

Important Dates:

(All dates are subject to change)

Autumn 2

21 November- Individual photos 'mop up' session

24 November-Y3 Butser Farm trip

25 November- Year 5 Stubbington information Evening 6pm

26 November - **Parents information evening- 'Empowerment Approach'**

1 December- dress down day for Tombola donations

9 December 2025- Y5 Christingle trip to St Thomas Church

15 December 2025- Secret Santa Shop

16 December 2025- Secret Santa Shop

16 December- Y3 Nativity to parents 2pm Details to follow.

17 December- Y3 Nativity to Parents 9am Details to follow.

19 December- last day of term.

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18 November 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians

Oak Bites is our weekly bulletin which aims to give parents and guardians useful information and key dates to make a note of. These dates will be added to/amended throughout the year.

Some items stay on if they are still current. In addition, each Friday Miss Loosemoore will share her Newsletter.

Year 3

Our Butser Farm trip is on the 24th November. If you haven't already done so, please use the link in the letter [Here](#) to give consent for your child taking part. **Payment will also need to be made by logging into the Arbor App as soon as possible to allow this trip to go ahead. Thank you.**

Year 4

There is no news specific to Year 4

Year 5

Christingle! We are pleased to attach a letter with details of our walk to St Thomas church for Christingle on Tuesday 9 December. If you haven't already done so, please log In to your Arbor Account and give consent under local visits 2025/26. Thank you

Year 6

Book series

In response to a few parents asking about book series that children could read, we have compiled a short list of some here:

Beast Quest by Adam Blade

- Full of fantasy/adventure: monsters, quests, action.
- Designed for children aged 7+, so it's accessible for Year 6, yet with enough content and series-length to keep them going.



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Year 6 continued...

Percy Jackson & the Olympians by Rick Riordan

- A fantasy-adventure series about a boy discovering he's the child of a Greek god, facing monsters and quests.
- Suitable for children who enjoy myth, magic, action.
- Often recommended for the 9-12 age range.
- Great for Year 6 because the reading level is accessible, but the story is engaging and long enough to keep interest.

The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cow

- A fantasy adventure aimed at ages 9-14.
 - With magical world-building, fun characters and plenty of action.
- Good for readers who enjoyed magical stories and want something a little more imaginative.

Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz

- Spy/mission-adventure series with a teenage protagonist who becomes a secret agent.
- Might suit Year 6 pupils who like action, gadgets, spies rather than magic.
- Slightly more mature, so might be near the upper end of Year 6 or for advanced readers.

Malory Towers by Enid Blyton

- Stories set in a girls' boarding school — friendship, adventure, sports, school life. (Although originally a bit older, many younger readers still love it.)
- If the child enjoys school stories, strong friendships and a slightly classic feel, this is a rich series.

The School for Good and Evil by Soman Chainani

- Fantasy series with strong female leads, magic and big story scope.
- Good for girls who also enjoy fantasy and want something with depth and suspense.
- Slightly more challenging, but for a Year 6 reader who is keen, this is a strong pick.



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**PSA News****Good News!**

Due to high demand for the children's **Christmas card designs**, we've secured additional dates for orders! You can now buy from 21st November until 1st December. Instructions on how to place an order can be found on the order card. A percentage of all money raised will go to our PSA to support school projects and activities.

Upcoming Events:

On 1st December, we will have a dress-down day for raffle prize donations. The raffle will take place after school on 12th December. Further details will be shared shortly!

We need your help..

We are still looking for volunteers to support our upcoming PSA events — please click [HERE](#) to find out more and see how you can get involved.



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Parents' Information Evening - The Empowerment Approach—Booking required

Join us on Wednesday 26th November, from 7:15pm to 8:45pm in the Fair Oak Junior School Hall, for our Empowerment Approach Parent Information Evening. This informative session will introduce the Empowerment Approach — a supportive framework we use in school to help children understand and manage their behaviour positively. You'll learn how the approach supports learning and wellbeing, discover practical strategies to use at home, and hear from Kit Messenger, educational psychologist, author, and co-creator of the Empowerment Approach, who will be joining us online to share insights and answer questions.

Further information and ticket booking can be found via this link: <https://www.fairoakjunior.co.uk/site/data/files/new-folder/08C0C2DC4753FED69B83FB4958E0AFE0.pdf>

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO LUNCH ORDERS COMING SOON!

Many of you will be aware of recent changes to Breakfast Club and parents needing to book in advance.

In the new year, we will be moving to a similar booking system for school meals with parents needing to book and pay for their children's meals in advance. If there is any debt on your child's dinner account, this gives notice of clearing the debt in good time. (If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will still need to book their lunches online)

We will be sharing more information over the coming weeks, so please keep an eye on Oak Bites for this.

Road Safety Week This Week!

Find out more about Road Safety Week, including Bling your Ride and our fantastic posters created by our Junior Road Safety Officers [here](#).

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Photographer in school this Friday

The school photographer is back in school on Friday for any child that was missed when they visited earlier in the term. In this case, they should come to school wearing their uniform—even if it is their PE day, (they should bring their kit with them in a bag). Thank you.

Shoebboxes for the Homeless

Every year, Fair Oak Junior School supports homeless and vulnerably housed people in the Winchester area. Mrs Sear is collecting items to put together for this year's "Christmas Shoebboxes" for homeless men (and a few women), in conjunction with the charity "Trinity House Day Centre." Any donations would be very much appreciated. For example we would be pleased to receive **shoe boxes, toiletries (razors, soap, shampoo etc.) hats, gloves, scarves, chocolates (not liquers) and biscuits.** Please send donations any day before Friday 5th December 2025. Thank you so much for your generosity. Thank you to those of you who have already donated.

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