

OAKRIDGE TIMES

Our Year 6 pupils have just returned from their residential trip, and I couldn't be more proud of their achievements. Throughout the week, they demonstrated remarkable resilience and courage, facing personal challenges and pushing beyond their comfort zones. Watching our pupils confront their fears and grow in confidence has been truly inspiring.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible school community for the outstanding response to our harvest donations. Your generous contributions will make a significant difference to our local food bank, supporting families in need during these challenging times. The spirit of compassion and community you have shown is truly commendable.

For our Year 6 parents, I kindly remind you to complete the Year 7 admission paperwork by 31st October. Ensuring these forms are submitted promptly will help facilitate a smooth transition for your children to their next educational stage.

Diane Charman

DIARY DATES



OCT	
31st	YEAR 7 APPLICATION DEADLINE
NOV	
3rd	Return to School
10th	TEACHER-LED CLUBS CANCELLED ALL WEEK— Sports clubs will continue
10th	Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
12th	Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
14th	Children in Need—non school uniform £1
19th	School Disco—details to follow
20th	Yr Trip to Alice Holt
21st	Be Bright, Be Seen Day—non school uniform
24th	INSET DAY
25th & 26th	Yr 2, 4 & 5 Explorer Dome

Attendance Winners

	w/e	w/e	w/e	w/e
	03/10/25	10/10/25	17/10/25	24/10/25
	Class	Class	Class	Class
Infant	4 & 5	1 & 4	5	1
Junior	1 & 2	5	2, 4 & 10	11

DIWALI Light Up Festival 17th October



We were delighted that our school was once again invited to take part in this years Diwali Light Up Festival at the Basingstoke Amphitheatre on Friday 17th October.

The children's hard work during the last few weeks really paid off and they performed brilliantly and were a credit to the school.

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who helped ensure that this was a success.



FINAL REMINDER - Year 7 Applications

The is a final reminder that the closing date for year 7 applications is

31st OCTOBER 2025

Applications are made online at

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

Please be aware that late applications will be processed after those submitted on time

Our next INSET DAY is Monday 24th November 2025

Infant Stars of the Week	Week ending 3 October	Week ending 10 October	Week ending 27 October	Week ending 24 October
	Class 1 Markas K	Vashishta K	Tommy O	Ahana R
	Class 2 Arlo R	Harrison M	Ruby-Rose C	Mason R
	Class 3 Samrath S	Ida S	Atida T	Esme R
	Class 4 Idris A	Awberry V	Eddy S	Viren S
	Class 5 Gianna G	Tanisha R	Hannah A	Theo A-K
	Class 6 Taha M	Paisleigh W	Athyian V	Lily S
	Class 7 Abbie C	Scarlett O	Millie J-T	Jack M
	Class 8 Aashvi C	Louis L	Dominion J	Xariah C
	Class 9 Zander R-L	Ethan C	Umar M	Malvina G
	Cabin -	Amber S-P	-	Ruben K
Junior Stars of the Week	Class 1 Maya H	Nathaniel J	Oliia R	Srivarshini A
	Class 2 Liz D-P	Leon R	Emiliya E-G	Jo K
	Class 3 Ivy C	Sid P	Hannah P	Omer S
	Class 4 Louie B	Reyansh N	Serah T	Ryan A
	Class 5 Jasmine B	Henry A	Leah M	Reuben A
	Class 6 Bella C	Ayaan S	Binta J	Yashvi G
	Class 7 Avana R	Lacey H	Reethi J	Jaxon E
	Class 8 Harry A	Kaaliya W	Aditya M	Kavin P
	Class 9 India D	Josh P	Jasmine K	Thomas G
	Class 10 Eli P	Freya S	Ronnie F	Jack W
	Class 11 Zara C	Hammad A	Tarunya Y	Isla K
	Class 12 Mia N	Freida P	Elijah F-S	Rithishaa J
	Cabin Noah F-C	Aathis A	Prabal G	Jaci B

Coach Jordan—Sports Round-up

The school year has gotten off to a fantastic start in PE, with the children returning rejuvenated, energised, and ready to learn!

Years 4, 5, and 6 have been focusing on netball this term. Years 4 and 5 have been learning and developing all the key skills needed to become successful netball players, while Year 6 have been putting their skills into practice in full matches.

In **Year 3**, we've been working on team sports — encouraging pupils to find space, create passing opportunities, and understand what great teamwork looks like.

Our **Year 1** children have been enjoying a variety of games designed to develop their throwing, rolling, catching, and football dribbling skills. Meanwhile, **Year R** have settled into school life brilliantly and have taken to PE with enthusiasm. Coach James, Coach Grace, and I have all been very impressed with their teamwork, listening, and ball-handling skills.

In **Outdoor Learning**, the children have taken on a range of challenges, including marble runs, stepping stones, and creative building tasks. After half term, we'll be taking a short break from Outdoor Learning as everyone will be having a second PE lesson instead. (So, outdoor learning clothing won't be needed next half term.)

