



# OAK HILL FIRST SCHOOL

## WIREHILL DRIVE, LODGE PARK, REDDITCH

### Christmas

Wow, how is it the 1st of December already! We now have three weeks full of more learning and fun before the term ends on Friday 22nd December.

The children and staff are working incredibly hard behind the scenes to create some wonderful memories for you. The hall and classrooms are full of music and singing as well as dancing and acting. You are in for a real treat!

We look forward to welcoming you into school over the coming weeks.



### Dates for the diary

6th December	Nursery Performance 10:15am
6th December	RM Performance 2pm
7th December	RS Performance 10am
7th December	RW Performance 2pm
7th December	Christmas Jumper Day
12th December	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Dinner
13th December	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner
13th December	Year 3 Performance 9:15am
14th December	Year 3 Performance 1:30pm
18th December	Year 2 & Year 4 Carol Concert at The Bridge Church
20th December	Magic Bob show for Nursery
21st December	Christmas Party Afternoon
22nd December	Panto (Reception—Year 4)
22nd December	Last day of term

### Nursery Places available January 2024

We have organised Nursery places for January so if you would like a place

If your child is 3 years old before 1st January 2024, they are eligible for a free 15 hours Nursery place. We have morning and afternoon places available.

Morning: 8:30-11:30am

Afternoons: 12:15pm-3:15pm

We also offer the 30 hours places- check here to see if you would be eligible:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Please ask at the office for an application form.

### Reception Places September 2024

If your child's fourth birthday is between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024 they will be starting school in September 2024.

Deadline for applications is 15th January

2024- you should apply online via

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school\\_admissions](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school_admissions)



### Staffing Update:

Mrs Parker-Webb is leaving at Christmas. In the time that she has been with us she has led in the delivery of a whole school approach to P.E and PSHE and been a great support to our staff team. We wish her all the best in whatever her chosen path maybe.



Miss Savin intends to return after the Christmas holidays for a short period of a couple of weeks when she will then start her maternity leave. We are in the fortunate position of welcoming back Mrs Cartwright to Year 2 and she will be 2S's class teacher for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Weller will be leaving at Christmas. It doesn't feel like 8 years since Mrs Weller joined us. She has made a significant contribution to the practice and provision in our early years unit and is now looking to share what she has learnt from being with us with an alternative setting. We wish her the very best. Mrs Brooks, also a highly experienced early years teacher, joins our team in January.

### Reception Walk

Reception had a lovely local walk to Lodge Pool where we tried to spot animals that might live in Percy's park. We noticed how the leaves had changed and fallen from the trees and talked about the other signs of Autumn. We saw different berries growing and spotted lots of different birds on the water and in the trees. Reception enjoyed watching the squirrels running around too. We also enjoyed getting to walk through all the muddy puddles in our wellies!



### Multi Academy Trust Update

Whilst there are a number of tasks to complete in these last few weeks we are currently on track to convert to an academy and join Central Region Trust Schools on the 1<sup>st</sup> January. This technically means that we close and then start as a new school in it's own right and we will mark this occasion when our community returns after the holidays. We have continued to work with the trust this term and have been given early access to professional development for staff which is supporting the development of our curriculum, pupil premium and SEND provision. It's encouraging to see the level of successful collaboration amongst so many professionals from different settings and it was one of the principal reasons for seeking to join CRST.

Whilst we will retain our own school distinctiveness, we also recognise that we will be employees of a larger organisation and as such opportunities to work across schools within the Trust is an option for some. Mrs Gilmour is being seconded for the rest of the academic year as a Head of School in Redditch, although she will return to Oak Hill for one day a week. Mrs Harris will become the interim Deputy Head - a role she is familiar with! Mrs Thomas the current Assistant Head for KS1 will now be the AHT for Nursery/Reception and Year . Mrs O'Kelly will continue as AHT for KS2, but this is now also extended to Year 2.

