



**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

**Half term week - School Closed**

**Return to school - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov**



### Autumn Term

Once again, this half term has gone quicker than ever and 8 weeks have flown by. The newsletter is filled with information for the next term as well as highlighting the wide range of activities and opportunities the children have experienced since the last newsletter

Last week, we sent a letter informing you all about the changes in holiday absences and the new fine process the government has brought in. Please ensure you read this and if you wish to request an absence to complete the school's new form.

We look forward to see you for parents evening in early November. Have a lovely half term and I hope you all enjoy the break.

### Year 6 Residential trip to Carrotty Wood

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, some of our Year 6 children set off for their residential trip to Carrotty Wood in Tonbridge, Kent. As you can see from the photos below, the children took part in a number of different activities and all had an amazing time!



## Meal Orders - School Grid

We still have a lot of parents who are not using School Grid to pre order their children's meals. You can book your child's meal for weeks in advance and by choosing at home, you can make sure your child orders something they will like. You can order at home until 8.30am on the day. If you do not order in advance, your child may not get the meal they would like.

**We would like to remind you that school meals should be paid for in advance to avoid debts occurring.** Meal prices are currently £3.30 for KS2 children and £2.53 for Nursery.

If you have any problems logging in, please contact the office.

<https://schoolgrid.co.uk/>

## Open Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came to the open afternoon. We hope you enjoyed looking at the children's work and seeing what they have been learning in class.

## Values - Kindness

This half term the school value is kindness, which will be a high focus through our learning, assemblies, playtimes etc. We would like our children to understand how kindness can make a difference to a person's day.

Please reinforce this at home and if your child demonstrates our value out of school, please let me know on the school gate.

**KINDNESS  
CHANGES  
EVERYTHING**

## Children in Need Day - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

As a school, we will be supporting Children in Need Day on Fri 15<sup>th</sup> November. We will be asking the children to wear something spotty for the day. Donation buckets will be on the gates.



Thank you everyone who donated goods for the Hatfield Foodbank. As a school, we managed to collect **269.70kg** of non-perishable items which can be given to families around the local area. Thank you again for your support.



## Book Exchange

Oak View's new Book Exchange is available to all children and parents. To encourage reading for pleasure, we have a selection of books that are FREE to any Oak View pupil who would like to take one home. You do not have to donate a book to take a book. We are hopeful that books will be shared throughout the community and will be grateful for any used book donations to keep it running. The Book Exchange is inside the foyer beside the office. Please do have a look and support it the next time you visit.



### Communication from HCC re FSM vouchers

Following the announcement from the Chancellor of an extension to the Household Support Fund, we are giving a £15 voucher for October and February Half Term and £30 voucher for Christmas Holiday. Please be aware that this could be our last vouchers, any further vouchers will be dependent on the guidance from the Department of Work and Pensions, following the general election.

Every child and young person that is entitled to benefit-related free school meals will receive a £15 food voucher for the upcoming October half term 2024 holiday period



### Christmas Dinner Day Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

With Christmas fast approaching, our school kitchen needs to start gathering numbers for Christmas dinner.

Please log in to the School Grid website and pre-order your child's Christmas lunch. This needs to be done by **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov** at the latest. **Any orders not placed by this date will be unable to have a Christmas dinner.** Please book to avoid disappointment.



#### Menu

Roast turkey

Quorn Fillet

Halal option (for religious purposes only)

All served with roast potatoes and vegetables

Selection of festive desserts.



### Christmas dates

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Dementia 24music Concert at St Etheldreda's

KS2 Carol Service at St Etheldreda's Church

Y1 to St Etheldreda's Church

KS1 Christmas songs around the tree

EYFS Christmas songs around the tree

Christmas dinner & jumper day

Christmas party day



### Mental Health Day

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Oak View showed their support for Mental Health Day. The school looked particularly bright that morning as all children were asked to wear something yellow. Throughout the day, children took part in activities which were designed to improve their wellbeing. The photos below were submitted to Watford FC for their competition and we are delighted to inform you that we won! We will send more information at a later date when they have confirmed our prize!