We're also very excited to introduce **American Flag Football** for the first time with Years 5 and 6! Years 3 and 4 will be focusing on football, while the Infants will explore more team-based games during their additional PE sessions.

Our school teams have had a mixed start to the sporting season. Both Year 5/6 football teams were unfortunately knocked out in the first round of the Hampshire Cup, but we're hopeful for success in the upcoming Hampshire Plate and league fixtures. Our Years 3 and 5 teams also played their first friendly match against St. Bede's — a very competitive and enjoyable game, well done to all involved!

Finally, our **netball team** put in a strong performance against St. John's, losing narrowly in a close contest. They've been training hard and are eager to show their improvement in the upcoming league games.

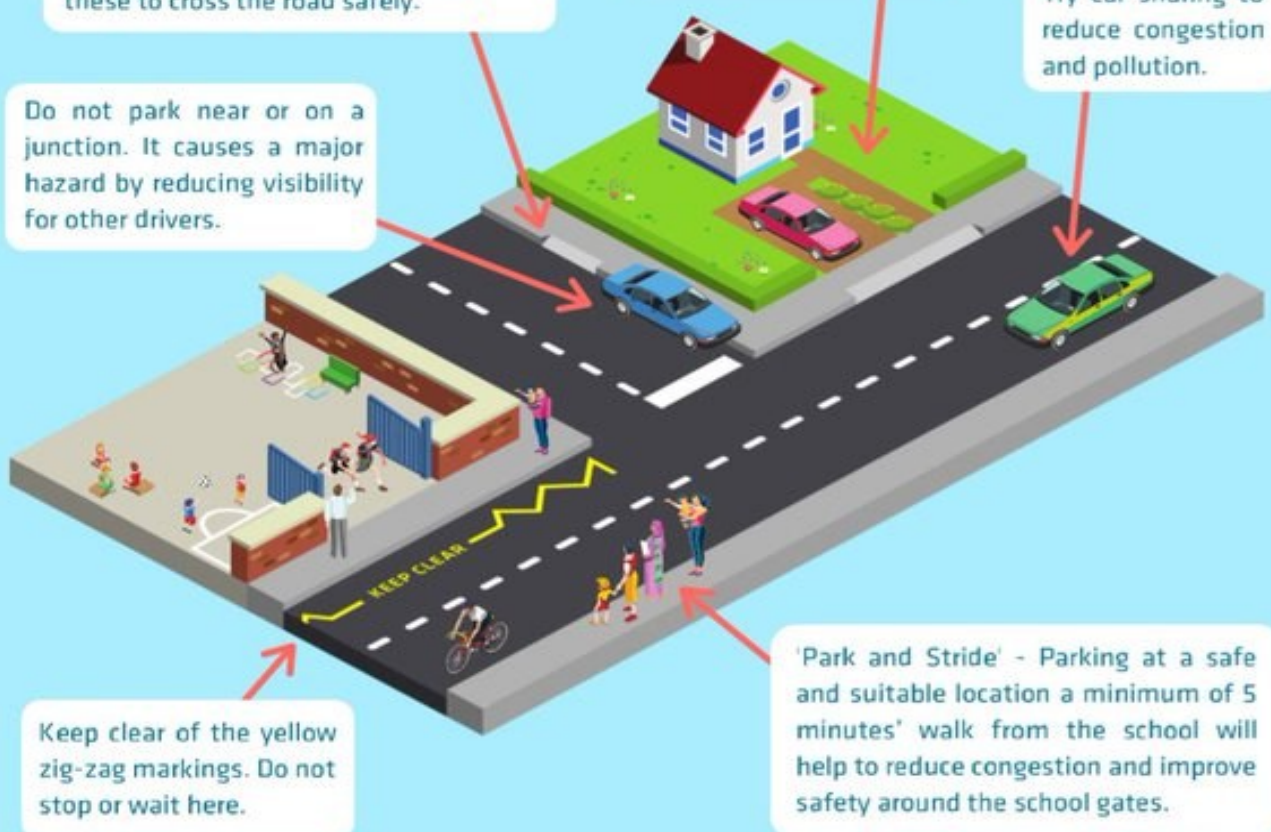
PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

Don't block access to dropped kerbs by parking or pulling over in front of one. Many people, including those with limited mobility or pushchairs, rely on these to cross the road safely.

Don't park blocking local residents' driveways no matter how close or far from the school.

Try car sharing to reduce congestion and pollution.

Do not park near or on a junction. It causes a major hazard by reducing visibility for other drivers.



Keep clear of the yellow zig-zag markings. Do not stop or wait here.

'Park and Stride' - Parking at a safe and suitable location a minimum of 5 minutes' walk from the school will help to reduce congestion and improve safety around the school gates.

