

Autumn 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 2 has continued to be a busy and exciting half term at Oakhill Primary School. The children have shown great enthusiasm for their learning, taking part in a wide range of creative, practical and enriching experiences across the school. We have continued to embed the use of our 1:1 iPads in Years 2-6, with pupils growing in confidence as they use technology to support, enhance and showcase their learning in a range of subjects.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved. We hope you have a lovely Christmas that is filled with love and laughter with those that you love the most!

We look forward to the next part of the school year together. See you in 2026!



Upcoming Events

- ☀ Inset Day Monday 5th Dec
- ☀ Back to School Tuesday 6th Dec
- ☀ Apple iPad Watch Me Learn 14th Jan
- ☀ Lime Reading Breakfast 14th Jan
- ☀ Cherry iPad Watch Me Learn 21st Jan
- ☀ Tulip Reading Breakfast 21st Jan

- ☀ Beech iPad Watch Me Learn 28th Jan
- ☀ Cedar Reading Breakfast 28th Jan
- ☀ Poplar iPad Watch Me Learn 4th Feb
- ☀ Silverbirch Phonics Workshop 4th Feb
- ☀ Sycamore Phonics Workshop 11th Feb
- ☀ Redwood iPad Watch Me Learn 4th Feb

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Nursery News!

Nursery have had a wonderfully busy and exciting time this term. They celebrated Bonfire Night as part of their 'Welly Wednesday' and made their own tasty "sparklers" using chocolate and breadsticks! The children have loved lots of outdoor learning, even in the cold weather, where they explored ice and frost and learned how things freeze and melt. They have also enjoyed imaginative play in their new garage area. A real highlight was a special visit from Ricky the dog, who Mrs Alliband kindly brought in for the children to meet – a lovely experience that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



Reception Round-up!

Reception have had a fun-filled and creative time recently. They celebrated Bonfire Night with real sparklers and created some fantastic firework artwork. In maths, the children have been ordering numbers and finding different ways to make 5, while also developing their balancing skills on the bikes outdoors. To mark World Kindness Day, they made thoughtful friendship bracelets. Inspired by their new text, How to Catch a Star, the children created their own Vincent Van Gogh-style artwork based on Starry Night. They also explored the story Owl Babies, using electronic magnifiers to closely observe real and artificial materials, including leaves.



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Year 1 News!

Year 1 have enjoyed a vibrant and hands-on term of learning. In art, they researched and learned about Pablo Picasso, collected leaves, and used wax and watercolour to create beautiful prints. As part of their learning in DT, the children tasted a variety of fruit and created their own delicious fruit smoothies. In maths, they have been measuring using cubes and developing their understanding of number with tens frames. They explored the story The Little Red Hen, bringing it to life by baking their own bread. Year 1 also visited the computer suite, where they created Piet Mondrian-inspired artwork using paint software.



Year 2 News!

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting time across the curriculum. In Design and Technology, they designed and made a chair for Baby Bear, while in science they used AR on the iPads to explore the inside of the human body. In history, the children created fact files about significant people and enjoyed a virtual visit from Mary Seacole. Geography lessons focused on comparing the Arctic and the Kalahari Desert. In maths, they have been adding two-digit numbers, and in music they have been learning to play the recorder. Computing lessons involved using Bee-Bots to create their own maps and write simple algorithms. The children also took part in a Bee Active scooter workshop and developed their balancing skills in gymnastics.



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Year 3 News!

Year 3 have enjoyed a rich and varied term full of exciting learning experiences. In art, they explored portrait work by using different mediums to create facial features, while in DT they created electrical posters linked to their Tudor topic. In French, the children tasted traditional Christmas foods and learned the story of the Yule log. They showed great resilience in maths when tackling column multiplication and developed their writing skills through instruction writing based on George's Marvellous Medicine. A highlight was a visit from the Halle Orchestra, where the children learned about and even tried playing the trumpet. As part of their Tudor learning, they spent an afternoon in the hall exploring Tudor crime and punishment, with some children experiencing the stocks and even being "stretched"! In computing, they created animations on iPads, and in science they investigated friction.



Year 4 News!

Year 4 have enjoyed a busy and engaging term. In science, they made string telephones to explore how vibrations and sound travel, and in French they enjoyed taste-testing a range of French desserts. In DT, the children used sewing skills to create a book sleeve, while in art they produced digital photographs outdoors, experimenting with different light sources. In geography, they learned about volcanoes and tectonic plates, focusing on Mount Vesuvius and Krakatoa. Their English work included writing Titanic setting descriptions and exploring a new class text, Kaspar, in guided reading. They also took part in Bee Active's WOW event, enjoying an energetic game of Combat Dodgeball.



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Year 5 News!

Year 5 have enjoyed a creative and enriching term across the curriculum. In art, they produced detailed sketches inspired by L.S. Lowry and then added watercolour to enhance depth and detail. In computing, the children explored the use of camera and video angles, developing their understanding of how media is created, while in DT they learned about electrical systems and how circuits work. Geography lessons focused on extreme weather, where the children created informative heatwave posters. In English, Emma Carroll's Letters from a Lighthouse was introduced, with pupils sequencing key events and developing their comprehension skills. A real highlight of the term was a musical visit from the Halle Orchestra, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



Year 6 News!

Year 6 have had a very busy and rewarding half term. In Design and Technology, they developed a wide range of sewing skills while creating waistcoats, showing excellent resilience by not giving up and empathy by supporting classmates who needed help. In French, the children enjoyed tasting tarte au citron as part of their language learning. In English, they wrote character descriptions inspired by the text Alma and used AI to generate their own characters. They also created vivid setting descriptions using figurative language, supported by class discussions on Showbie. A highlight of the term was a visit from a Viking called Olaf, who helped bring their history learning to life as they discovered more about Viking life and culture.



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Festive Fun!!

We have had a truly magical festive period at Oakhill, filled with fun, laughter and lots of Christmas cheer. The children enjoyed Christmas discos and special Santa visits to EYFS and KS1, which were a huge hit.

Years 3-6 had a wonderful trip to the Regent Theatre to watch Cinderella – oh yes they did! – and thoroughly loved the experience. We also shared a delicious whole-school Christmas dinner, lovingly prepared by our fantastic kitchen staff (thank you!), which brought everyone together to celebrate.

The festivities continued with a festive walk to school with Santa, and all children came home with magical reindeer food ready for the big night. We ended the week with a joyful whole-school festive singalong in the hall, filling the school with music and smiles. A real highlight was the EYFS Nativity, which was incredible and an absolute joy to watch, showcasing the children's confidence, enthusiasm and festive spirit.



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Fantastic Fundraising



We have also had a fantastic autumn term of fundraising at Oakhill, with events including pumpkin decorating, raffles, discos, Christmas fun and much more. These events have been thoroughly enjoyed by the children and would not be possible without the wonderful support of our parents and carers. We have raised a staggering £1800! Thank you to everyone who took part, donated or helped in any way. The money raised will be used to further enhance your child's learning experiences and opportunities across the school.



Amazing Achievements

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for successfully completing their OSAL presentations this term. They presented on topics they were passionate about, which really shone through in their delivery. Completing these presentations has helped to further develop their confidence in public speaking and their ability to articulate ideas clearly – a fantastic achievement for everyone involved.

