



School finishes - Friday 21st July at 1pm
School returns - Monday 4th Sept at 8.50am

Where Did The Year Go?

I can't believe I am writing the end of year newsletter already. The last 12 months have flown by, with so many fantastic events and memories having been created for the children at Oak View.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff for their hard work, dedication, care and support for the children this year. Pupils have grown in confidence once again. I hope you all have a fantastic summer and get to spend time with family / friends and enjoy the break. Next week we will be communicating via email with you about September and sharing key information you need to be aware of.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the Oak View parents and community for your support this year and working with us to help keep improving and driving the standards of Oak View forwards.

Mr N Richardson

Good Luck Year 6

Wishing our current Year 6 the best of luck as they begin their transition to secondary school. They have had a fantastic year with hopefully lots of memories they will keep for life.





As you are all aware Ofsted visited school on 12th & 13th June. The school had a very successful two days with the inspector looking at all areas of the Ofsted framework. The schools report will be able to be read on the Ofsted site from Monday 24th July. Please have a look.
<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Thank You & Good Luck



As I shared in a letter last week Miss Hall, Miss Richards, Mrs Pauley and Mrs Szabo will be moving on from Oak View at the end of this term. Please wish them luck if you see them and I would like to say a MASSIVE thank you from everyone at Oak View for their hard work and dedication to the school.

Sports day

Oak View Sports Days took place last week. It was great to see so many parents come to support their children. The children enjoyed taking part and cheered each other on as they ran their races.





Cultural Music Workshop

In EYFS and KS1 we had a visit from the incredible company *Earthsong* who brought music from around the world and from different cultures to us. The children got the opportunity to explore some of these diverse instruments and had lots of fun experimenting with playing them and making new and amazing sounds with them. Throughout the week the children also did a multitude of different activities from cultures spanning the globe such as learning a bhangra dance, reading traditional stories from different countries, and recreating different art from around the world such as the aboriginal dot painting and beadwork from West Africa.



Ark Farm Visit

Ark Farm came to visit children from Nursery, Reception and Year 1 On Tuesday 27th June. The children learnt about the different animals and had the opportunity to stroke and touch them.

The animals included 3 sheep, 2 goats, 1 donkey, 1 pig, 1 dog, hens and rabbits.





Rocksteady

On Thursday 6th July, we held a Rocksteady assembly showcasing our fantastic musicians. They performed with confidence and excelled in showing the audience their brilliant skills. The children have worked extremely hard, well done and congratulations on an amazing performance!!



The Moon comes to Oak View

Great excitement filled the Year 5 classes at the end of June when a large black box arrived in the room. Anticipation grew as the samples were unpacked and the children realised that they were going to see and handle rocks and meteorites which had been collected during Apollo missions. The children closely studied the samples and tested them using specialised equipment for a range of properties including magnetism which was a sign of a meteorite.

Year 5 were incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to explore rocks and meteorites. The children were amazing in the maturity and dedication they showed to the activities. Holding the moon in your hands is a remarkable experience which was shown by the silence that was experienced as the samples were circulated around the room.





Drumming

In KS2 the children had the opportunity to take part in a Djembe drumming workshop which was really fun and exciting. In class, they worked on a project board based on a country/ culture of their choice. They had to research and present the project board and it was very interesting to see each board and hear about the many different and wonderful cultures that surround us. These will be displayed throughout the school so keep an eye out for them and have a look if you get the chance!



Culture day

On Friday it was wear your own Traditional Clothes Day and Cultural Object Show & Tell. It was absolutely fantastic to see our children dressed in their traditional clothing and celebrating their backgrounds. Thank you to all those who put effort into dressing up and bringing in their fabulous items for show and tell! We learned so much over the week and it is just wonderful to be able to celebrate and acknowledge the multitude of diversity we have within our school and community.





Y6 sculptures

Year 6 have made clay sculptures which show a range of emotions and expressions. We focused on developing our modelling skills after studying how different artists show feelings in portraits.



Road safety Roadshow

On Thursday 29th June children in EYFS and KS1 had a special assembly about Road Safety. The children were taught how to be safe through the use of magic and tricks. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was amazing to see their faces as the different magic tricks were performed. The magic words the children were taught to remember were "Stop, Look, Listen, Think". The children were also reminded to wear brightly coloured at night time so that they can be seen.



