

# OAKRIDGE TIMES

As we approach the end of another bustling term, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful events and achievements that have taken place. Our recent Mad Hair Day was a resounding success, with pupils sporting some truly imaginative hairstyles! We raised £412.25 for St Michael’s Hospice. World Book day was another highlight. It was delightful to see so many wonderful outfits, bringing favourite stories to life. The day was filled with a variety of fantastic activities, all designed to celebrate the joy of reading and ignite a passion for books.

I must applaud our school choir for their outstanding performance at the Anvil Choir Spectacular on Tuesday 25th March. The children sang beautifully. It was a wonderful event that showcased the musical talents nurtured within our school. To our choir members; your dedication to practice and your courage in performing are truly commendable. You’ve made us all incredibly proud!

Please keep 8th May free for our VE Day celebrations. This will be a special opportunity to come together, reflect on history, and honour those who have served our country.

Diane Charman

### DIARY DATES

**APR**

2nd School Disco—please see details on this page

4th Last day of term, 2:30pm finish

22nd Return to school  
**Paid for Sports Clubs (Summer Term) begin**

24th Yr 4 Swimming begins

28th **Teacher-Led Clubs (Summer Term) begin**

29th Yr 5 Trip to Ufton Court

**MAY**

5th Bank Holiday

8th VE Day 80th Anniversary celebration—1:30pm

9th Yr 4 Trip to Intech Centre (details to follow)

12th Yr 6 SATs week

21st Yr 1 Trip to Hillier Gardens (details to follow)

26th May Half Term

**JUNE**

2nd Inset Day

3rd Return to school—ALL after school clubs resume



### Attendance Winners

	w/e 07/03/25 Class	w/e 14/03/25 Class	w/e 21/03/25 Class	w/e 28/03/25 Class
<b>Infant</b>	5	6 & 7	2	1, 3 & 4
<b>Junior</b>	5	9 & 11	6	2, 3 & 7

### School Disco—Wednesday 2nd April

Following on from our recent emails, this is a reminder that there will be a school disco on Wednesday 2nd April, please see details below.

**Please note there will be no sports clubs running on this day & payment has not been taken**

Yr Grp	Timings	Drop/off/Collection
R	During school	Classrooms
1 & 2	3:30pm— 4:30pm	Classrooms
3 & 4	3:30pm— 4:30pm	Yr 3—from yr 5 doors Yr 4 classrooms
5 & 6	4:430pm— 6:00pm	Drop off at the junior hall doors Collection from main reception

**Yrs R, 1, 2, 3 & 4**—the cost of the disco ticket is £2 and include a bag of sweets and a drink.

**Children can bring a change of clothes with them into school**

**Yrs 5 & 6**—the cost of the disco ticket is £2 and the children will have the opportunity to purchase hot dogs, sweets and drinks, prices range from 20p to £1.50

### Year 6 Production—Tickets Available!

The year 6 production is taking place at The Haymarket Theatre on Friday 18th July at 6:30pm.

Tickets cost £13 (including a £3 booking fee) and can be purchased by following the link below:

<https://www.anvilarts.org.uk/events/oakridge-junior-school>

## Infant Stars of the Week



	Week ending 7 March	Week ending 14 March	Week ending 21 March	Week ending 28 March
<b>Class 1</b>	Rithish M	Sreshta S	Henry M	Venba R
<b>Class 2</b>	Thea-Elena B	Zayna A	Ada G	Yuvaan B
<b>Class 3</b>	Abigail C-M	Marcos P-R	Johann P	Aribella S
<b>Class 4</b>	Tai S	Advit S	Abbie C	Umar M
<b>Class 5</b>	Dominion J	Remus A-D	James Y	Jack M
<b>Class 6</b>	Marhsall S	Archie M	Yuvaan G	Charlie L
<b>Class 7</b>	Aathis A	Bobby S	Vivaan T	Joanne K
<b>Class 8</b>	Vivaan B	Ada G	Rory S	Oliver R
<b>Class 9</b>	April S	Amrika G	Eve C	Ashar Aman
<b>Cabin</b>				Ruben K & Eric-Vlad M