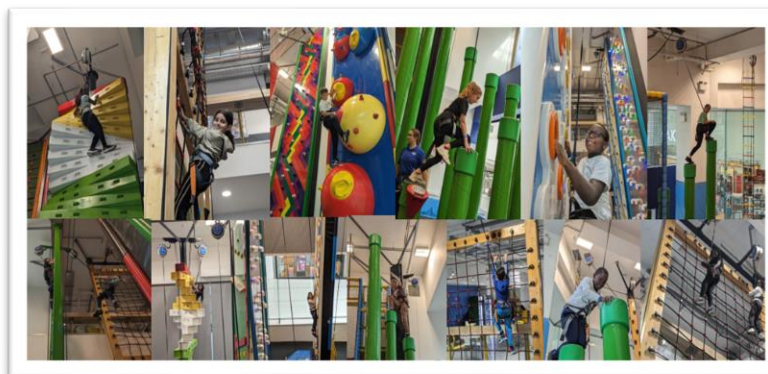
### Y3 Quarry

On the 3rd October, Year 3 were lucky enough to visit the CEMEX quarry at their Hatfield site. We first visited the quarry site where we spoke about lorry safety and got to hear all about the different parts of the quarry and what they did. We then headed over to the CEMEX dig site. We battled through the muddy puddles and headed to space which is currently being excavated. We looked at the sand, machinery and lake and completed a field sketch. Year 3 are looking forward to visiting Amwell Nature Reserve to see how the land is converted back to nature after the quarrying process has finished.



### Year 6 Rock climbing

Whilst half of Year 6 were on the Residential trip, the other half had the opportunity to go to Rock Up in Watford. The children had great fun climbing the various walls and you can see from the photos how high the children climbed.



### Year 6 Secondary School applications

Reminder - Secondary school applications need to be submitted by **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**.



## Happy Puzzle maths days

Oak View pupils loved our unique Maths Puzzle Days on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of October. By using the large 3D team puzzles and challenges, pupils improved their personal learning and thinking skills, whilst boosting their confidence in the process and raising their own expectations of what they can achieve in the classroom. Our pupils were able to encounter a variety of challenges, which required collaborative learning skills with careful strategic planning, in order to find a solution. Children not only improved their problem-solving skills but also learnt how to persevere, put their own skills to better use as part of a team and overcome difficulties by approaching problems from a different perspective.



## MP Visit

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, we were visited by our local MP Andrew Lewin. Mr Lewin had a tour of the school with Mr Richardson and then spent some time with our Year 6 children.





## Boys and Girls Football tournaments

This half term Oak View boys and girls teams competed in football tournaments at De Havilland School. Both teams worked hard in very tough and competitive games.

The girls team managed to make it to the semi-final with the help of amazing saves by goalkeeper Jaida and the boys finished their final group stage game with an excellent win with 2 great goals by Luke.

Well done to both teams and good luck as the league seasons begin.





## Basketball competition

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, we played in the basketball qualifiers held at Onslow in the new sports hall. Both boys and girls teams made a gallant attempt but sadly the hoops were against us on the day. A great effort from both teams. Good luck in your Intra competition next week.



## Road Safety

Unfortunately, again at the start of term the traffic congestion outside of school is a concern for the children's safety on a morning and afternoon.

Please ensure you try to park in a sensible location and when crossing the road your children are with you and not running.

Please keep safe.

## Scooters and bikes

Despite repeated requests not to ride scooters and bikes within the school grounds, this is still happening.

We have had several incidents where people have been injured because of scooters and bikes being ridden around school.

Please dismount from your scooter or bike before entering the school gates and walk them round.

Thank you



### Important allergy information

Despite our reminders and posters around school, we are still seeing children bringing in nuts or nut-based products into school.

We have children and adults in school who have life threatening allergies.

**Please do not include nuts or nut-based products (i.e Nutella, peanut butter) and shellfish for either lunch or snack time.**

Please make sure you check labels for hidden ingredients.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Peanut butter



Nutella



Nuts



Shellfish

### School uniform reminder

Girls - Purple and white gingham dress or a black/charcoal grey skirt/trousers/culottes and white polo shirt. Black shoes should be worn - No sandals/open toe shoes

Boys - Black/Charcoal grey trousers or shorts with a white polo shirt. Black shoes - No trainers



### From the Office .....

**Attendance** - If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school office before 9.30am.

**Lateness** - We are still having a number of late arrivals in the mornings. Please try to get your child in school by 8.50am and collect at 3.10pm KS1 & 3.15pm KS2

**Communication** - Please make sure that all of your contact details are up to date and we have the correct ones on your child's records. It is important so we can keep you up to date.

### School Admissions Dates -

<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Open 2/9/24</b>	<b>Close 31/10/24</b>
<b>Primary</b>	<b>Open 1/11/24</b>	<b>Close 15/1/25</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Open 1/11/24</b>	<b>Close 15/1/25</b>

More information can be found on the [HCC website](#) for Secondary and Primary admissions. Nursery application forms will be available from the school website.

### Diary Dates

Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Break for Half term
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children return to school
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3 trip to St Albans Cathedral
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3 trip to St Albans Cathedral
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mackintosh walk to Hatfield war memorial
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Morris walk to Hatfield war memorial
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mackintosh to Lincolnsfield Centre
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Morris to Lincolnsfield Centre
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Occasional Day - School closed to pupils</b>
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 to St Eltheldreda's Church - Carol service
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas party day
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Term ends - 1pm</b>