

OAKRIDGE TIMES

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved half term break and that our pupils returned refreshed and ready for the final push towards Easter. Our 'Mad Hair Day' fundraiser was a fantastic success, and I'm thrilled to tell you that we raised £404 for St Michael's Hospice. Thank you to everyone who contributed and showed their support.

I'd like to draw your attention to two exciting events being organised by our PTFA. Firstly, they are holding a Mother's and Others Day Sale, which is a lovely way to celebrate and show appreciation for the important people in our pupils' lives. Additionally, the PTFA are hosting a pub quiz at the Soldiers Return on 20th March, which promises to be a fun evening out for parents and staff. Both events are great opportunities to connect with our school community in a more relaxed setting, so I do hope you'll consider getting involved.

Diane Charman

DIARY DATES

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9th	Year 6 Height & Weight
11th	Oakridge Choir—Basingstoke Vocal Workshop
16th	LAST WEEK OF TEACHER-LED CLUBS — parents will be advised of next terms teacher-led club allocation on the last day of term
	Sports Clubs to continue next week
18th	Year 6 SAT's Parent's Meeting 3:30pm
25th	School Disco—details to follow
27th	Last Day of Term—2:30pm finish
APR	
13th	Return to School Sports Clubs begin (Summer 2026)
17th	Year 4 Swimming starts (details to follow)
20th	Teacher-Led Clubs begin (Summer 2026 allocation)
MAY	
4th	Bank Holiday
11th	Year 6 SAT's ALL WEEK
18th	Year 6 Bikeability (details to follow) Year 5 Portals to the Past—Greek Workshop (details to follow)



Attendance Winners

	w/e 06/02/26	w/e 13/02/26	w/e 27/02/26	w/e 06/03/26
	Class	Class	Class	Class
Infant	2	5	6	2 & 6
Junior	1 & 4	2	2 & 7	5

IMPORTANT—Ongoing Parking Issues

Following on from our recent email, please can we remind parents of the importance of parking considerately and behaving respectfully around the school site during drop-off and pick-up times.

Parking in the surrounding area continues to present challenges. Inconsiderate parking — including blocking dropped kerbs, parking on green areas, or obstructing access — has a significant impact on local residents, those with mobility needs, and families travelling safely to and from school. This behaviour is unacceptable and understandably causes frustration within our community.

Parents and carers are reminded that they represent the school community when on or around the school premises. We expect all interactions to be calm, respectful, and appropriate, particularly as children are present. Any form of threatening or confrontational behaviour is taken very seriously.

We ask all parents and carers to take responsibility for parking safely, respecting local residents, and adhering to the expected standards of conduct.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in helping to keep our school community safe, respectful, and welcoming for everyone.

Year 6 Production—A Hint of Snow White

Tickets are now on sale from today for our year 6 production which is taking place on Friday 17th July at The Haymarket Theatre, Basingstoke.



Please follow the link below to book tickets

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

Last day of term is Friday 27th March—2:30pm Finish

Infant Stars of the Week

	Week ending 6 February	Week ending 13 February	Week ending 27 February	Week ending 6 March
Class 1	Fraser C	Isabella M	Freddie B	Bivon H
Class 2	Aadidev V	Maya N	Lotti S	Rosie D
Class 3	Aathiran S	Erica P-H	Reel S	Mattias M
Class 4	Mabel V	Gauranshiv A	Yuvaan B	Shalini A
Class 5	Mason A	Aurelia L	Amayah C	Marlo H
Class 6	George O	Parth A	Samuel D	Thea B
Class 7	Mason A	Amirah T	Freddie S	Renata B
Class 8	Belssed N	Isaac G	Lili P	Beatrice A-N
Class 9	Calum P	Ira S	Zion L	Azaan K
Cabin	-	Riley I	-	Amber S-P

Junior Stars of the Week

	Week ending 6 February	Week ending 13 February	Week ending 27 February	Week ending 6 March
Class 1	Chetana A	Nate J	Prabal G	Emily L
Class 2	Jasmine B	Nola H	Elodie N	Kolawole A
Class 3	Raymond T	Yusan M	Eifion P	Rory S
Class 4	Kanishk K	Olivia-Rose J	Brennan O	Shiva V
Class 5	Rory D	Zofia J	Lena S	Evie C
Class 6	Shalom N-E	Oliver J	Isla H	Flavia F
Class 7	Olivia R	Asmee B	Hollie M-C	Ryan G
Class 8	Evelyn B	Chloe M	Jiya P	Samantha T-O
Class 9	Parithie V	Imogen B	Reuben B	Zac J
Class 10	Thinal G	Daisy P	Kaivalya T	Holly F
Class 11	Kyara D	Marley M	Darcy F	Gabi G
Class 12	Anushan P	Redouane B	Zak M	Cami D
Cabin	Prabal G	Arjun N	Arlo F	Ethan B

Coach Jordan—Sports Round-up

Please find below an update on what the children will be doing this term in PE.

Year R have begun practicing their tennis skills by travelling and balancing bean bags on their rackets and will progress to using the “drop and pop” technique to hit the ball over the coming weeks.

Years 1 and 2 are revisiting their tennis skills from last year by practicing balancing the ball and hitting it towards a target using the same “drop and pop technique”. We will start to look at how to strike the ball for more distance and accuracy.

Years 3 and 4 have started their floorball lessons and the year 3’s have been learning all the main techniques of dribbling with the ball as well as learning some basic rules about the game. Year 4 have recapped the floorball skills that they learnt in year 3 and will be progressing onto match play in week 3 after practicing some defending and shooting.

Years 5 and 6 have begun their block of football, being a popular sport, we have had the children doing a lot of ball manipulation and footwork drills to get them all moving around. We will be moving into some shooting drills with a view to look at a more tactical side of the game when playing matches towards the end of the half term.

The boys and girls football teams eagerly await a semi-final and quarter final county cup draw with plans to go on and win the competition. Our netball team have all but qualified for the netball districts with some fantastic performances. The year 3 and 4 football team will have some fixtures arranged soon as the league fixtures begin to come to an end for our upper school teams.

As a reminder, please can all children ensure they have the correct PE and outdoor learning kit in school.



You can now follow us on Twitter @OakridgeFed

Year 6—Special Announcement

We promise that more information will follow for our year 6 parents but for now, please make sure to keep the date free in your diary -
Friday 17th July 2026!

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased by following the link below:

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



A hint of

SNOW WHITE

THE MUSICAL

**OAKRIDGE
PRESENTS**

*“A leavers
extraordinaire”*

FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2026

TICKETS: £13



Mad Hair Day 13th February 2026

Please see below a selection of photo's celebrating Mad Hair Day—thank you to everyone who took part and donated, the school was able to raise **£404.65**

Well done everyone!



Mad Hair Day

Thank you

This certificate is presented to:

Oakridge Schools Federation

for raising a fantastic

£404.65

Your support will help provide free compassionate care to people living with life-limiting illnesses in Basingstoke and North Hampshire.

Date: **February 2026**

You're amazing!

With thanks from
Iain Cameron
Iain Cameron
Chief Executive