**To support this transition can I ask that you are mindful about who you would need to communicate with from January so that there isn't a delay in responding to any requests.**



	Recent % attendance	Average attendance since Sept	Recent No. of lates	Total of lates since Sept
RM	98.16%	96.57%	8	20
RS	89.16%	91.95%	19	50
RW	96.67%	97.12%	1	16
1A	96.13%	95.81%	12	22
1C	96.65%	96.41%	13	54
1W	97.15%	94.87%	8	26
2C	92.20%	93.35%	8	29
2F	92.28%	92.65%	10	57
2S	92.24%	94.31%	10	34
3E	96.05%	96.74%	18	46
3G	92.40%	95.18%	11	62
3T	90.23%	93.54%	13	73
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4PW	95.51%	95.41%	6	46
4R	96.46%	94.22%	17	71

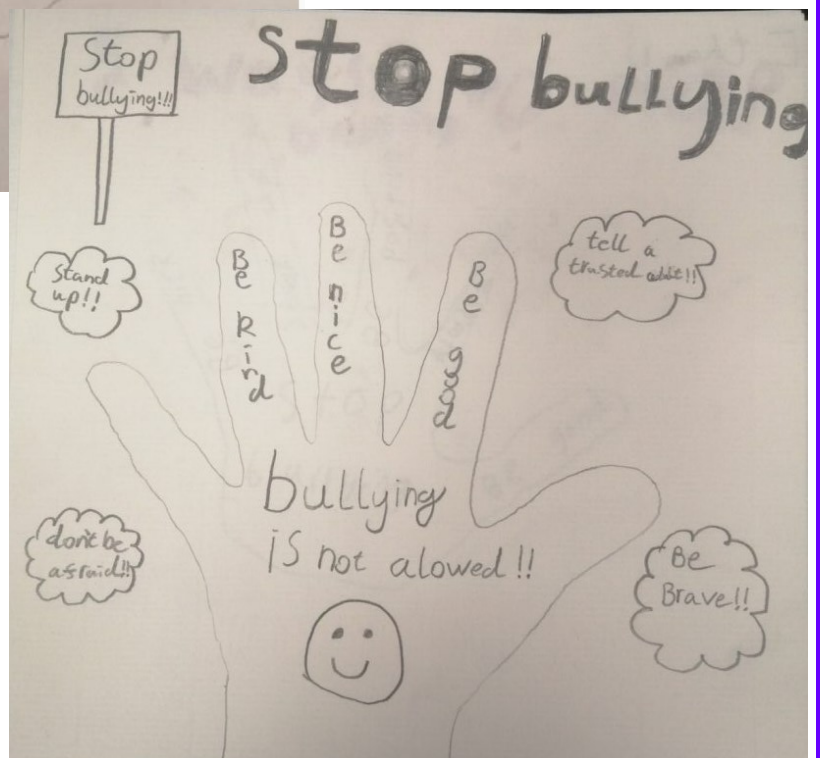
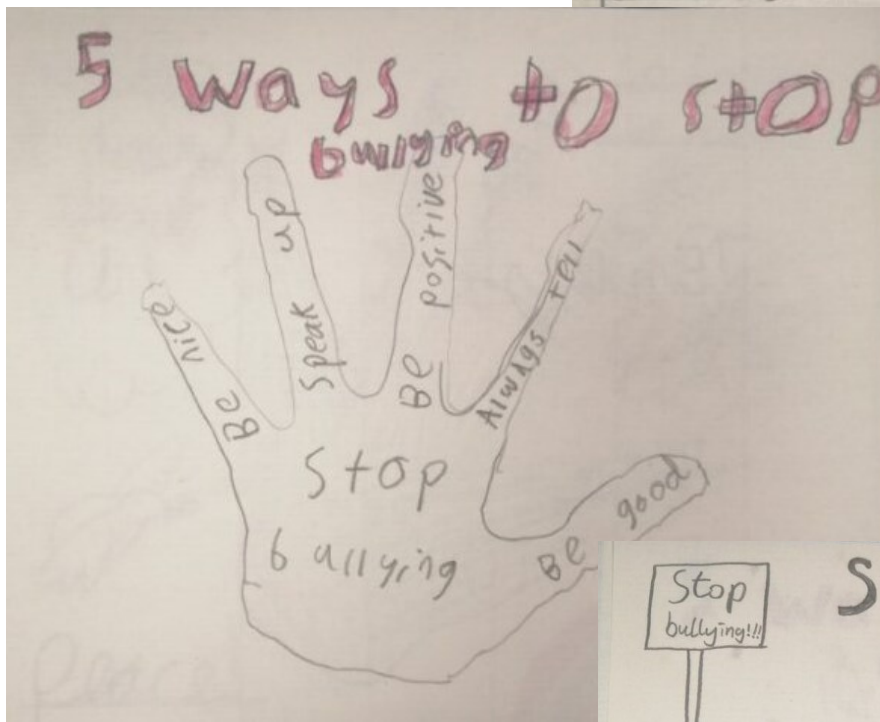
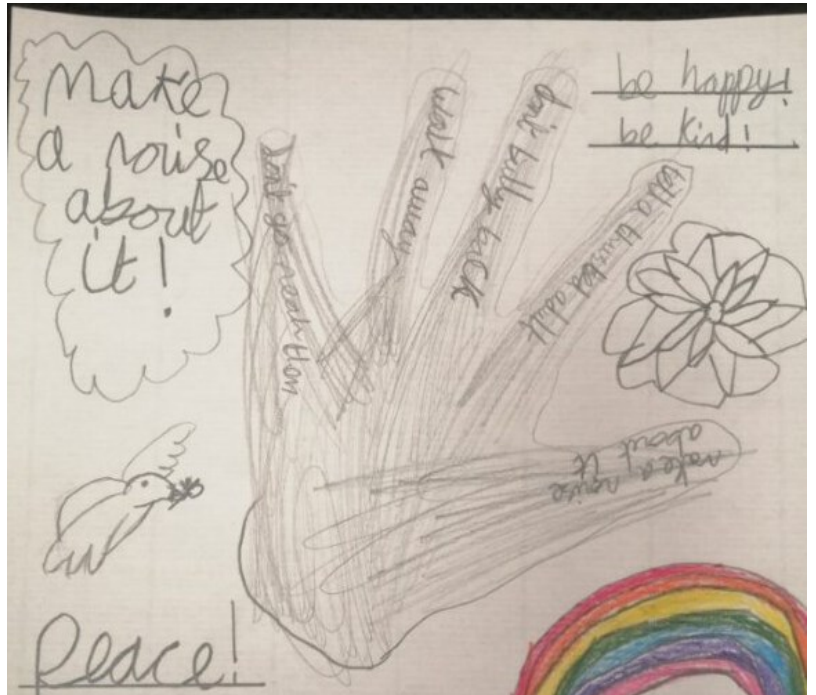
Classes with a green box attendance have achieved or exceeded the minimum expectation.