You can also keep the areas around school safe by:

- Being careful when driving past the gates especially at the start and end of the school day.
- Reducing your speed when driving near schools. Children can be difficult to see when driving and can move quickly and unpredictably so anticipate this and drive cautiously.
- Following the instructions of School Crossing Patrols and being patient while waiting.

Dangerous and inconsiderate parking is an ongoing issue for most schools. Think about how and where you park and play your part in keeping everyone safe.

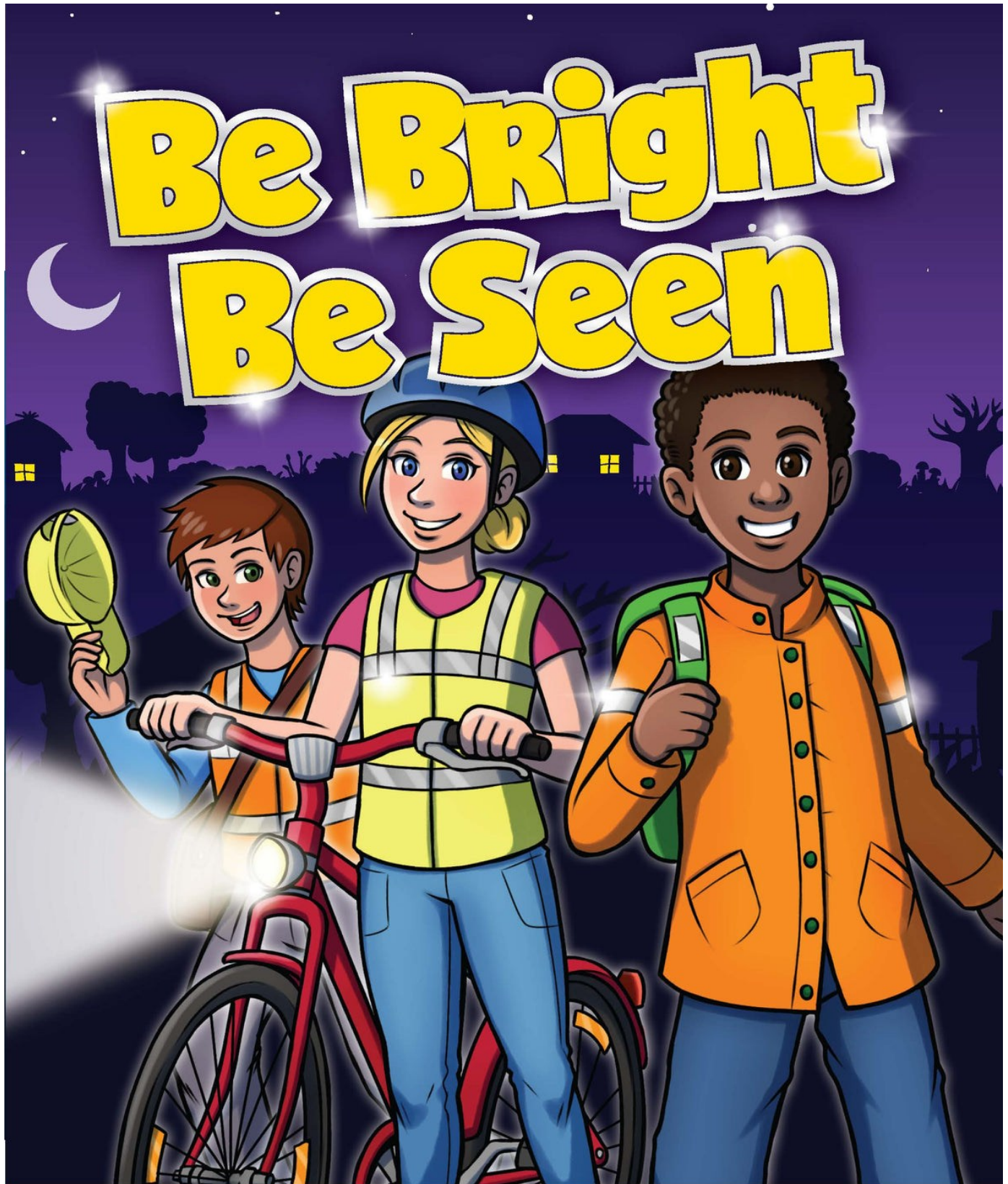


A copy of the school's travel plan and other information can be found on our website:

[Oakridge Federation—Travel to School](#)

Be Bright, Be Seen Non School Uniform Day—Friday 21st November 2025

As part of the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' campaign we will be having a **non-school uniform day** on Friday 24th November and we are asking children to come to school dressed as bright as they can be.



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The Big  BBC Children in Need

SPOTACULAR

On Friday 14th November we will be taking part in Children in Need.

We are asking the children to wear any appropriate clothing with spots on in return for £1 donation towards the charity.

Donations can be brought into school on the morning of Friday 14th November and handed to their class teacher or at any of the reception offices across the Federation.

Let's see who can dress up in the most SPOTacular outfit to help a worthy cause!

