



# Oak Hill First School

Wirehill Drive, Lodge Park, Redditch

As I write this final message to you all, I am filled with gratitude and a deep sense of pride in our school community. It has been a privilege to serve as your headteacher, and I will carry with me the many memories of laughter, learning, and shared achievements.



Over the years, I have watched our pupils grow into confident, kind, and curious young people, supported by a dedicated staff team and caring families. Together, we have navigated challenges and celebrated successes, and I am incredibly proud of how our school has continued to flourish as a place where every child is valued and encouraged to reach their potential.

I would like to thank our staff for their unwavering commitment and hard work, and our parents and carers for the trust you place in us each day. Most importantly, I want to thank the pupils, past and present, for bringing energy and joy into our school every single day.

Thank you all for support you have shown me during my time here. It has truly been an honour to be part of your child’s educational journey.

Wishing you all a restful summer and every success in the future.

## Transition for September 2025

In addition to saying our goodbyes to some of our children as they move onto starting their middle school journey, we welcome new teachers to the fold.

Miss Hay will be joining our Year 4 team in September. Currently teaching in Year 5, Miss Hay will be a strong addition to our KS2 team and she is thoroughly looking forward to getting started with us here.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Dove into our Year 3 team; he is already part of our schools trust and brings enthusiasm and a fresh perspective to the team

Next week, we are looking forward to the two transition days that are planned on **Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July.**

All children in Nursery and Years R—3 should be dropped off as usual, they will be registered in their current class after which they will then spend the next two days getting to know their new teacher. They will return to their current classes at the end of each day and home time pick ups will run as normal

Current Reception and Year 2 pupils will receive a Dojo message advising of your child’s new class name and teacher.

As we want all parents to have the opportunity to meet their child’s new teacher, we have arranged an after school drop in on Wednesday 9th July where parents can come and meet their new teacher. This will take place in NEW classrooms. Having spent the transition day in their new rooms, older children will be able to show their parents the way and staff will be on hand to support and point anyone in the right direction.

Current class	September	Teacher
Nursery	Nursery	Miss Wilkes
	Reception	Miss Spike, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Morris
Reception classes will be mixed — individual messages will be sent	1A	Mrs Assirati
	1M	Mrs Mason Burke
	1R	Miss Reid
1A	2T	Mrs Turner
1F	2H	Miss Handy
1R	2C	Mrs Chivers
Year 2 classes will be mixed — individual messages will be sent	3B	Miss Barber
	3C	Miss Cooper
	3D	Mr Dove
3B	4E	Mrs Elvins
3E	4H	Miss Hay
3H	4R	Mrs Ravenscroft

## Science Ambassadors trip to The London Science Museum.

It was an early start to get ready to go to the science museum in London, we left school at 8am on a CRST minibus and headed off to gather the other science ambassadors ready to head down to London in convey.



We stopped off at Oxford services for a quick comfort break and then we were off, I spy all the way and a tally of how many airplanes we had seen! We made good time and arrived at the science museum just in time for an early lunch.

After lunch the adventure began as we explored the museum galleries seeing inventions and machines that we had read about or seen in books or on the internet. We found tiles from St Paul's cathedral that were rescued from the Great fire of London in 1666! We saw one of the first microscopes ever invented and Hershal's telescope! In the Medicine hall we carried out a virtual journey of the human digestive tract using a keyhole camera. The Wonderlab also had demonstrations of solids, liquids and gases. We learnt about Sublimation where a solid turns straight into a gas and misses out the liquid stage. We finished our day with a quick visit to see the Apollo 10 landing capsule and we all agreed that Science is amazing!

*What a fantastic day we had all had!*



## FUNDRAISING WITH NAME LABELS

# STIKINS®

## Name Labels

Stikins  
Actual Size

**SIMPLY STICK IN  
NO SEWING & NO IRONING**

Save time and money with  
one multipurpose name label  
for clothes, shoes, lunch boxes,  
and all school items



PLEASE QUOTE OUR  
FUNDRAISING NUMBER **14700**

when you buy Stikins name labels  
and we will receive 30% commission

★★★★★  
OVER  
**11,000**  
INDEPENDENT  
REVIEWS

TO ORDER VISIT:  
**WWW.STIKINS.CO.UK**

Facebook: StikinsNameLabels | Twitter: stikinsLabels | Instagram: stikinsnameLabels

Tired of lost jumpers and missing water bottles? Help keep your child's belongings out of the lost property box *and* support our school at the same time!

We've partnered with STIKINS name labels to make it easy for families to order personalised name labels for school uniforms, lunchboxes, books, and more. Every order placed using our unique school code earns the school 30% in commission— it's a simple way to help while getting something useful in return!

To order, just visit their website or scan the QR code and use our school code at checkout.

Thank you for your continued support — every little bit helps!

## Attendance Matters



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 % attendance	Average attendance since Sept
RB	91.45%	93.91%
RM	98.35%	93.27%
RS	93.42%	94.40%
1A	92.53%	92.93%
1F	95.56%	94.72%
1R	94.81%	95.70%
2C	94.23%	95.19%
2L	95.93%	92.17%
2M	90.28%	93.75%
3B	95.48%	94.45%
3E	89.32%	90.87%
3H	94.23%	93.89%
4C	94.99%	95.38%
4R	95.64%	94.10%
4T	97.54%	96.25%

We'd like to remind all parents and carers that the school day finishes at **3:10pm** for children in Reception to Y4.

