

Oak Bites

Fair Oak



Junior
School

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and see their happy faces again. We hope that all of our Fair Oak families enjoyed a restful and joyful festive break, and we look forward to an exciting term ahead. Mr Hartley has very much enjoyed meeting the children today and spending time around the school. He looks forward to working closely with our school community and will be sending out a weekly newsletter to families every Friday.

Important Reminder

A reminder to parents that all school lunches must now be booked and paid for in advance via the Arbor app. Today marked the first day of using our new lunch booking system, and we would like to thank those parents who were able to book their child's lunch today. Your support as we embed this new system is greatly appreciated.

To find out how to book your child's lunch and to view the new school menu, [please visit our website here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Friday 9th January

Winning house team dress down day and iced buns

Monday 12th January

Yr 4 swimming programme starts

Monday 12th January 6.30pm

Yr 6 SATS information evening

Thursday 22nd January

Yr 6 Young Voices @ The O2

W/C 9th February

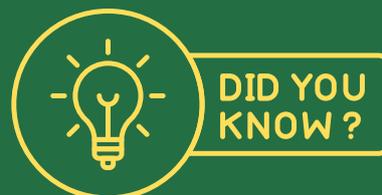
Yr 5 Stubbington residential trip

W/C 16th February

Half term holiday

Monday 9th March

PSA special person/Mothers day shopping event



More information about our upcoming events can be found on our [website here.](#)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION



Year 3 News

There is no news specific to Year 3 for this week.

Year 4 News

Swimming Programme

Monday 12th January sees the start of our Year 4 swimming programme. For more information about the lessons and what your child will need to bring on their swimming day, [please click here.](#)

Year 5 News

There is no news specific to Year 5 for this week.

Year 6 News

SATs Information Evening - Monday 12th January

We would like to invite all Year 6 parents to attend a SATs Information Evening at school. The meeting will take place in the hall at 6.30pm and will last approximately 45 minutes. Parents should enter the school via the Year 6 green gates. The session will provide key information about the upcoming SATs and there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end. We look forward to seeing you there.

2026 Production

This year, our Year 6 summer production will be Moana. In preparation for this, audition material can be [found here.](#) Auditions will be taking place week commencing 12th January.



Young Voices @ The O2

We have now received the tickets for Young Voices and transferred them to those that have purchased. You should have received an email from AXS, which tells you how to accept the tickets. We would advise doing this as soon as possible as, in the past, some parents have had difficulties with accepting the tickets and then this allows enough time before the concert to resolve issues. If you do face any issues, the first port of call would be to contact AXS and they should be able to help you.

Year 6 News Continued

Year 6 Hoodies

The hoodies have arrived in school and will be sent home with children today. A reminder that those who have ordered bottle green or black will be able to wear them as part of their PE uniform.

PE News and Updates

Invasion Games Recommendation

As part of our PE curriculum, all pupils will be playing invasion games during the Spring Term, specifically those using hockey sticks. Pupils will be taught the basic skills to ensure that they are able to dribble, send and receive a ball before moving on to applying those skills to small-sided games. Pupils will not be playing full games of hockey; they will be participating in modified games to further develop their skills. The use of hockey sticks brings with it an ever-present heightened risk of injury. We would therefore like to recommend that all children are provided with shin pads and mouth guards for this unit of work. While we would like to promote and advocate the use of these as a measure of safety, the use of both is not a stipulated requirement for Invasion games but more a suggestion of good practise. Therefore, pupils will still be allowed to participate in invasion games if they do not have these. Shin pads and mouth guards will not be needed until the second week back.

We would like to stress that every effort is made throughout all units of PE to ensure safety and pupils will be made aware of the strict rules in place while participating in this unit. However, as in all aspects of life, accidents can happen and, it is our belief that, promoting measures to reduce such risk is prudent. We are certain the children will enjoy applying their skills in Invasion games and we look forward to seeing them progress.

Cold and Wet Weather

As the cold winter months continue, please can we also ask that children are bringing an extra layer to school on their PE days. Base layers or 'second skins' are a good way of keeping warm. PE sessions take place outside, and some sessions (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities) will be timetabled on the field, so please send your child to school with a change of footwear, a second pair of socks and a carrier bag to carry them in. As PE lessons continue in all weather, children should have a suitable outdoor, waterproof coat or jacket with them on PE days.

General Information and News

Winning House Team Dress Down Day

Congratulations to the children in **St George** which was the winning house for last half term! As a result all children in **St George** are invited to dress in non-uniform on Friday, they will also be rewarded with an iced bun on the day!



New Notification System for Minor Injuries and Bumps

The school has implemented a new system called Medical Tracker to record instances of first aid and administering of medicines. At this point, the only difference for parents and carers is that in the case of an injury or bump, an email notification will come through from Medical Tracker, rather than from the school email address. If you have any questions or would like to know more information, please contact the office.

Nurture Course for Parents

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to join our upcoming Nurture Course, designed to support you in strengthening relationships, sharing experiences, and exploring positive strategies for family life. The free 10-week course will run every Friday from 10am–12pm, starting on 16th January.

It offers a relaxed, supportive space to reflect, learn, and build confidence in nurturing positive relationships at home. All sessions are free and refreshments are included.

Please see above to book your place - we would love to welcome you!

Nurture Course for Parents

Friday 16th January 2026

10am – 12 noon

Fountain Café, Shorts Road, Fair Oak

Please join us for this 10 week

course designed by the Centre for

Emotional Health supporting

parents to build on their

relationships with their children. Each week there will

be simple strategies and tools to help create strong

connections within your family. Each session will be 2

hours and refreshments will be provided. To register

your interest please scan the QR code.



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