Classes in red are potentially a cause for concern and further analysis will take place.

Mrs Aldridge (Office) is the Attendance Officer for Oak Hill and liaises with parents, teachers and senior leaders when dealing with all attendance matters.

## Odd Sock Day

We had fun on Odd-Socks Day seeing all the different socks everyone in school had on. It was our way of reminding ourselves that we are different but all special in our own way. The children had sessions over the week on anti-bullying- Make a noise about bullying. Look at some of the Year 4 posters.



### Well-Being Ambassadors

Our newly elected Well-Being Ambassadors have met this week to discuss their plans for the year. They have chosen their badge design and their first plan is to set up WBA Stops in the playground where other children can go if they are looking for someone to help them e.g. with friends or just



Congratulations to the School Council for organising a fantastic Children in Need event in school.



The whole school, staff and children enjoyed coming into school wearing their pyjamas to raise awareness of the fantastic work that the BBC Children in Need charity takes part in to support children and their families. At our next meeting we will be making decisions on our badge and looking at our next whole school project.

### Reception Parental Engagement

Reception had a wonderful Parental Engagement session focusing on developing Phonics skills. The children enjoyed sharing all the different phonemes they had been learning and participating in the different activities with their family member. We practised reading and writing different graphemes and also tried to write words using the phonemes we knew. The children also enjoyed making some of the characters from our Song of Sounds song such as an octopus or a butterfly.