Scooter and bike safety

We have recently received a complaint about the way that children are riding their scooters and bikes around school and in Woods Avenue. Please talk to your children about the way they ride them and about road safety.

Thank you



Summer sun safety



Please can you make sure that you send a water bottle in with your child. **No glass bottles please.** With the warmer weather now approaching, it is important for them to drink water in the heat.



Please also make sure that you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school as we are unable to do this in school and ensure they have a sun hat with them.

Free school meal vouchers - Summer 2023

Hertfordshire County Council will be providing supermarket vouchers for each child entitled to benefit related free school meals to cover the Summer holiday period. Entitled families will receive a digital supermarket voucher to the value of £60 per child to cover the holiday.

Families can choose to receive a digital voucher to spend at one of the following supermarkets:

- ALDI
- Asda
- Marks and Spencer
- McColl's
- Morrisons
- Sainsbury's
- Tesco
- Waitrose

Please note that the voucher works like a gift card and so doesn't have to be spent all in one go.

During term time, every child in Reception, Year 1 and 2 is entitled to receive a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme, however this is not covered as part of the holiday scheme. Only those infant aged children that are eligible because of benefit-related criteria will be included.

If you do not meet the criteria for free school meals but need some support to buy food or pay household bills, help is available. Contact HertsHelp for advice and practical support – call 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net.

You can also find further information around support at [Hertfordshire County Council | Help to manage the cost of living](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/help-to-manage-the-cost-of-living)

eCodes will be sent via email or post, please note that **the eCodes (16 digits code) will expire after 3 months.**

Parents/carers will need to redeem the eCodes by going to www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery and entering the 16-digit eCode and then selecting their chosen supermarket for their eGift card. eGift cards have expiry dates ranging from 12 months to 5 years depending upon the supermarket.

Please advise us if you have changed your email address.



Oak View Primary and Nursery School have proudly become a Terracycle drop off point.

This means that items that would normally be sent to land fill can now be recycled.

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades>

Please click on the link above to find out more details of the items you can drop off.

We currently have permission to recycle the items pictured below but hope to be accepted for more in the future.

The more we collect the more reward point the School will earn which can be redeemed as cash to go towards Oak View Forest School.

The recycling point can be found by the side of the main pedestrian gate.

We also have a bin for School uniform donations



Scan the QR Code above which will take you to the Terracycle map, input Hatfield to find out more information on what we recycle.





Family Support Worker

We are delighted to be part of the Welwyn and Hatfield Schools Partnership. They can offer support for a wide range of issues including:

- Parenting
- Changing school (transition)
- SEND
- Loss or bereavement
- Smoking, alcohol, drug misuse.
- Family breakdown
- Money issues
- Being in abusive relationships
- Housing
- Mental health and well being

No question is too big or small so if there is anything you need support with do get in touch.

Our school family worker is Kim Bates. If you would like to meet Kim then please speak to Mrs. Young or Miss Hall and we will put you in touch. Alternatively look out for Kim hosting 'coffee and chat' events at school and drop in.

Access the Schools Partnerships here:

<https://wgc-hatfieldschoolspartnership.com/>

The School's Partnership offers free workshops and events to support you and your family. Keep up to date by visiting the website for details.



From the Office

We are aware that there are times when you may need to speak to a member of staff. Please be mindful that it may not always be possible to speak to them immediately. We will always endeavour to help wherever possible and will pass your messages and concerns on as soon as we can.

Cancelling lunches - If your child is not going to be in school and you have pre-ordered lunch for them, it is your responsibility to cancel it via the School Grid. If you do not, you will still be charged. If you have any problems, please call the school office.

Leaving school over the summer - If you are planning to move over the summer holidays, please could you make sure that you inform the school office of your new address and the school your child will be joining. We must receive this information as we are required to pass these details on to Hertfordshire County Council especially if you are moving out of the area.



Diary Dates

Thurs 13 th July	Transition Day
Fri 21st July	Y6 Leavers assembly 9.30am - Y6 ONLY to leave school at 11am
Fri 21st July	Term ends 1pm

23/24 Academic Year

Fri 1 st Sept	Inset Day (School closed)
Mon 4th Sept	Y1-6 children return to school
Fri 13 th Oct	Inset Day (School closed)
Mon 23 rd Oct - Fri 27 th Oct	Autumn Half Term (School closed)
Fri 1 st Dec	Occasional Day (School closed)
Weds 20 th Dec	Term ends 1pm

