

## 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 "Art".



Reception -	Monty, Sophie, Grace and Jamie
Year One -	Joshua G and Mali
Year Two -	Robyn and Jack
Year Three -	Sanvi and Emilia
Year Four -	Stanley and Ruby S
Year Five -	Zach and Chloe
Year Six -	Jack and Jenny



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Absence Reporting  
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## Nursery Visit to Baswich Library

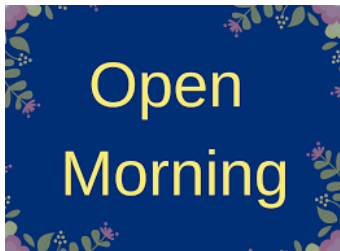


As part of the 'Lets Imagine' learning focus, Nursery have enjoyed a range of Julia Donaldson stories. To celebrate 'National Story Telling' week, the Nursery children will be visiting Baswich Library on the morning of Friday 2nd February, for a story telling session.

We will be leaving at 9.15am and will be back at school for around 11.30am.

## Nursery Open Morning

We have our next Nursery Open Morning on the 8th February at 10.00am.



Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

This weeks attendance is **97.7%** which is **above** our school target.

Reception	98.0%
Year One	96.7%
Year Two	97.3%
Year Three	97.9%
Year Four	97.2%
Year Five	99.0%
Year Six	97.8%

## Menu & Tuck Changes

Please note that we have made some slight amendments to our menus.

ParentPay has been updated with the new choices and a copy of the menus can also be found on our website.

If you had ordered a meal in advance that has now been changed, please check to ensure you are happy with the change and if not then re-select. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Tuck items will remain unchanged except for Breakfast Pots which have temporarily been removed.

If you had pre-selected a breakfast pot these have been cancelled and a credit should appear in your account.

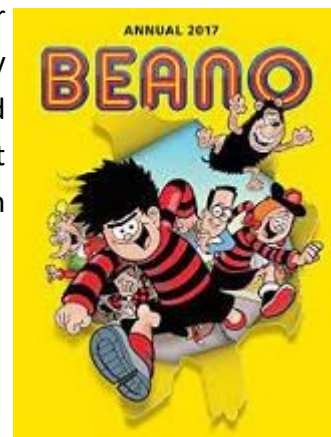
All of these changes are with affect from Monday.



## Reading Resources

To add to our children's reading resources, if anyone has any copies of The Beano or Aquila they wouldn't mind donating, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you.







If you need to contact 'Little Oaks After School Club' you can phone directly now on the following number:

**01785 337 304**

**This number is for use after 4.15pm only**

## **Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes meeting for parents**

On Thursday 29th February at 3.30pm we would like to invite our Year 4 parents in to discuss arrangements for the forthcoming visit.



## **Easter Holiday Club**

On the Thursday 1st February from around 3.00pm, we have JC Academy here to meet and greet parents on the playground as they will be offering holiday clubs during the Easter holidays and beyond.

This will be a nice opportunity for them and you to put names to faces.



## **Climate Change Charity Event**

On Wednesday 7th February at 2.00pm we would like to invite our Year 5 and Year 6 parents along for a cuppa, cake and fun games for our Climate Change Charity Event.

More details will follow shortly.



**School Catering Manager/Assistant Roles Available!**

- School Hours
- Term Time
- Permanent Contract

If you are interested please call for more details:

01785 337 300 or

email: [office@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk)

## Free Childcare Changes

The DfE are supporting working families through the UK government's biggest ever investment in childcare, to make it more affordable, available and flexible.

As part of this announcement, expanding wraparound care is expanding for primary school children across England by increasing the number of places available, to support working families.

### What is wraparound care?

Wraparound care is before and after school childcare for primary school aged children in England during term time, such as breakfast clubs and regular afterschool provision that runs until 6pm or later. The care should be available every school day outside of regular school hours and is aimed at helping parents access more childcare and work the hours they want to.

This is different from out-of-school activities, or school clubs, which are less frequent and can be a one-off activity.

Around 60 percent of primary schools across England currently offer wraparound care, both before and after school. Private, voluntary, and independent providers, including childminders and early years settings, are also able to offer wraparound care. Often, it's run on a school site or another setting in the local area.

If you're a parent looking for childcare options for your primary school child, speak to your child's school or the Family Information Services in your local authority find out what wraparound care is currently available in your area.

From September 2024, parents can expect to see an increase in the number of wraparound childcare places available across the country.

We expect all parents who need it to have access to wraparound care, either from their school or from another provider in their local area, by September 2026.

### Who will be eligible for wraparound care?

The ambition is that all parents in England with primary school aged children will be able to access wraparound care in their local area.

The fees will be set by providers. Parents eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare will be able to use the support to help pay for wraparound care.

### What else is being done to improve access to childcare for under 5s for working parents?

As part of this investment, by September 2025, working parents will be able to claim 30 hours childcare a week, over 38 weeks of the year, all the way through from nine months up to their child starting school.

**PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT TAKE CHILDREN INTO OUR NURSERY UNTIL THEY HAVE TURNED 3**



## Sports Reports

### Year 5/6 Girls Football County Finals

On Monday our Year 5/6 Girls football team travelled to Stafford Town to compete in the girl's County Cup finals. Our team qualified for the competition after winning five out of five games at the 'School Games' event at the same venue before Christmas. The level of competition was very high but Oakridge competed very well and finished with 1 win, 1 draw and 2 defeats as Edge Hill were the overall winners.

Well done to all the girls involved who gave their all on the day and represented the school with such passion and pride!



### Sports Leaders Shine at Sport 4 All Event

On Thursday Oakridge took 10 sports leaders to Stafford Manor to lead sports events for younger children across Stafford. The Oakridge leaders received sports leader training from Stafford School Games Organiser Susie Stinton in the week before the event and then put their skills into action on Thursday. The children led, supervised and scored events in archery, indoor curling, boccia and seated volleyball to a group of 30 children from Flash Ley, St Leonards and Veritas. All the leaders performed fantastically and with great maturity to act as perfect role models for the other children taking part in the event.

Well done to all the everyone involved.



# Poem of the Week

## The Painting Lesson by Trevor Harvey

"What's THAT dear?"  
asked the new teacher.

"It's Mummy," I replied.

"But mums aren't green and orange!  
You really haven't TRIED.  
You don't just paint in SPLODGES  
- You're old enough to know  
You need to THINK before you work . . .  
Now – have another go."

She helped me draw two arms and legs,  
A face with sickly smile,  
A rounded body, dark brown hair,  
A hat – and, in a while,  
She stood back (with her face bright pink):  
"That's SO much better – don't you think?"

But she turned white  
At ten to three  
When an orange-green blob  
Collected me.

"Hi, Mum!"