

Oak Hill First School

Weekly Update

27/11/2025



December is just around the corner—get those advent calendars ready! It's such an exciting time of year, and we're looking forward to all the festive fun ahead. While the excitement builds, we'd recommend sticking to your usual routines as much as possible. Little people thrive on consistency, and it helps them feel secure during this busy season.



We're especially thrilled about our upcoming Christmas performances—the children have been working so hard, and we can't wait to share these magical moments with you.

Mrs Allen

Exciting News: OPAL is Coming to Oak Hill

We're delighted to announce that our school is joining the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme. This award-winning initiative helps schools create richer playtimes, giving children more opportunities to:

- Be active
- Make friends
- Build confidence
- Enjoy themselves

Why focus on play? Children spend around 20% of their school life at playtime—that's over a year of primary school! Play is how they learn

vital skills like cooperation, resilience, and creativity. Yet today, many children spend more time on screens than outdoors, and school may be their main chance to play freely with others.

With OPAL, playtimes become more fun, safer, and more inclusive. Schools using the programme see happier children, fewer disputes, and improved behaviour. You may notice children using more of the school grounds, playing outside in all seasons, and sometimes getting a little messier—but these experiences are essential for their wellbeing.

How You Can Help

To make OPAL a success, we need your support! As you have your annual clear-out to make space for Father Christmas' deliveries, please consider donating items that could be used for creative outdoor play. Examples include:

- Old kitchen utensils (safe for children)
- Buckets, spades, and gardening tools
- Clean fabric scraps or old curtains
- Small crates or boxes
- Toy cars, dolls, or figures

Where to drop donations: Please place any items in the Wellbeing Garden, just outside the main reception.

Over the next 18 months, we'll be working closely with OPAL and inviting you to events where you can see the changes for yourself. To learn more, visit:

www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk





We Need You!

Can you help us improve our playtimes?

We are also looking for help from local businesses and charities that may be able to help!



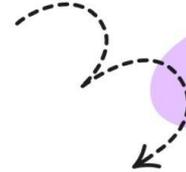
Fun toys for Role Playing Activities

- Play figures
- Artificial Grass
- Road/Railway Tracks
- Play Vehicles
- Small Plastic Animals



Mud Cafe/Water Play

- Plastic Jugs
- Baking moulds
- Bath toys
- Guttering/Funnels
- Drains



Clothing/Costumes

- Children's Wellies
- Fancy dress costumes
- Waterproofs
- Spare socks



Wheeled Toys

- Scooters
- Ride on vehicles
- Didi Cars
- Go carts
- Balance Bikes



Seating/Storage

- Benches
- Storage/Toy Boxes
- Chairs



If you or any one you know are able to help, please contact school via office@oakhill.crst.org.uk or call the school office on 01527 528523

Attendance Matters

The last couple of weeks have been mad! Thank you to your commitment for bringing in the children every day that they are well- it really makes a difference- my dad always used to say, **'the more you in school the cleverer you get'**. He also said that doughnuts grow on trees- so I do take what he says with a pinch of salt!

Nur	RB	RM	RS	1A	1M	1R	2C	2H	2T
90.42%	83.57%	80.52%	81.37%	98.41%	93.12%	91.01%	100%	97.14%	94.09%
3B	3C	3D	4E	4H	4R	Whole School			
96.15%	98.03%	90.75%	97.25%	89.42%	93.51%	91.1%			

Congratulations to **2C** for having **100%** attendance this week!!!

Awards

	Star Of the Week	Wonderful Writer
Nursery	Hannah Emily	
RB	Harlow	Violet
RM	Fatima	Matei
RS	Olivia R	Milo
1A	Maya	Marley
1M	Jack	Violet
1R	Jaxon	Willow
2C	Freddie	Jayden
2H	Ernie	Oliwier
2T	Omar	Jaxon M
3B	Aleena	Lucy
3C	Teddy	Isaiah
3D	Lainey-Rae	Samual
4E	Gurbani	Aiza
4H	Jose	Aroshie
4R	Adam	Isabella

Please discuss your child's award with them. They will be pleased to share their special achievement!

Dates for your diary!

- **28th Nov - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TED DAY**
- 2nd Dec – Condover meeting for current year 3 parents, 3.15pm
- 3rd Dec – Nursery Christmas Performance, 10.30am
- 3rd Dec – Nursery Christmas Performance, 2.15pm
- 4th Dec – RS Christmas Performance, 9.15am
- 4th Dec – RB Christmas Performance, 2.15pm
- 5th Dec – RM Christmas Performance, 9.15am
- 9th Dec – Year 2 Parental Engagement, 11am
- 9th Dec – Year 1 Carol Service in School, 2.15pm
- 10th Dec – Year 3 Christmas Performance, 2.00pm
- **11th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day**
- **12th Dec – Santa Dash**
- 12th Dec – Year 3 Christmas Performance, 9.30am
- 15th Dec – Year 4 Carol Service @ The Bridge Church, 10am
- 16th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day Reception Year 3 & 4
- 17th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day Year 1 & 2
- 17th Dec – Year 2 Carol Service in School, 9am
- 18th Dec – Christmas Party Day (more details to follow)
- 19th Dec – Aladdin Panto in school (pupils only)
- **19th Dec – Break up for the Christmas Holidays.**
- **6th Jan 2026 – Return to school**



Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday!