



NEWSLETTER

17TH NOVEMBER 2023

Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book Winners who were presented with their certificates during assembly this morning. This week's theme for Golden Book was "Reading".



Reception	- Muhammad-Ali, Ezra J, Oliver and Mia
Year One	- Alex and Thea
Year Two	- Eliza and Arlo
Year Three	- Harry and Emilia
Year Four	- Scott and Hooriya
Year Five	- Luke, Lewis and Daisy
Year Six	- Holly, Jacob and James

Year 4 Times Tables Award

Congratulations to our times table Mastery Maths children who have achieved their awards this morning.



CLASS OF THE WEEK!

Reception



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Absence Reporting
ParentMail



Reception Visit to Stanley Head

We have a visit planned for our Reception children to Stanley Head on 30th November. This is now live on ParentPay. You will also have received more details regarding this via ParentMail.

Please note if we have insufficient contributions, the visit may not go ahead.



Year 3 & Year 4 Visit to Derby Museum

On 5th December as part of their History learning Year 3 and Year 4 will be visiting Derby Museum to learn first hand about The Ancient Egyptians.

You will have received more information via ParentMail earlier in the week and it is now live on ParentPay.

Please note if we have insufficient contributions, this visit may be cancelled.



Lunch Reminder

We are increasingly seeing a regular number of children who have not booked a school dinner but have also not brought in a packed lunch. It is school policy to ensure that all children have a meal at lunch but this is becoming increasingly difficult as meals are cooked to order.

Therefore, could all parents please ensure that you book a school dinner if one is required before the cut-off off time of 8.00am.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Pre-Loved Uniform Donations

If you have any pre loved, good condition, Oakridge branded uniform, we would welcome any donations, thank you.



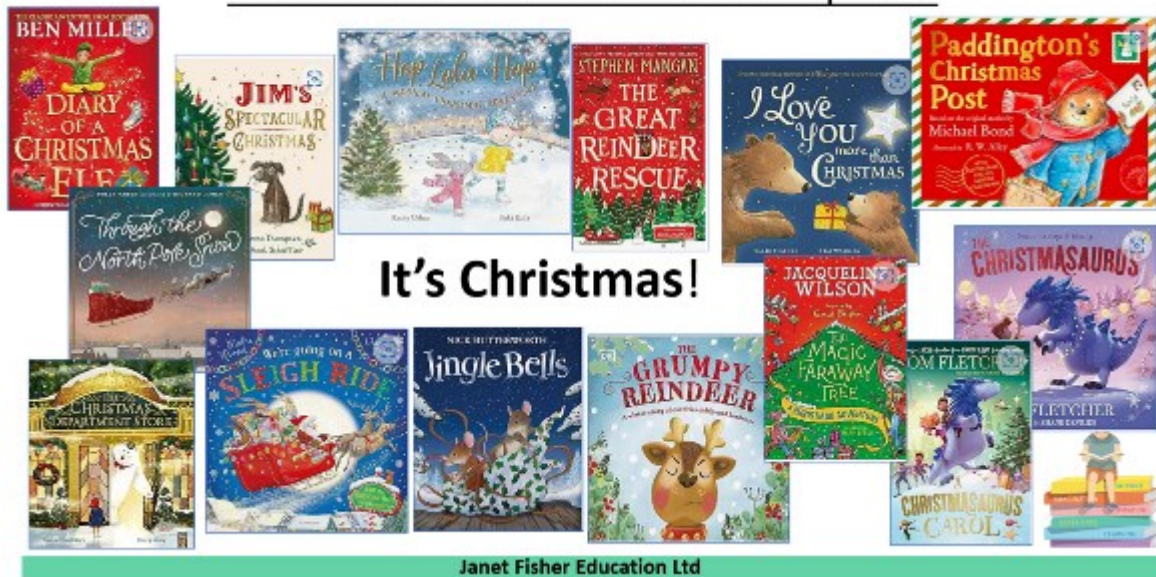
Reading for pleasure

We ensure reading is celebrated as a highly regarded subject at Oakridge.

Our overall aim is for our pupils to read fluently and with understanding. We strive for pupils to understand the benefits of reading – as a crucial life-skill necessary for accessing and achieving academic success in all areas of the curriculum and beyond. We want our pupils leave Oakridge as confident, independent readers with a life-long passion to explore books for pleasure in order to be able to lead a culturally enlightened and fulfilled life.

We firmly believe that reading is the key to all learning and so the impact of our reading curriculum goes beyond the results of the statutory assessments. We give all children the opportunity to enter the magical worlds that books open up to them. We promote reading for pleasure as part of our reading curriculum and our children are encouraged to develop their own love of genres and authors and to review their books. This enhances a deep love of literature across a range of genres, cultures and styles.

Recommended books to explore



Research shows that children who have never been read to at home are exposed to 4,662 words by the time they start school. If they are read 1 book per day at home this rises to 296,660 words and 1.5 million words if read multiple books per day.

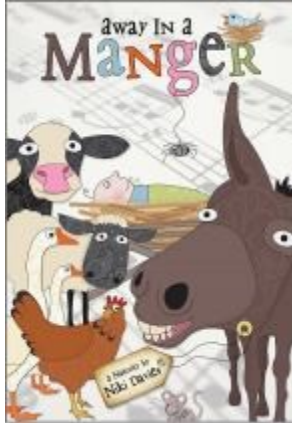
Nursery Diwali Celebrations



Dates for Nativities

Nursery & Reception

Away In a Manger



12th and 13th
December
at
10.30am

Year 1 & Year 2

Baubles!



19th December at
2pm

&

20th December at
9.30am

Reception Maths Workshop

Thank you to all parent who came to our
Reception Maths Workshop on
Wednesday.

We hope you found it helpful.



*Please note that there will be
no after school sports clubs on
Monday 20th and Thursday
23rd November.*

Thank you.



Saltmine
Theatre
Company
Presents

Red Riding Hood

SALTmine

Wildwood Church

Family Christmas Show

Wednesday 13th December
6:30pm @ The Octagon

Follow this link
For tickets!

<https://redridinghoodstafford.eventbrite.co.uk>
www.facebook.com/Wildwoodchurchstafford/

Year 5 Lowry Art Gallery Visit

Please can we remind you that our Year 5 children are visiting The Lowry Art Gallery in Manchester next week on Wednesday 22nd November.

All children will need a packed lunch, enough drinks for the day and a snack. School uniform must be worn and a warm waterproof coat is required.

Please can you ensure if you haven't already; to give consent via ParentPay or a hand written letter.

Many thanks.



Reception Campfire Night

On Friday 24th November, we will be hosting our annual campfire night to support our learning on lighting up the dark. We are inviting our Reception children to return to school at 5:30pm dressed in warm clothing and with their own torch for an evening of campfire fun. The evening will finish with hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows around the campfire. Children will need to be collected at 7:00pm.

We are very much looking forward to sharing this experience with the class.

Please let Mrs Evans the Reception class teacher know if your child is unable to attend the campfire evening.



Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

The attendance for this first half term of this academic year is **97.1%** which is **above** our school target.

Reception	98.7%
Year One	94.7%
Year Two	97.7%
Year Three	97.9%
Year Four	96.6%
Year Five	94.7%
Year Six	99.4%

Reception Open Morning

We have our next Reception Open Morning next Tuesday 21st November at 10am.



We look forward to seeing some of you there.

Year 1 Visit to The Wolseley Centre

The Year 1 children had a wonderful day experiencing all creatures great and small. They explored the grounds, made bug hotels, learnt about protecting our environment and recycling.

The best part was hunting for bugs both above and below ground!



Year 3 and 4 Football Matches

This has been a very busy week for our Year 3 and Year 4 boys and girls with three football matches in preparation for the tournament at Stafford Town next week.

On Monday our girls team won 1-0 against Barnfields in a very tight game, thanks to a very neat finish from Nell early in the first half. The boys game against Barnfields was much more high scoring with Oakridge running out 6-3 winners thanks to goals from Scott, Otto and Harvey.

On Thursday the boys were in action again, this time against Springfields and another great team performance saw Oakridge to a comfortable 7-2 win.

A great week with 3 wins out of 3. **Well Done to all the boys and girls involved!**



Bingo Night

The OSCA Bingo night last Thursday was a very enjoyable evening for all who came along. It was fabulous to see so many of our wider school community joining in with both the Bingo and the always popular games of Heads or Tails.

Together we raised a fantastic, and much needed, £590!



A decorative border surrounds the central text area, featuring various school supplies like books, pens, pencils, and a feather on a light blue background.

Poem of the Week

Accident Prone

By Roger Stevens

Joe jumped on my kite
(from the top of the wall)
He spoilt my picture
(knocked the water pot over)
He tipped paint on my head
(after he had knocked the water over)
He lost my coat
(when we were exploring the woods)
He ate my crisps
(by mistake, he said.
How can you eat crisps by mistake?)
He punctured my ball
(by throwing it to the neighbour's dog)
But he is my best friend
So I forgive him
(but I do wish he was more careful
sometimes!).



COME & JOIN US AT

THE OAKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Christmas Fair

- 🎀 TOMBOLA
- 🎀 RAFFLE
- 🎀 BAR
- 🎀 CAKE STALL
- 🎀 LUCKY DIP
- 🎀 MEET SANTA
- 🎀 TUCK STALL

AND MUCH,
MUCH MORE ...



SUPPORT US!
VOLUNTEERS WANTED
FOR MANNING STALLS
[PLEASE CONTACT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE]



FRIDAY
DECEMBER

8TH

@ 5.30^{PM}
- 7.30^{PM}



JOIN US!
ALL PROCEEDS
DIRECTLY BENEFIT
OUR CHILDREN





Let's get **GREENER**
and



RE-UNIFORM

more

WE ARE LAUNCHING A SCHOOL UNIFORM
RECYCLING PROJECT TO HELP MAXIMISE THE
AMOUNT OF OAKRIDGE UNIFORM THAT IS
RE-USED.



Bring!

Please bring any
pre-loved branded
uniform (jumpers,
cardigans, PE kit and
ties) that you no
longer need into
school. Donations
can be dropped off at
the school office.
Items must be in
good, clean condition.



Buy!

Pre-loved uniform
items will be
available to buy at
significantly
discounted prices at
school events
throughout the
year.