

# OAKRIDGE TIMES

I hope you've all had a well-deserved break and returned refreshed and ready for the final push of the academic year. It's quite remarkable how quickly time passes; one moment we're welcoming pupils back in September and the next we're preparing for the end of year festivities.

My sincere thanks to everyone who supported our Red Nose Day appeal. The response from our school community was truly wonderful, and I'm delighted to share that we raised £377.

Now, onto some exciting news that I'm thrilled to celebrate with you all. Both our boys' and girls' Year 5 & 6 football teams have progressed through to the semi-finals of the Hampshire Cup – what an outstanding achievement! These pupils have shown tremendous dedication, skill, and teamwork throughout the competition, and they should feel incredibly proud of themselves. Achievements like these are what make our school community so special. Whether it's raising money for charity, excelling in sport, musical performances (Year 5 Ukelele) or simply supporting one another, our pupils and staff continue to make us all proud.

Diane Charman

## DIARY DATES

### MAY

- 4th **May Bank Holiday**
- 11th Year 6 SAT's—all week
- 18th Year 6 Bikeability—all week  
Year 5 Portals to the Past Greek Workshop (details to follow)
- 21st Year 1 Hillier Gardens Trip  
Walk to School Week
- 25th Half Term—normal finish time

### JUNE

- 1st INSET DAY
- 4th Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle (details to follow)



## Attendance Winners

	w/e 13/03/26	w/e 20/03/26	w/e 27/03/26	w/e 17/04/26
	Class	Class	Class	Class
Infant	5	4	1	1
Junior	5	1, 2 & 5	5	5

## 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.

## Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 will be starting their bikeability sessions on Monday 18th May 2026. The sessions will run all week.

This is a national cycle training programme support and funded by the Department of Transport. The main aim of this training course being that the children will be able to make a short journey in a safer manner and be more aware of road safety issues.

Level 1 and Level 2 training will be offered, level one is based on the playground and builds confidence in children and level 2 teaches the children to cycle on the local roads.

Year 6 parents will have received emails asking them to complete the consent/information form



**Our next INSET DAY is Monday 1st June 2026**

### Infant Stars of the Week



	Week ending 13 March	Week ending 20 March	Week ending 27 March	Week ending 17 April
<b>Class 1</b>	Edward V-K	Mila W	Shreesh C	Walter B
<b>Class 2</b>	Sidd S	Harrison M	Gabriel C	Lucas K
<b>Class 3</b>	Isla-M M	Orson A-D	Ivy E-K	Shaurya S
<b>Class 4</b>	Venba R	Mishika A	Abigail COM	Noah H-H
<b>Class 5</b>	Ravya M	Hasnube B	Dennis D	Gianna G
<b>Class 6</b>	Yanis C	Aribella S	Dhanu K-K-A	Adam P
<b>Class 7</b>	Phoenix L	Gabriel V	Elliot C	Amirah T
<b>Class 8</b>	Poppy-Rae E	Matteo E-F	Yem S	Rohan A
<b>Class 9</b>	Mishika G	Violet F	Noah A-J	Andhaadhi G
<b>Cabin</b>	Viha P	-	Reuben K	-

### Junior Stars of the Week



<b>Class 1</b>	Thanica S	Riley H-H	Sumedha A	Marcel M
<b>Class 2</b>	Eliza R	Jessica C	Vivaan B	Ashar A
<b>Class 3</b>	Samrit K	Veda V	Megan A	Elsie W
<b>Class 4</b>	Ellie C	Michelle I	Harrison M	Bella K
<b>Class 5</b>	Mik M	Wren B	Andrea I	Peter B
<b>Class 6</b>	Reggie C	Bella C	John M-R	Max D
<b>Class 7</b>	Lakshith K-K	Enzo G	Ankush D	Avana R
<b>Class 8</b>	George G	Yan Nie K	Maya B	Ethan B
<b>Class 9</b>	Arjun A	Aria-Rose M	Phoebe R	Parker C
<b>Class 10</b>	Bishan G	Bella G	Kashdan C	Ashang Y
<b>Class 11</b>	Scofield T	Marley M	Leo D	Seth N
<b>Class 12</b>	Lana M	Gabriel D	Greatness J	Evanna J
<b>Cabin</b>	Jaci B	Prabal G	Aathis A	Arlo F



## COACH JORDAN'S SPORTS ROUND-UP

Firstly, congratulations to our upper school football teams on reaching the semi-finals of the Schools County Plate Trophy this year. Both teams have played exceptionally well and we eagerly await the important semi-final matches with a place in the final up for grabs.

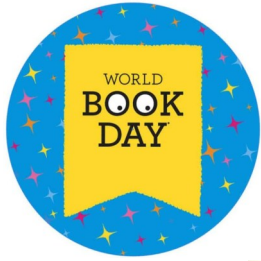
The upper girls football team are hosting a school from Winchester where a familiar face is currently coaching and the upper school boys football team are up against Oakley who we know will be tough to beat. This is the farthest in recent memory that any Oakridge football side has progressed in a county cup so it is already a terrific achievement.

This term we will be moving into summer sports with the infant school working on their athletic skills whilst the junior school will be playing cricket (years 3 and 4) and rounders (years 5 and 6). Athletics starts a little earlier at the infant school to give the children more time to practice for the infant sports day which will take place on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** (weather permitting). The junior school will also have time to practice in preparation for their sports day on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** (weather permitting). More information regarding sports day will be sent out to parents later this half term.

The football trials for the next academic year for the junior school will be taking place after the May half term holidays and further information will be sent to parents in due course.



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# World Book Day

Please see below a selection of some of the wonderful costumes that the children wore to celebrate World Book date on Friday 6th March 2026

