



OAK VIEW NEWSLETTER

Issue 3 - November 2025

Friday 28th November – Occasional Day
School closed
Term ends Friday 19th December 1pm

MESSAGE FROM MR RICHARDSON



December is only 6 days away and the holiday period is fast approaching us. Last week, the school sent out the arrangements for the run up to Christmas, with lots of activities planned for the children. It's such a lovely time of the year, but also very busy.

It was great to welcome parents and guardians to our parents evening. Both halls were busy with lots of positive feedback about how children were developing and improving at Oak View. Thank you for those kind remarks.

Again, the newsletter is showcasing all the opportunities the children have at school to grow as learners, as well as new opportunities they are exploring. Teachers are already planning for January and we hope to have some new trips in 2026.

Please remember on Friday that the school is closed, so enjoy a lovely extended weekend.





LAST CHANCE TO ORDER CHRISTMAS DINNER

If you have not already done so, please make sure you log on to the Schoolgrid website to order your child's Christmas dinner.

This needs to be done by Thursday 27th November. If you have not ordered by this date, then we will be unable to provide a dinner on Wednesday 17th December and you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child.

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

BIRTHDAY SWEETS & TREATS

We know many children still enjoy sharing something with their classmates to celebrate special occasions. Instead of food, you may wish to consider small alternatives such as:

- Stickers, pencils, erasers or other stationery items
- Birthday badges or crowns that the child can wear for the day

These alternatives allow children to celebrate and feel special, while keeping all their classmates safe.



IMPORTANT - PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY ADMISSIONS

Admissions for a primary school place opened on Monday 3rd November. Please apply for your child's reception place on the Hertfordshire County Council website by Thursday 15th January 2026.

Nursery admissions are also open and can be found on the Oak View School website. Applications close on Thursday 15th January 2026.



CHILDREN IN NEED



THANK
YOU
£242

On Friday 14th November, Oak View was covered with spots as we supported Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who supported the charity with a donation. We managed to raise an incredible £242.

BENEFIT RELATED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY VOUCHERS

Hertfordshire County Council are providing supermarket vouchers for each child entitled to benefit related free school meals to cover the Christmas holiday. The £30 vouchers are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday 17th December. Vouchers will be emailed to you.

Reminder →

Lateness

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

Attendance

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



YEAR 2 ART CLUB



The Year 2 art club made decorative poppies for Remembrance Day. The pictures were displayed around the school for everyone to see.

SEURAT DIWALI BOARD

Seurat Class have been learning about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. As part of our activities, the children made their own paper diya lamps and coloured rangoli patterns using a range of bright colours and shapes. We talked about how Diwali is celebrated around the world and the meaning behind the traditions. It was lovely to see the children's enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the week as we learnt more about this special celebration.





YEAR 6 TRIP TO LINCOLNSFIELD CENTRE



Year 6 visited the Lincoln's Field Centre in Bushey as part of their WW2 work. The children experienced what it was like to be in school in the 1940's. They then had a tour of a typical house of the time period and learnt about rationing and daily life. Finishing the day, they attempted to put out an incendiary bomb with a bucket and hose!

YEAR 6 WALK TO THE WAR MEMORIAL



Year 6 pupils walked to Hatfield War Memorial on Tuesday 11th November to sketch the memorial and also look at the names of the soldiers who died in the World Wars. It was particularly poignant as it was Armistice Day and gave the children the opportunity to see the wreaths that had been laid. Year 6 are studying both World Wars and have been thinking about the importance of remembrance.





YEAR 5 LANGUAGES WITH BISHOPS HATFIELD GIRLS' SCHOOL



On Thursday 6th November, Year 5 enjoyed another visit from the students at Bishop's Hatfield. Their students had spent so much time preparing a range of activities to help our pupils learn Spanish and French. Everyone had a great time and the children in Year 5 loved learning new vocabulary and even received certificates and stickers to celebrate their achievements!

We are already looking forward to working with them again in February.

UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE SESSIONS

University of
Hertfordshire **UH**



On Thursday 6th November, Year 6 had a special visit from the representatives of the University of Herts for a 'Future U' session. Our Year 6 pupils found the session engaging, informative and explored the following.

What is a university and why do people go? Do I need to go to university? When can I go to university and how can I get there? Is university like primary school? Why is learning at school important?



Year 5 enjoyed a visit from Shanti and Aarushi from the University of Hertfordshire. They took us up into our solar system to learn more about our Earth and beyond. The children had a great time. "I really liked how they brought different sized balls to represent each planet and the sun in our solar system," said Alessia.



Members of the School of Physics, Engineering and Computer Science (SPECs) from The University of Hertfordshire came into Year 4 and led some maths activities. The pupils learnt a bit about the invention of coordinates and then practised using them to crack a code, read a treasure map, complete a drawing and play a game.



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Year 3 had a great morning with visitors from the University of Hertfordshire, who came in to deliver a science workshop. They looked at what makes a scientist and explored the different types of scientists that there are in the world. The children also had the chance to investigate rockets, learning how to build their structure and how they travel. They had such fun trying to get their rockets to hit the target.

BASKETBALL DISTRICT FINALS AT RIDGEWAY ACADEMY



On Thursday 13th November, our school basketball team took part in the finals at Ridgeway Academy. It took a few games to get into the swing of the fast pace but once they had warmed up, they played amazingly and scored some great hoops.

We finished 4th overall so well done to all who took part.



OAK VIEW FOOTBALL

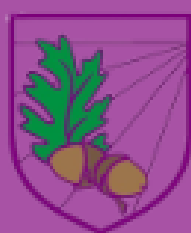


Our school football teams have been making us proud recently. The girls team went to a football festival at De Havilland School on Thursday 6th November. They had a great afternoon and played against 6 other local schools. The boys team had a league match against Howe Dell on Wednesday 12th November. Oak View won the match 2-1. Well done to both teams.

FUTSAL FESTIVAL AT ONSLow ST AUDREYS SCHOOL



Some Year 4 and 5 pupils attended Futsal Festival held at Onslow St Audrey's School on Friday 21st November. Both teams played really well and enjoyed the morning playing against the other schools involved.



Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

Fri 28th Nov

Occasional Day - School Closed

DECEMBER

Mon 1st Dec

School choir at Hatfield Galleria 5 - 5.30pm

Thurs 4th Dec

Games & puzzle sale

Mon 8th Dec

School choir to Dementia 24 at St Etheldreda's

Tues 9th Dec

Nursery Christmas decorations workshop 9-10am

Weds 10th Dec

KS2 Carol service at St Etheldreda's

Thurs 11th Dec

Reception Christmas decorations workshop 2-3pm

Mon 15th Dec

EYFS Christmas songs 9.15am & 2.30pm

Tues 16th Dec

KS1 Christmas songs 9.15am & 2.30pm

Weds 17th Dec

Christmas dinner and jumper day

Thurs 18th Dec

Christmas party day

Fri 19th Dec

Term ends - 1pm

2026

JANUARY

Mon 5th January

Inset day - School closed

Tues 6th January

Children return to school

FEBRUARY

Mon 16th - Fri 20th Feb

Half term week - School closed

