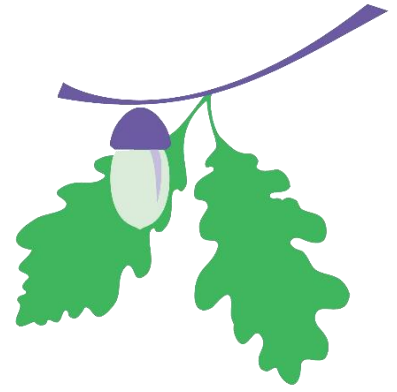


Oak Hill First School

Weekly Update

11/09/2026



Principal's Update

What a fantastic first full week we have had! The school is buzzing with energy, positivity and excitement. It has been wonderful to see the children embracing our values of being **Ready, Respectful and Safe** so that they can **Achieve, Belong and Thrive**.

These values sit at the heart of everything we do. When children are ready to learn, respectful to others and safe in their choices, they are able to achieve their potential, feel that they belong within our school community and thrive both academically and personally. Each week we will be celebrating children who demonstrate these values through our celebration certificates, recognising those who consistently model what it means to be part of Oak Hill.

Safeguarding

We have also been reintroducing and reinforcing our safeguarding culture, ensuring that all children know who their trusted adults are and understand that there is always someone available to listen, support and help. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, but at Oak Hill it genuinely comes from a place of love. Every member of staff wants the very best for every child in our care.

Our safeguarding or as the children call them Safe guardians team includes:

- **Mrs Harris - Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**
 - **Mrs Allen**
 - **Mrs Reynolds**
 - **Mrs Thomas**
 - **Mrs Aldridge**
- **Doug Mills, Safeguarding Governor**

Please remember that we are here to support and listen to parents too. There may be times when we need to have difficult conversations, but these always come from a place of care and concern. Nobody wants any child to be at risk or experiencing significant harm. By working together, speaking openly and acting when something does not feel right, we can ensure children receive the support they need.

AI

This week I attended a safeguarding conference and one of the topics discussed was Artificial Intelligence (AI). I often think that our children are probably better than many adults at spotting fake images and online content! AI is an incredible tool and can be a valuable support to learning and everyday life when used responsibly. As someone with dyslexia, I openly admit that I use AI to help proofread my communications because I sometimes find writing and editing challenging.

However, alongside the opportunities come responsibilities. As adults, it is our responsibility to model the correct use of technology and teach children to question things when they do not seem right. Whether they are scrolling through social media, watching online videos, gaming with friends or using AI tools, children need to know that not everything they see, hear or read online is accurate or genuine.

We want our children to be curious and confident digital citizens. It is important that they learn to pause, think critically and ask questions. Who created this? Is it real? Can I trust it? Should I speak to an adult? These are important skills that will help keep them safe both now and in the future.

This new digital age is exciting and, at times, a little frightening. Then again, every generation has had its worries. I remember being told that watching too much television would give you square eyes! As long as we continue to use technology responsibly, know when to switch off and make time for family, friends and the world around us, I think we will be just fine. And for the record, I haven't yet seen anyone walking around with cubed eyes!

Mellors

On a completely different note, having worked in schools for many years, I can honestly say that this week I may have experienced one of the best school dinners ever! The cottage pie was absolutely delicious, and the rest of the week's menu wasn't bad either.

A huge welcome to **Mellors Catering** as they begin their journey with us at Oak Hill. More importantly, it isn't my opinion that matters. The children have been incredibly positive about the meals and we are already seeing less waste in the dinner hall, which is a fantastic sign. Happy children with full tummies are much better placed to learn, achieve and thrive.

Over the coming weeks, I am looking to establish a way for both parents and children to provide feedback directly to the catering team so that we can continue to celebrate what is working well and maintain these high standards. After all, those who enjoy the meals every day are the real experts!

The Big Read

Last year's Big Read didn't go ahead because of the extreme heat, so we're making sure it happens this year!

Date: Friday 25th September

Time: 2.30pm

Families are invited to come and enjoy reading together, either indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. A Microsoft Form will be sent out beforehand so that we can ensure siblings can join the session together.

Mrs Allen

Attendance Matters

“Strong Attendance, Strong Success!”

Nursery	Hedgehogs	Mice	Squirrels
92.97%	96%	91.38%	99.31%

Badgers	Foxes	Rabbits
91.54%	92.31%	100%
Jays	Robins	Wrens
98.82%	92.31%	98.08%
Heron	Kingfishers	Mallards
98.97%	96.29%	98.94%
Buzzards	Kestrels	Red Kites
92.59%	93.49%	98.29%
Whole School		
96.8%		

Congratulations to **Rabbits Class** for having the 100% attendance this week!!!

This week's awards

	Achieve, Belong and Thrive	Ready, Respectful, Safe
Hedgehogs	Ibrahim	Elsie
Mice	Mohammed A	Evie
Squirrels	Indigo	Nellie

	Achieve, Belong and Thrive	Ready, Respectful, Safe
Badgers	Kohen	Violet
Foxes	Hope	Thea
Rabbits	Tyler	Beau
Jays	Jaxon	Zach
Robins	Reggie	Myra
Wrens	Myla	Haider
Hérons	Casey	Erin
Kingfishers	Humza	Scarlett
Mallards	Felicity	Robyn
Buzzards	Zayn	Eduard
Kestrels	Lincoln	Morgan
Red Kites	Mariyah	Ethan E

Dates for your diary!

w/c 14 th September	After school clubs start
14 th September	Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 4
25 th September	The Big Read! @ 2.30pm
15 th October	School Photo Day!
23 rd October	SCHOOL CLOSED - TED DAY
26 th - 30 th October	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
2 nd November	School Reopens

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