

OAKRIDGE TIMES

Welcome back to you all and a Happy New Year.

I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in our recent 'Rags to Riches' campaign. Your generous donations of clothing have made a significant impact, and I am continually amazed by the spirit of giving within our community. It is these acts of kindness that truly embody the values we strive to instil in our pupils.

Congratulations and well done to Shivam B, who is currently the world record holder for TT Rockstars for 4 and 8 times tables achieving 445 questions in 3 minutes!

As we settle back into our daily routines, I have noticed over the past couple of weeks, an increase in the number of pupils arriving late into school. Every minute counts in a child's education, and when pupils arrive after 8.50am, they miss out on crucial settling-in time and the start of their first lesson. I kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your children are in school and ready to begin their day by 8.50am sharp.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Diane Charman

DIARY DATES

FEB

- 3rd INSET DAY
- 4th Year 2 Trip—Southampton Art Gallery
- 5th Year 5/6 Girls Football Match v St Bedes
- 6th Year 6 Netball Match v Merton
- 10th Nursery Stay and Play Session 9am-10am
- 14th Mad Hair Day—non school uniform £1 donation
LAST DAY OF TERM
- 24th Return to school
Nursery Stay and Play Session 1:00pm-2:00pm



MAR

- 3rd **NO TEACHER-LED CLUBS THIS WEEK**
Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm (details to follow)
- 4th Nursery Stay and Play 9:00am—10:00am
- 5th Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm (details to follow)
- 11th Nursery Stay and Play 1:00pm—2:00pm
- 19th Nursery Stay and Play 9:00am—10:00am

Attendance Winners

| | w/e 10/01/25 Class | w/e 17/01/25 Class | w/e 24/01/25 Class | w/e 31/01/25 Class |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Infant | 6 & 7 | 1 | 5 | 2 & 5 |
| Junior | 4 | 3, 7 & 11 | 2, 5 & 6 | 11 |

ATTENDANCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

What **YOU** must do if your child is absent from school:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in letters or show communication.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What **WE** will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.



MAD HAIR DAY—14th February 2025

The school will be taking part in St Michael's Hospice 'Mad Hair Day' on Friday 14th February.

This will be a non-school uniform day and we ask that the children come into school with 'mad' hair in exchange of £1 donation



Our next INSET day is Monday 3rd February 2025

Infant Stars of the Week



| | Week ending 10 January | Week ending 17 January | Week ending 24 January | Week ending 31 January |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Class 1 | Jasmine B | Theo A-K | Abdiel R | Mason A |
| Class 2 | Ishaan B | Amayah C | Marlo H | Freddy K |
| Class 3 | Eddy S | Idris A | Andrei S | Praish G |
| Class 4 | Arlo H | Luna H | Mateo E-F | Evelyn S |
| Class 5 | Sonny E | Jovan R | Mishika G | Ishana K |
| Class 6 | Aashvi C | Scarlett O | Violet F | Freddie N |
| Class 7 | Daiwik P | Ayaan D | Dhiya D | Olivia R |
| Class 8 | Emilya E-G | Raymond T | Aiza M | Tej D |
| Class 9 | Leon R | Sid P | Noah F-C | Omer S |
| Cabin | - | Eric-Vlad M | - | Amber S-P |

Junior Stars of the Week



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|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Class 1 | Reggie C | Advik R | Lakshjit P | Coby M |
| Class 2 | Logan S | Bernadette L | Rory D | Ayaan S |
| Class 3 | Ellie C | Reyaan S | Cayson C | Callista A |
| Class 4 | Selina S | Nihal A | Max O | Evelyn B |
| Class 5 | Kavin P | George G | Talia M | Chloe M |
| Class 6 | Hollie M-C | Maya B | Avana R | Shivam B |
| Class 7 | Madelyn-Rose D | Kashdan C | Yishen H | Oswald B |
| Class 8 | Isaac L | Luke G | Scofield T | Sophie S |
| Class 9 | Umaira I | Mikey J | Redouane B | Eli P |
| Class 10 | Maisie W | Alex T | Aaradhya B-V | Carmyne W |
| Class 11 | Ibrahim B | Arika Y | Ariella A | Krithigha S |
| Class 12 | Oscar A | Reuben P | Charlotte W | Sara P |
| Cabin | Shalom N-E | Yoshen R | Sophie H | Gabbie S |

Oakridge Federation—Coach Jordan’s Sports Roundup



Massive congratulations to our year 6 badminton team who went to the Basingstoke District Championships and won the tournament!

The entire team were fantastic throughout, winning 13 out of the 15 games that they played. They all played with such confidence, passion and determination.

Because of this tremendous achievement, we have qualified for the County Championships which will be taking place in Portsmouth at the end of February.



