



Oak Hill First School

Wirehill Drive, Lodge Park, Redditch

Welcome to our June newsletter!

It's hard to believe we are already in the final stretch of the school year. June is always an exciting and eventful month, filled with opportunities to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our pupils. From class trips and sports days to performances and transition activities, there is so much happening across the school. As always, we encourage you to stay involved and informed, and we hope this newsletter provides helpful updates for the busy weeks ahead.



Year 4 bikeability

Year 4 children had the opportunity to work on their cycling skills before Whitsun half term. They worked in small groups to look at safety skills, brushed up on bike maintenance to ensure their bicycles were cycle ready and learnt a range of manoeuvres. The sessions were led by cycling professionals from Worcestershire Local Authority.



The session leaders commented on the children's resilience, patience and good manners which was really pleasing to hear. It was lovely to see the smiles on the children's faces when they came back into class and watch them telling their friends about the sessions. Well done Year 4 we will watch out for you soon in the Tour De France cycling event.



Classes with a green box attendance are matched to the current national averages. Classes in orange are very close to attaining the current national average. Classes in red are potentially a cause for concern and further analysis will take place. Mrs Aldridge (Office) is our Attendance Officer for Oak Hill and liaises with parents, teachers and senior leaders when dealing with all attendance matters.

	Recent %	Average attendance since Sept
RB	94.26%	94.11%
RM	93.09%	92.87%
RS	94.49%	94.54%
1A	93.17%	93.13%
1F	94.61%	94.8%
1R	95.44%	95.81%
2C	94.87%	95.40%
2L	92.23%	91.99%
2M	93.56%	94.01%
3B	94.27%	94.50%
3E	90.41%	91.03%
3H	93.19%	93.90%
4C	94.98%	95.57%
4R	93.95%	93.93%
4T	95.90%	96.25%

Well done to 4C and 1R for receiving their recent Early Bird award which recognizes the class with the best punctuality and the most pupils arriving at school on time. Great job everyone - well done!

Congratulations to 4C and 1F for their recent most improved attendance awards. Keep up the great work!

We've noticed a recent drop in overall attendance in many of our class and would like to take this opportunity to kindly remind everyone of the importance of regular school attendance. Every day in school counts, and consistent attendance helps children build strong learning habits, stay connected with their peers, and make steady progress across all areas of the curriculum.

We understand that illness and unforeseen circumstances can sometimes affect attendance, and we appreciate your efforts in keeping the school informed. We have had a number of pupils who have been ill with chicken pox recently and hope they are starting to feel much better. Once the blisters have healed over, pupils are able to return to school and we are looking forward to welcoming them back.

Dates for your diary ...

A busy few weeks ahead as we come towards the end of our school term—keep an eye on dojo for any further updates or events



24th June 2025	Nursery Sports Day 10.30am—12.30pm
25th June 2025	KS1 Sports Day 9.30am—12pm
30th June 2025	Reception Sports Day 10am—11.30am
1st July 2025	KS2 Sports Day 10am till 1pm
3rd July 2025	Performing Arts Club @ Trinity Concert
7th July 2025	Year 2 Performance @ 9.15am
8th July 2025	Year 2 Performance @ 1.45pm
9th & 10th July 2025	TRANSITION DAYS ALL SCHOOL
15th July 2025	Year 4 Performance @ 1.45pm
16th & 17th July 2025	Year 3 Trip to Worcester City Museum
16th July 2025	Year 4 Leavers Disco—Time TBC.
17th July 2025	Year 4 Performance and Leavers presentation

Useful advice if your child is unwell ...



UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Year 3 poetry visit—Poetry with Kurly

Before half term Year 3 had a visitor from Kurly the poet. He taught us how to play with words and find rhymes.

We looked at ways to perform our poetry to make it an exciting and interesting experience for our audience. We learnt how to beat box and keep time as we performed our poem. Together we created a poem based around one of our important values - Respect.

After lots of practice we were ready to perform for the rest of Year 3, we really enjoyed each others performances. We realized that poetry is a fantastic and great way to improve your confidence as well as developing your vocabulary skills.

