



# Summer 1 NEWSLETTER



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### Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting half term, we are delighted to share some of the wonderful learning experiences and achievements that have taken place across Oakhill Primary School.

Summer 1 has been filled with creativity, teamwork and lots of exciting opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and determination shown by all of our pupils this half term and would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable break (full of sunshine!) and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term ahead on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June!

### Summer fun!

This half term has been full of memorable experiences and exciting opportunities for our children! From adventurous Forest School sessions and hands-on Science investigations to creative Art and D&T projects, there has been lots of fun taking place across the school. Children have enjoyed educational visits, outdoor learning in the sunshine, Reading Breakfasts with families and exciting workshops with visitors including Staffordshire University and the Halle Orchestra. We also came together to support wonderful causes during our Charity Day and celebrated fantastic sporting achievements both in and out of school. It has certainly been a busy, fun-filled and rewarding half term for everyone at Oakhill!

### Upcoming Events

- Half Term 25th - 29th May
- Back to School 1st June
- Reception Trip - Peak Wildlife 24th June
- Y2 New Brighton Beach Trip 25th June
- EYFS Sports Day 25th June 9-11am
- Y1-Y3 Sports Day 26th June 9-11am

- Y4-Y6 Sports Day 26th June 1.15-2.45pm
- Oakhill 100 29th & 30th June
- Y6 Prom 3rd July 6-8pm
- Y6 Stanley Head 6th July
- Careers Fair & Dress up Day 14th July
- Y6 Leavers Assembly 16th July

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### Nursery News!

What a fantastic half term we've had in Nursery! The children have loved welcoming parents and carers into school for our Reading Breakfast, sharing stories together. One of our favourite books this half term has been Beautiful Oops, which helped us learn that mistakes can turn into something wonderful. Inspired by the story, the children created fantastic artwork using string painting, straw blowing and transforming "oops" blobs into beautiful creations. In Maths, we have been developing our counting and number recognition to 10, while Squiggle Wiggle and Dough Disco activities have helped strengthen our movement and mark-making skills. We can't wait to see what next half term brings!



### Reception Round-up!

What a busy and exciting half term we've had in Reception! During Muddy Mondays, the children enjoyed taking their learning outdoors by creating trails for Hansel and Gretel and investigating what happened when the Gingerbread Man got wet! We also loved going on mini beast hunts and exploring the natural world around us. Parents and carers joined us for our Reading Breakfast, sharing stories and enjoying reading together. Inspired by The Three Billy Goats Gruff, the children built bridges outdoors and took part in lots of imaginative role play. In Maths, we have been learning all about doubles, and one of our highlights this half term was a fantastic visit from the Halle Orchestra!



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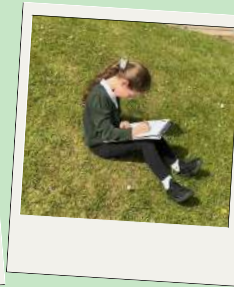


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### Year 1 News!

Year 1 have had a wonderful half term filled with creativity and hands-on learning! In D&T, the children designed, created and evaluated their very own pencil pots as part of their structures unit. In Art, they explored natural materials to create fairytale-inspired artwork influenced by Ebony Patterson, as well as producing beautiful observational drawings of plants. In Science, the children took their learning outdoors to identify and name wild plants around the school grounds, and they planted bean plants outside – we can't wait to watch them grow! One of the highlights of the half term was enjoying 'Tea with Tigers' as part of their learning around the story The Tiger Who Came to Tea.



### Year 2 News!

Year 2 have had a fantastic half term full of exciting learning across the curriculum! In D&T, the children explored healthy food choices and created their own healthy wraps inspired by Paul Hollywood. In Maths, they have been learning about money and finding change, while in English they wrote character descriptions and practised using subordinating conjunctions in their writing. In History, they learned about the plague and sequenced the symptoms of the illness to deepen their understanding of the past. Our exciting Art Day saw the children create sculptures inspired by Augusta Savage, and in PSHE they explored the importance of friendships and positive relationships. The children also created fact files all about New Brighton as they prepare for their exciting beach trip in Summer 2!



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### Year 3 News!

Year 3 have had a brilliant half term packed with exciting learning opportunities! In D&T, the children explored pneumatic systems, using balloons and air to create moving mechanisms. In History, they learned about the differences between rich and poor people in Ancient Greece, while in Geography they investigated the effects of coastal erosion. In Science, the children carried out practical experiments to discover how water travels through plants. We were also lucky to welcome Reading Ambassadors from Trentham High School, who shared stories with the children and led activities linked to The Iron Man. In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of volume and capacity.



### Year 4 News!

Year 4 have had a busy and exciting half term across all areas of learning! In English, the children have enjoyed exploring speech and dialogue through the book *A Dollop of Ghee and a Pot of Wisdom*. In Maths, the children have been understanding telling the time and solving time problems. In D&T, the children used micro:bits to create their own timers, developing their coding and problem-solving skills. In Art, the children created bold pop art inspired by Roy Lichtenstein, while in History they learned all about what it took to become a Roman soldier. In Geography, the children explored fair trade as part of their learning about trade and resources, and in Science they investigated animals including humans through classification and food chains. In PE, the children have been developing their netball skills and practising for the Northwood trials.



