing circuits, and in Music, they enjoyed using the glockenspiels to perform and compose simple melodies. It's been a fantastic term of creativity, curiosity, and achievement for Year 6!



#weloveoakhill



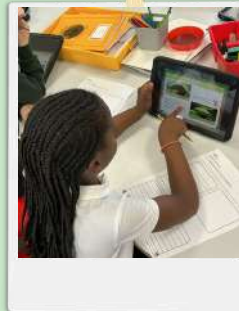


Autumn 1

NEWSLETTER



Oakhill Primary School

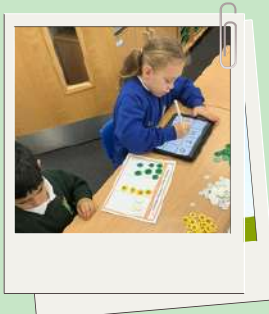


iPads!!

We are thrilled to share how successful the rollout of our 1:1 iPads has been this term! The iPads have been used in a wide range of lessons across the curriculum, transforming the way children learn, create, and collaborate. In D&T, pupils have used their devices to photograph their projects at different stages of the design and creation process, helping them to reflect on their progress. In Art, teachers have recorded themselves modelling artistic techniques, which were played on a continuous loop to support pupils as they worked independently – a brilliant example of technology enhancing creativity.

In Maths, some classes have begun using the screen-recording feature to revisit modelled strategies and explanations. This has been particularly successful in Year 6, where children were able to rewatch their teacher's methods, deepening their understanding and supporting independent learning. The iPads have also been invaluable for learners with additional needs and for those with English as an additional language, offering translation tools, visual aids, and interactive resources to strengthen understanding.

Across the school, teachers have noted improved engagement, focus, and confidence in pupils as they use technology to research, present ideas, and take ownership of their learning. The feedback from both staff and pupils has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are excited to continue exploring the many ways our iPads can support and enhance learning in every classroom!



#weloveoakhill





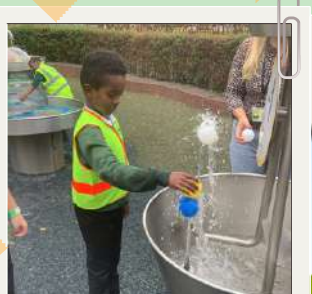
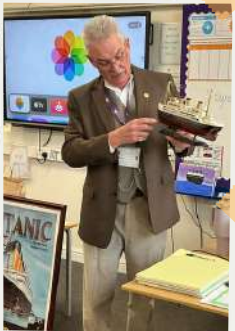
Autumn 1 NEWSLETTER



Oakhill Primary School

Terrific Trips!

This half term has been full of exciting trips and special experiences that have brought learning to life across the school! Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Ford Green Hall, where they explored life in Tudor times and deepened their understanding of history. Year 4 had an incredible day at The Thinktank Science Museum, taking part in hands-on experiments and exploring fascinating scientific exhibits. They were also lucky enough to welcome a special visitor, Gerard, who has been collecting Titanic memorabilia for over 50 years – an amazing opportunity that linked perfectly to their topic work! Year 5 visited The Brampton Museum, where they learned more about local history and explored the museum's fascinating collections. Year 6 pupils have been busy too – some attended a Science STEM event at Willow Primary School, where they took part in exciting experiments and workshops, while others enjoyed an unforgettable day at Chester Zoo, learning all about conservation and animal habitats.



#weloveoakhill





Autumn 1

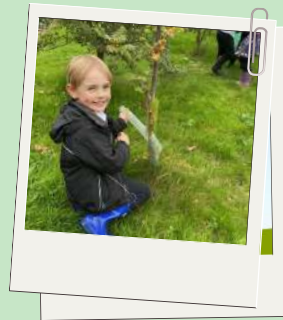
NEWSLETTER



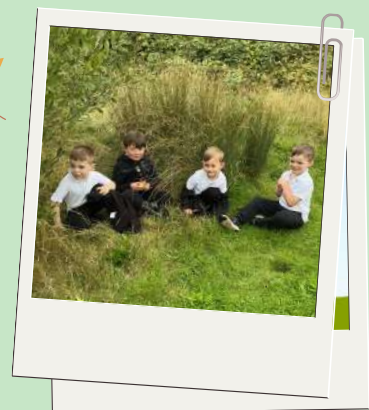
Oakhill Primary School



Forest Schools!



Our Forest School sessions have been full of excitement, exploration, and plenty of muddy fun – even on the wet and windy days! The children have been busy caring for nature by removing plastic from the school grounds, feeding the birds, and even rescuing wildlife. They’ve enjoyed playing stick and nature games, making delicious “soup for the fairies,” and setting up wildlife cameras to see what creatures visit our school grounds. Of course, no Forest School session would be complete without hot chocolate and biscuits to warm up afterwards! It’s been a wonderful term of outdoor learning and adventure.



#weloveoakhill





Autumn 1

NEWSLETTER



Oakhill Primary School



Sports Shoutouts!

What a fantastic half term of sport it's been! Our football team showed incredible skill and determination, making it all the way to the semi-finals in their tournament. Although they narrowly missed out on the final after losing on penalties, their teamwork and resilience were outstanding.

We also had some of our pupils represent Oakhill at the Trust-Wide Dodgeball Tournament, competing against other schools in our Trust. They played brilliantly and finished in an impressive second place! A huge well done to all the children for their hard work, determination, and fantastic team spirit!



Reading breakfasts!

This half term, Poplar, Cherry, and Apple classes enjoyed their Reading Breakfasts – a wonderful way to start the day with stories, smiles, and a tasty treat! Children and families came together to share books, enjoy reading time, and celebrate the joy of stories. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers joining in, creating a real buzz of excitement around reading. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make these mornings so special – we look forward to welcoming other classes throughout the year!



#weloveoakhill

