

OAKRIDGE TIMES

Welcome to the start of the new academic year!

As we begin this new term, I'm delighted to share some wonderful moments from our first days back at school. First and foremost, we extend a warm welcome to our new Nursery, Year R and Year 4 children and their families. I am particularly pleased to report that our pupils have returned to school with remarkable enthusiasm. They have settled into their new classes beautifully, demonstrating a keen readiness to learn and engage with their educational journey.

The start of a new academic year is always a time of promise and potential. Our pupils are already showing tremendous spirit, and our staff are committed to providing the very best learning experiences possible. Our sporting teams have competitive games in the calendar and our Upper Key Stage 2 children have been given leadership roles across the schools. Watch this space to find out how they get on as the term progresses.

Diane Charman

DIARY DATES

OCT		
9th	Infant & Jnr Flu Vaccinations	
17th	Diwali Light up Festival	
20th	Year 6 Residential	
24th	Last Day of Term	
31st	YEAR 7 APPLICATION DEADLINE	
NOV		
3rd	Return to School	
10th	Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm TEACHER-LED CLUBS CANCELLED	
12th	Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm	
17th	Road Safety Week	
19th	School Disco—details to follow	

Attendance Winners

	w/e 12/0925	w/e 19/09/25	w/e 26/09/25
	Class	Class	Class
Infant	5	5	1 & 8
Junior	5 & 6	6	1, 2, 6 & 9

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.

School doors open at 8:40am and children are expected in by 8:50am. A late mark is received after this time.

Year 7 Applications Open

The closing date for year 7 applications is

31st OCTOBER 2025

Applications are made online at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

Dates for your Diary:

Year R & 3 Applications open on 1st November 2025 and close on 15th January 2026

Infant Stars of the Week



	Week ending 12 September	Week ending 19 September	Week ending 26 September
Class 1	Marley B	Arthur O	Clover D
Class 2	DJ H	Olivia W	Clementine F-D
Class 3	Barnaby P	Isla-Mae M	Luna F
Class 4	Elijah D	Ayushi D	Freya M
Class 5	Abdiel R	Avontae A	Max D
Class 6	Zayna A	Florence E-J	Adam P
Class 7	Amelia L	Tai S	Archie M
Class 8	Eric-Vlad M	Bonnie R	Jovan R
Class 9	Noah E-F	Isla O	Remus A-D
Cabin	Willow, Riley, Shloc, Antoni & Viha	Daki C	Sahana P

Junior Stars of the Week



Class 1	Sumedha A	Eliyh H-B	Alice L
Class 2	Isla W	Eliza R	Owen G
Class 3	Ada G	Kingsley W	Jasvithaa R
Class 4	Olivia S	Oruc B	Cayson C
Class 5	Sashini S	Anabelle R	Adam P
Class 6	Jasmine J	Dunamis J	Sienna C
Class 7	McKenzie N-N	Shiva B	Arlo F
Class 8	Alice Y	Leighton J	Leon B-B
Class 9	Ella-Rose W	Jacob L	Harvey T-C
Class 10	Ethan L	Umair I	Borys O
Class 11	Oswald B	Julian B	Brooke P
Class 12	Alfie G	Luke C	Shreeya C
Cabin	Shalom N-E	Khadija M	Sophie H

Achievement

Congratulations to Atchaya who received the Rising Mental Maths Star award at the Inspire Awards 2025, which took place at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh.

The awards celebrate young achievers from across the UK and Atchaya was recognised for her outstanding mental maths abilities. Atchaya was one of 23 young people honoured at the ceremony which was hosted by the British Youth International College (BYITC).



Congratulations & Well Done

Autumn 1 2025 Term—PE Days:

Nursery—Thursday

Year R Wednesday & **Friday**

Year 1—Wednesday & **Thursday**

Year 2—**Monday** & Thursday

Year 3—**Tuesday** & Wednesday

Year 4—**Monday** & Tuesday

Year 5—**Swimming** & Thursday

Year 6—Tuesday & **Wednesday**

Cabin/Lodge—Tuesday

*****Days in bold above will be outdoor learning sessions*****

Please refer to our website for a full list of PE and outdoor learning clothing

[PE & Outdoor Learning Kit](#)



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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

Universal, suitable for all ages	Parental Guidance required	Suitable for people aged 12 and over	Suitable for people aged 12 and over; anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult
Suitable for people aged 15 and over	Suitable for people aged 18 and over	Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers	

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

Violence	Bad Language	Drugs	Gambling	Sex	Discrimination	Fear	In-Game Purchases

LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info