## Junior Stars of the Week



<b>Class 1</b>	Kamile B	Shiva V	Kobie T	Harlen B
<b>Class 2</b>	Lena H-S	Natasha P	Oliver J	Aadhya A
<b>Class 3</b>	Isabella-May E	John M-R	Jasmine J	Serah T
<b>Class 4</b>	Teddy B	Kalen A	Adi M	Filip P
<b>Class 5</b>	Sophia R	Kian T	Ranadhiran V	Esme C
<b>Class 6</b>	Harry A	Elis T	India D	Darunn M
<b>Class 7</b>	Shreeya C	Hansikaa M	Miguel O	Kaivalya T
<b>Class 8</b>	Theo S	Declan L	Anushan P	Holly F
<b>Class 9</b>	Julian B	Elizabella G	Borys O	Elijah F-S
<b>Class 10</b>	Jacob L	Ethan W	Casey W	Oliwia P
<b>Class 11</b>	Ibrahim B	Imogen P	Leo A	Ezekiel C
<b>Class 12</b>	Rachael J	Jakob C	Anshika G	Kai C
<b>Cabin</b>	Jaci B	Cyril S	Max D	Yoshen R

## Oakridge Federation—Coach Jordan's Sports Roundup



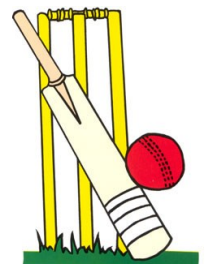
Congratulations to our year 6 netball team who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Basingstoke district championships and have now qualified to represent Basingstoke on the 31st March in Southampton at the County Championships. Due to this achievement, this netball team are officially the most successful that Oakridge has ever had!

In football, our year 3 / 4 girls' team had the opportunity to play at the Basingstoke Soccer Centre to take part in the 'biggest ever football session'. We took a team of 10 girls and they all enjoyed themselves winning 6 out of the 8 games that were played.

In year 3, the children have been very lucky this half term as their lessons have been taught by Coach Vik who has come in from the Hampshire Cricket board. The lessons have been super fun and engaging for all!



In the infants, the children have been having lots of fun practicing and improving their tennis skills this half term. They have been travelling with the ball on their racket as well as using the 'drop and pop' technique to hit the ball.



You can now follow us on Twitter @OakridgeFed



# VE Day

## Thursday 8th May

Come and join us...

We're inviting parents into classrooms from 1:15 pm on Thursday 8th of May to celebrate Victory in Europe Day (VE day).

After spending some time in the classroom, we will head outside for games and a cake picnic to commemorate this momentous day in British history.

Bring and remember:  
on 8th May

- Some cake to share with your family



- A traditional game to play and share  
(Please see attached list for ideas.)



- A blanket to sit on.



**WANTED!**



**PLASTIC BOTTLES bottoms!**

*please!*



*(because we're going to be making poppies at school a bit like this!)*



Please can your child bring **two** clear plastic bottle **bottoms** to school by **Friday 4th April** in preparation for our poppy craft.

One more thing!

On the 8th May, your children are invited to **DRESS UP** in traditional 1940s clothes for the day. Please see the next page for some easy ideas.



# Traditional games

When we go out for our cake picnic on the 8th May, we would love for you to be able to play some games with your children and the other families. 80 years ago, this day would have been all about celebrating and being together so we thought it would be fun for everyone to bring along some traditional 1940s games...



- Marbles
- Snakes and ladders
- Playing cards
- Twister
- Jacks
- Tiddly-winks
- Pick up sticks
- Happy Families



The most important part is the time spent with your family so if you have any other less traditional board games, those are okay too!



## 1940s dress up ideas

<p>Flat cap</p> <p>Plain button down shirt, plain grey or black shorts, v-neck jumper or tank top</p> <p>Blazer or plain jacket</p> <p>White or grey long socks with plain dark shoes or boots</p>	<p>Side parting</p> 	<p>Straw hat or beret</p> 	<p>Plaits with ribbons</p> <p>Plain skirt, white blouse, v-neck jumper or cardigan</p> <p>Dress with sleeves- plain, checked or ditsy floral pattern</p> <p>White ankle socks, or long socks, simple black shoes</p>
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# BIKEABILITY EASTER HOLIDAYS

St Bede's Catholic Primary School  
17 April 2025

## COURSES

- KS1 Cycling Skills £10
- Level 1 (1.5 hours) £15
- Level 2 (3 hours) £45
- Level 3 (3 hours) £45
- 1:1 (1 hour) £30

Booking is available online

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/hampshire-outdoors-bikeability>

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