You can now follow us on Twitter @OakridgeFed

Reading at Home

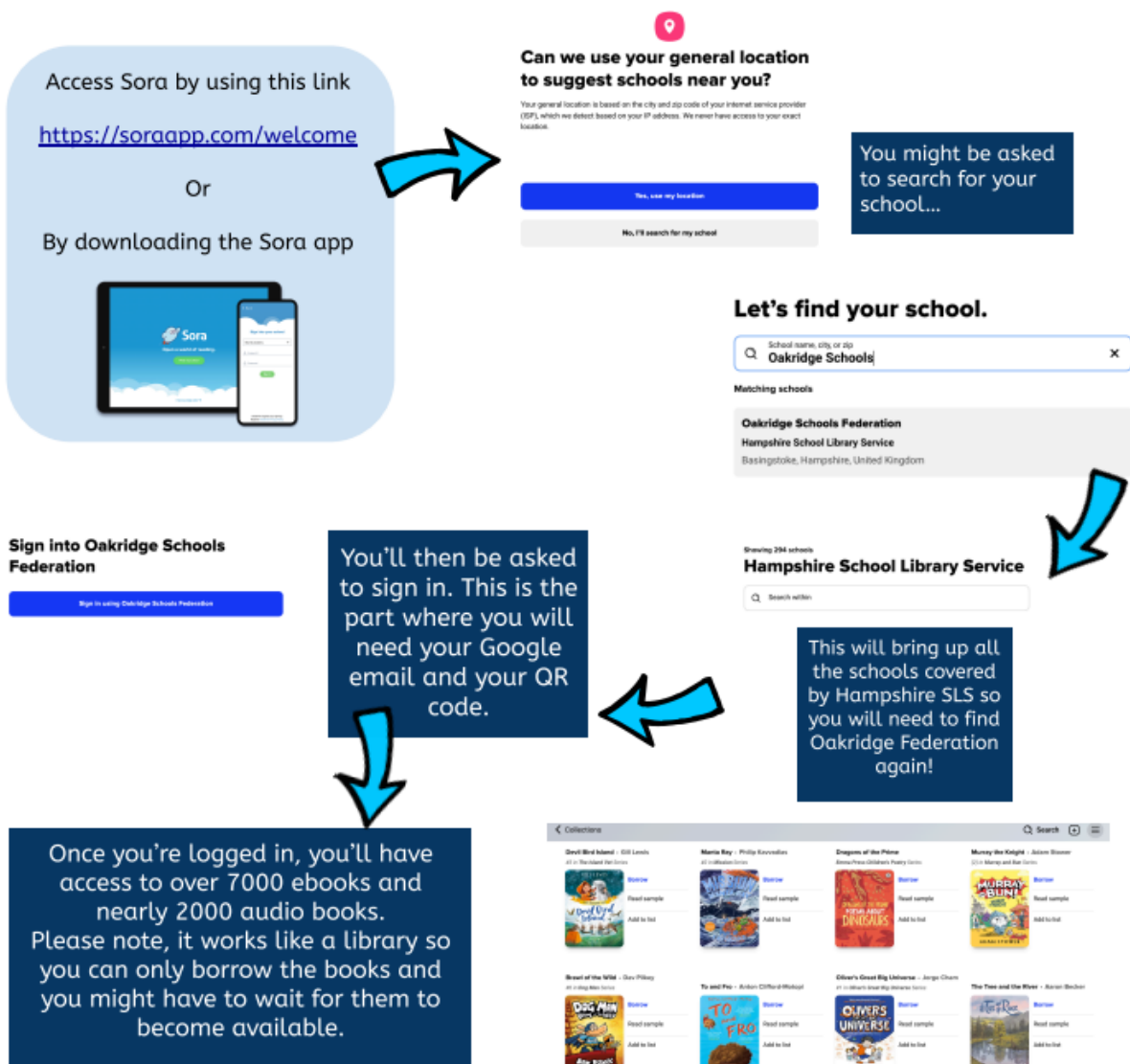
We have recently sent an email to our parents providing lots of information and help in trying to encourage your children to read at home. Children in year R, 1, 2 and 3 will now have 2 different types of book—a reading practice book and a reading for pleasure book.

Reading Practice Books will be allocated on their Collins ebook online account by following the link www.collinshub.co.uk/login or downloading the app. Once open, please ensure you select 'primary pupil' and by using the login details located in your child's reading diary, you will be able to see the book that your child has been allocated to read that week.

Reading for Pleasure Books: Children are able to borrow a book to take home, children just have to remember to put the book that they wish to take home into the 'borrow box' by the borrow day so that it will be scanned out for them to take home. Only one book can be borrowed at a time and will have to be scanned back in for them to be able to borrow another one.

Hampshire School Library Service—SORA

As part of our subscription to the Hampshire School Library Service, our children can access eBooks. The children can access Sora by using their Google login. Their username is **firstname.lastname@oakridgefed.co.uk** and their password is the QR code that is in the front of their reading diary. Unfortunately this does mean the device they are using will need to have a camera function in order to detect the QR code. The children are familiar with using QR codes as we have been using them when doing work on the Chromebooks.



SKILLS TO LAST A LIFETIME

Give your family essential skills and confidence in and around water. Save a spot with Swimbies for babies and toddlers, Better Swim School for kids or swimming lessons for adults.

Discover more at better.org.uk/swimming-lessons



WINTER WATER SAFETY

Discover more and access free RLSS UK resources to educate your family at rlss.org.uk

1. STOP AND THINK



Keep back from slippery banks and wear footwear with a good grip.
Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths.
Never go onto the ice.

2. STAY TOGETHER



Keep children within reach and teach children not to go onto ice.
Keep dogs on a lead.
Walk with friends.

3. CALL 999



Call 999 – do not enter cold water or ice to rescue.
Try and reach them from the bank.

4. FLOAT



Stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Preserve heat by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water.