



Half term week

Monday 17th Feb - Friday 21st Feb

Inset Day - Monday 17th March - School closed



Spring Term 2025

The term, has once again, started really well with lots of learning opportunities for the children to experience, as well as external activities for them to enjoy. Year 2 had an excellent day revisiting the Great Fire of London and EYFS & KS1 enjoyed a road show on Road Safety. The Year 6 children also spent the day at the University of Herts and came back full of enjoyment and excitement about their experience.

Parents evening is in early March, so please look out for the communication linked to this. We look forward to seeing you all again in school to talk about your child's progress and successes in class.

Mr Richardson

Year 6 (current Year 5) residential trip

Year 5 parents are invited to come along on Thursday 30th January to hear about the residential trip taking place in October 2025. Meeting starts at 2.40pm.

Mental Health week

We will be having a mental health week in school starting Monday 3rd February. Children will be taking part in various activities throughout the week as well as being given useful tools to help them with their mental health.



Number Day

On Friday 7th February, we will be having a number day in school. Children can dress down in something number based on this day. We will be working with the NSPCC to celebrate maths.



Open Afternoon

We will be holding another open afternoon on Tuesday 11th February between 3.15-3.40pm. Please take this opportunity to come in with your child and see what they have been learning over the Spring Term.

Late pick ups

**Pick up times - EYFS/KS1
3.10pm KS2 3.15pm**

We are seeing an increasing number of late pick-ups at the end of the day. If you know you are going to be late to collect your child, please call the office to let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you

FSM vouchers for February Half Term

We have been advised by Herts County Council that a £15 voucher will be issued for half term week in February. Expect to receive them by Friday 14th February.

Values - Cooperation

This half term the school value is “Cooperation”. We are encouraging children to work together, listen to each other, respect different views and have a go at something that is difficult or a challenge to them.

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



PINs Project parents meeting

The school is presently part of the PINs project which is developing and growing the practice linked to supporting Neurodiverse children at Oak View.

On Tuesday 11th February (Open Afternoon) Mrs Young and Mr Richardson will be leading a presentation linked to the schools' actions over the next two terms.

The session will begin at 2.15pm, all welcome.

★ ★ Oak View Stars ★ ★

If your child has achieved something outside of school that you are proud of and would like featured on the Newsletter, please send in some photos and a few sentences about them to:-

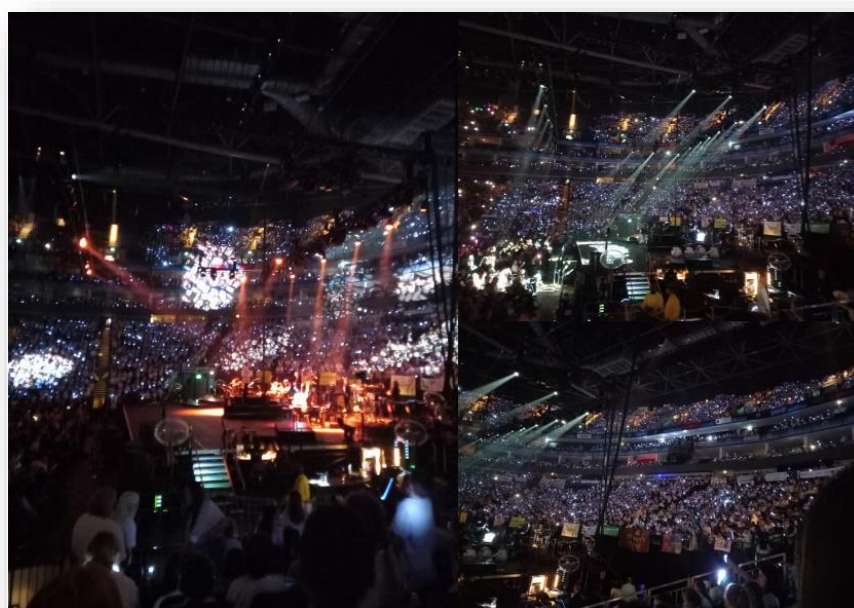
admin@oakview.herts.sch.uk

We will try our best to feature as many of them as we can.

Young Voices at the O2 Arena

On Monday 20th January, a group of 15 Year 4 and Year 5 children had the incredible opportunity to perform at Young Voices at the O2 Arena. Accompanied by 8,000 other children, they sang beautifully, with songs from legendary artists like Bob Marley, Whitney Houston and Benson Boone. The children gave an outstanding performance, full of energy and passion, truly shining as they sang together.

A huge thank you to Miss Risley, Ms Hagger and Miss Lee for their dedication and support in preparing the children. We also extend our gratitude to all the parents who have supported their children through the after-school clubs and the event itself. What a fantastic experience!



Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop

Last week, Turner and Monet class had a fantastic time stepping back in time with a hands-on workshop all about the Great Fire of London. Led by Master Phillips, the children were dressed in period costumes and explored the sights and sounds of 17th-century London.

They visited different 'shops' around the city, taking part in a range of activities like soap making, creating plague-smelling bags, and crafting clay ward charms for protection. These activities helped the children learn about the life and challenges people faced during the fire in a fun and interactive way.

The children looked amazing in their costumes and were fully engaged in the experience, bringing history to life. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to gain a deeper understanding of this important event in history, and they left with many exciting stories to tell!



Year 6 Big Draw at Herts University

Year 6 visited the University of Hertfordshire on Friday, 17th of January to participate in The Big Draw Event which involved Drama and Art Session based upon Van Gogh's Red Vineyard. Children enjoyed creating different types of art using textures and media and finally made a collage using their creations based on Van Gogh's painting as inspiration.





Year 5 Tag Rugby Festival

On Tuesday 21st January, our Year 5 children took part in a tag rugby festival at Onslow St. Audreys. The children had a great day with lots of opportunities to score tries. It was a very muddy and cold morning but they worked well as a team and lots of fun was had by all, ending in a game of children v sports captains.



Speed Stacking Competition

On Friday 24th January, our speed stacking team went to compete at a speed stacking festival at the Ridgeway Academy. There were 11 schools in total and each competitor got better with each attempt of stacking the cups. Well done to Mrs Wright and Mrs Evans on training the team!



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



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.

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

Thurs 30 th Jan	Y5 Parents residential trip meeting 2.40pm
Mon 3 rd Feb - Fri 7 th Feb	Mental health week
Fri 7 th Feb	Number Day
Tues 11 th Feb	Open afternoon
Thurs 13 th Feb	Klimt class - Gurdwara trip
Mon 17 th Feb - Fri 21 st Feb	Half term week - School Closed
Mon 24 th Feb - Fri 7 th Mar	Matisse Class swimming
Thurs 6 th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 10 th Mar	Great Big Dance off audition
Mon 10 th - Fri 21 st Mar	Kandinsky Class swimming
Mon 17 th Mar	Inset Day - School Closed
Fri 4 th Apr	Term ends 1pm