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### Year 5 News!

Year 5 have had a fantastic half term full of creativity, teamwork and practical learning! In D&T, the children used micro:bits and LEGO to design and build temperature-controlled houses for animals. They also enjoyed taking their learning outdoors, using natural materials and weaving techniques to create beautiful pieces of artwork. A highlight of the half term was a visit from Staffordshire University, where the children worked together to create their own version of a university, showing great resilience, teamwork and problem-solving skills throughout. In Science, the children have been investigating water resistance through a range of practical experiments and activities. Well done, Year 5!



### Year 6 News!

It has been a very busy half term for Year 6 as the children have worked incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs. The children enjoyed taking their revision outdoors by completing SPAG and Maths scavenger hunts, making learning active and fun. They also took part in an engaging workshop with Staffordshire University, where they worked in teams to create their own university using LEGO while learning about university life and the opportunities it can provide in the future. Well done to Year 6 for all of their hard work, resilience and determination during such a busy half term!

Read more about how proud we are of them in our 'SATs Superstars' section!



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### Fantastic Forest Schools!



Forest Schools has been full of adventure, exploration and teamwork this half term, whatever the weather! Although we experienced some extremely wet days, the children did not let the rain dampen their spirits and fully embraced the outdoor experience. The children bravely journeyed down Danger Path, visited the “Haunted Hammock” and enjoyed exciting games of hide and seek within the school’s wilderness areas. They worked brilliantly together to move woodchips from the circle area, showing fantastic teamwork.



A favourite part of Forest Schools this half term has been gathering around the fire to enjoy hot chocolate and story time together, helping to create a calm and cosy atmosphere outdoors. The children have also loved exploring the natural environment around Oakhill, learning more about different plants and investigating the habitats of the creatures that live on our school grounds. It has been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence, resilience and curiosity while enjoying the outdoors in all types of weather!



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### Sport Shoutouts!

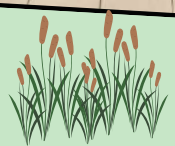
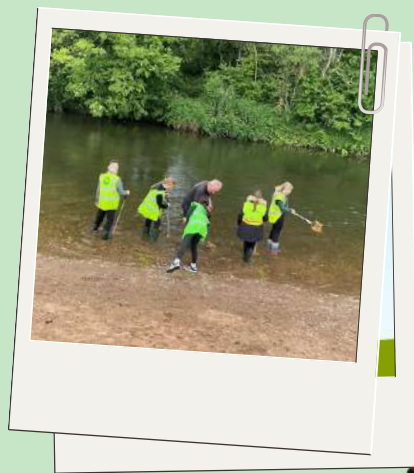
A huge well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 children who took part in the cross country event at Trentham Academy, competing against 12 other schools. The children showed fantastic determination, resilience and teamwork throughout the event, with many achieving their own personal bests – a brilliant achievement!

A special congratulations also goes to Sevdegul, who was selected to represent Stoke in the cross country finals. We are incredibly proud of her amazing achievement in placing 24th out of 60 children. Well done, everyone, we are so proud of you all!



### Terrific Trips!

This half term, the children have enjoyed a range of exciting educational visits. Year 4 visited The Open Centre, where they explored a Hindu Temple, Mosque and Sikh Gurdwara, trying on authentic clothing and tasting foods from different cultures. Year 3 visited a church and synagogue, where they played the organ and saw the Torah, helping to bring their learning to life. Meanwhile, Year 5 visited Wolseley Centre and took part in pond dipping, measuring river flow and testing the pH levels of water during their outdoor learning activities.



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### Charity Day!



Our Charity Day was a fantastic success, with children dressing in yellow or animal print to help raise money for WWF and YoungMinds. Throughout the day, the children took part in activities linked to mental health and conservation, helping to raise awareness of these important causes. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the event – together we raised an amazing £313 for two wonderful charities!



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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 (and to all the staff that helped make this happen!), 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, 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!



## Proud of you

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Goodbyes!

As we say goodbye to Summer 1 Term, we also must say a sad farewell to Miss Hansbury, who is leaving us to start a new venture at another school. We'd all like to say a huge thank you for all of your hard work and the impact you have had on the children at Oakhill. We wish you the best of luck in your new role and you will be very missed.



GOOD LUCK

Career Fair!



**Parents/carers we need your help!**

We are excited to be hosting our KS2 Careers Fair on Tuesday 14th July 2026 from 1:00pm-3:00pm, and we would love the support of our parents and carers!

We are looking for volunteers to come along and talk to the children about their jobs, careers and experiences to help inspire them as they begin thinking about their futures. The event will be informal, with classes visiting throughout the afternoon to ask questions and learn more about different professions.

If you would be interested in taking part, please contact Mrs Obada (Careers and Aspirations Lead) on DOJO or via the school office. Thank you for your continued support!



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