Some children then had brilliant opportunity to attend a poetry slam at St Stephens church. Everyone listened well to the other schools and were able to give some brilliant feedback. During their performance the year 3 children all said their lines clearly and apply The skills curly had taught us during his visit.



Year 1 parental engagement

Before half term, Year 1 and their parents participated in a parental engagement sewing workshop focused on creating handwarmers. Prior to the workshop the children had completed their designs and practised how to do running stitch. During the workshop, parents and children worked together to sew the handwarmers, practicing precision, patience, and teamwork. The activity required careful fine motor skills and concentration, and this was just at the rice filling station! We are grateful to the parents who attended and supported their children's learning in this meaningful way



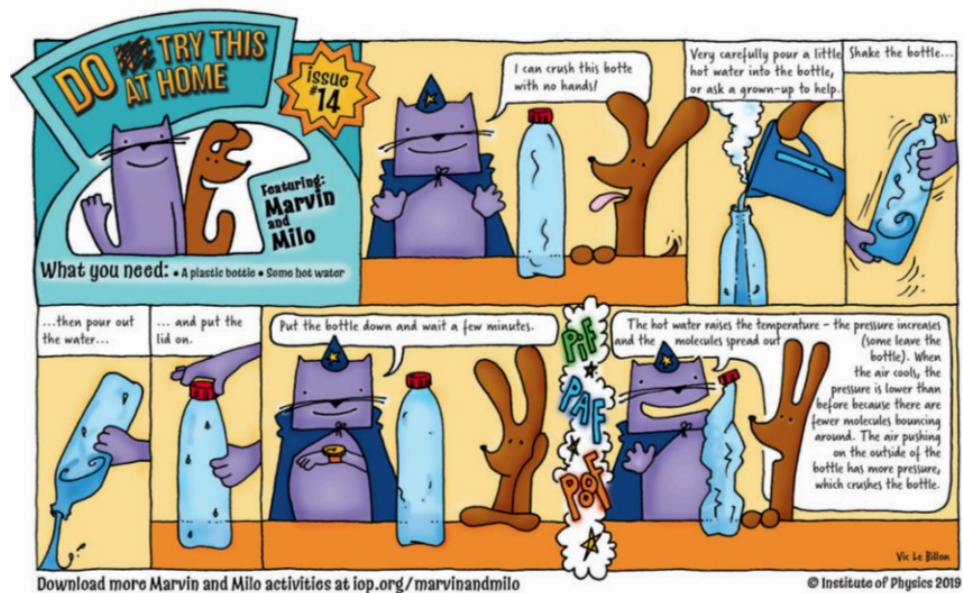
Science ambassadors training



We have started training our science ambassadors at Oak Hill First School, a programme developed and run through our Trust and The Ogden project. All our ambassadors had to write a letter of application to be part of our science ambassadors programme. It was a very tricky process selecting those to be involved as we had a number of children who applied so well done to the 5 pupils who were successful. Their applications showed their keen interest in science that we can develop to help others in school realise that science subjects could also be enjoyed by them too.

In our first session, we had a think about the skills we would need to develop to be good science ambassadors and rated where we thought we were in our own skills at the moment. Each week we will look back and see how we have developed. As a group, we considered the sorts of activities that we would like to be involved in once we are trained that we could help with. This week we focused on our listening skills as we had to discuss the different activities and the order we would like to do them in.

We finished the session with a Milo and Marvin investigation that you could also do at home. All you need is a plastic bottle, lid and some hot water...



Safeguarding at Oak Hill

Our DSL is Mrs Harris and she is supported by Miss Kelly, Mrs Winterbourn, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Reynolds. If you have a safeguarding concern please contact school and speak to one of the safeguarding team. If you have a concern about a child/ren outside of school then please call Worcestershire Family Front Door on 01905 822666 (Mon-Thurs, 9-5pm and Friday 9-4.30pm) or out of hours on 01905 768502. If you believe a child is in immediate risk of harm contact the police on 999.