Please note that after 3:10pm, the school does not have the capacity to supervise pupils (with the exception of clubs) as staff need to attend meetings and are getting ready for the following day. At this point, the duty of care transfers to parents and carers, so it is essential that all children are collected on time to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

Late collections can cause children unnecessary worry and place additional pressure on staff. While we understand that delays can sometimes happen and can support the odd occurrence, repeated late pick-ups may result in the school having to consider issuing fines. We hope to avoid this and appreciate your cooperation in collecting children promptly.

If you are delayed due to an emergency, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can support your child appropriately.

If you require regular after school supervision for your child please contact Sneakers - our on site provider for wrap around care. Thank you for your understanding and help in keeping the end of the school day safe and smooth for everyone.

## Dates for your diary ...

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



7th July	Year 2 Performance, 9.15am till 10.15am
8th July	Year 2 Performance, 1.45pm—2.45pm
9th and 10th July	Transition Days
11th July	Year 3 Parental Engagement
11th July	Condover Meeting for Parents, 3:15pm
15th July	Year 4 Performance, 1.45pm—2.45pm
16th July	Year 3 Trip to Worcester Museum
16th July	Year 2 Parental Engagement, 2pm—2.45pm
16th July	Year 4 Leavers Disco 5– 6.30pm
17th July	Year 3 Trip to Worcester Museum
17th July	Year 4 Performance and Leavers Assembly 9.15am—11.30am

**Reminder: we return to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025**

## **Maths event**

Six of our brilliant Year 4 children visited Ipsley Middle School to take part in an exciting Maths competition. They worked alongside pupils from a range of other schools, showcasing their fantastic problem-solving skills and teamwork. We're so proud of how well they represented our school, and they had a great time too!



## **Language of the Month – July: Urdu**

We are excited to announce that our **Language of the Month for July is Urdu!**

Urdu is spoken by many families in our school community, and we're delighted to take this opportunity to celebrate the language and the rich culture that surrounds it. Throughout the month, children will be introduced to common Urdu words and phrases, explore where the language is spoken around the world—particularly in Pakistan—and find out more about this special language .



We're proud of the diversity within our school, and this is a wonderful way for pupils to learn more about one another's backgrounds and experiences. To the children and families who speak Urdu at home—you are our language experts this month, and we're looking forward to learning from you!

## **Trust event—RSA4**

A team of children in Year 4 have been working on a social action project (RSA4) in conjunction with the other Year 4 children across CRST. The Oak Hill team have planned, collected and finally created Essentials Bags for adults who are admitted into the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch. The bag contains toiletries which have been donated by our school community. They were all very excited to be invited to join other Year 4 children from across CRST schools to visit Birmingham Newman University to present their project. The members of the Year 4 team had a fantastic day and toured the University Campus, met with staff from the University, delivered their own presentation to at least 40 plus other delegates and listened to presentations from other schools too. The day ended in a poetry slam led by Birmingham based poet, Curly who is a talented lyricist. It was a truly inspirational day and lots of the children from Oak Hill are now talking about which courses at university they would like to do once they are old enough.



Mrs Ravenscroft supported the Year 4 Team, and she is so very proud of the mature manner in which the children conducted themselves. Well done Team RSA4 2025.



## **Stay safe**

Every year we take part in the NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe programme. Year 1, 3 and 4 had an inline virtual assembly and this year Year 2 were lucky enough to have visitors to share the assembly with them in person.

The assembly explains that all children have the right to speak out and have their views taken seriously, be kept safe and get help when they need it. They are told a story about Sam. The story demonstrates the importance of speaking out about worries a child may have. The assembly explains the different forms for hurt in a simple age appropriate way so children understand when something is not right.

Children thought about safe adults who may be good to talk to and who they can trust, both in and out of school.



## **Celebrating Our Wonderful Sports Days!**

We've had a fantastic time celebrating Sports Day across the school, and it's been wonderful to see such energy, teamwork, and smiles from all our pupils.

From energetic races to fun-filled relays, every child gave their best and supported one another with brilliant sporting spirit. A big congratulations to the **Blue Team** in Key Stage 1 and 2 who were the overall winners—a fantastic achievement!



That said, every child played a part in making Sports Day a success. We're incredibly proud of all our pupils for taking part, trying their best, and cheering on their classmates. It truly was a celebration of participation, effort, and teamwork.

Thank you to our staff for helping to organise such a smooth and enjoyable event, and to all the families who came to support—it made the days even more special. A special thankyou to Mrs Hopcroft working behind the scenes and in the run up to the event to ensure it run like clockwork.



## **Safeguarding at Oak Hill**

Our DSL is Mrs Harris and she is supported by Miss Kelly, Mrs Winterbourn, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Thomas.

If you have a safeguarding concern please contact school and ask to 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 Fri- 9-4:30pm) or out of hours 01905 768020.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm contact the Police on 999.