### December Assembly Themes, Festivals and Awareness Days

Throughout the school year at Oak Hill, we learn about a range of festivals and awareness days. During December, the whole school will have the opportunity to discuss Christmas, what it means for Christians and what it means to them and the community.



### December Picture News Assembly Themes

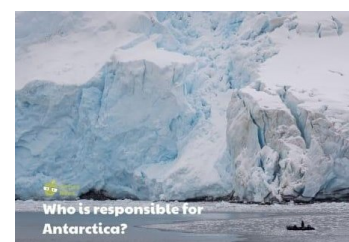
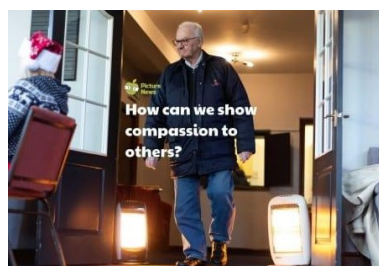
Each week, we will be discussing issues that are in the news in an age appropriate way. Your child may come home and want to discuss views on the question of the week. To support this, we will send a sheet via Class Dojos with questions that you can discuss with your child.

#### Questions discussed last month were:

- How important is it to understand money?
- Are there some jobs robots could never do?
- How can we show compassion to others?
- Who is responsible for Antarctica?

#### This week we will be focussing on:

- What is it like to live through an uncertain time?





The Worcestershire HAF Team would like to let you know that bookings for HAF Worcestershire Winter 2023 are now **OPEN!**

We have an exciting range of activities this winter, with something for everyone - including swimming, horse riding, dance and performing arts, martial arts and more!

Each child or young person will get 4 credits for Winter'23. One credit can book one activity session via our booking site: [HAF Worcestershire \(haf-it.co.uk\)](http://haf-it.co.uk)

Some of our holiday club partners are also taking bookings via their own websites, which we will share on Facebook. Please keep an eye

on [Facebook/HAFWorcestershire](https://www.facebook.com/HAFWorcestershire) for the latest news and updates.

To book activities, the child or young person will need to be verified as eligible for benefits-related FSM meal, or in one of the other eligible groups. Families and carers are urged to sign up to our website ([www.haf-it.co.uk](http://www.haf-it.co.uk)) to get verified if they have not already done so (those who signed up for Summer'23 will have accounts already so no need to sign up again, just login).

As always, should you have any questions, need further info or would just like to send us some feedback, we're ready to help and take your comments or suggestions for forward planning. Please contact us via [schools@hafworcestershire.co.uk](mailto:schools@hafworcestershire.co.uk)

## Redditch

### Little Oaks Preschool

Performing Arts Camp - All Star Singing, Dancing, Acting and Arts and Craft - T-shirt Designing.  
Magic Dave and Disco, Prizes and Balloon Models and Star wars prop making in the morning.

**Age:** 5 - 9

**Contact:** [little.oakspreschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:little.oakspreschool@yahoo.co.uk), 07528 695470

### Redditch United

Dance Camp - packed with fun routines, new moves and team building games. Participants will have the opportunity to explore different styles of dance across the 4 days.

Football Camp - A variety of football based activities to improve skills as well as a tournament day at the end of the week.

Brain Art Workshops - Creative thinking workshops to support problem solving skills and also memory skills.

**Age:** 5 - 13W

### Mindfully Empowered (A Very Gilly Giraffe Christmas)

Embark on a journey of enchantment and serenity with their Festive Creative Mindfulness sessions.

Enter the world of Gilly Giraffe - where meditation & creativity meets Christmas.

**Age:** 5 - 11

### Energise

Multi-sport camp consisting of adapted games, dodgeball, tennis, basketball, and gymnastics. Football camp consisting of skills sessions, competitions, matched, and tournaments.

**Age:** 5 - 12

**Contact:** [admin@energiseonline.com](mailto:admin@energiseonline.com)

### Rubicon Leisure (Abbey Stadium)

Multi Sports Camp - try many sports with experienced coaches. This will be mixed up with some sports you may not have tried like long ball and archery. Also some swimming and a chance to have a play on the huge inflatable.

Water Skills - Fun and exciting sessions for children to learn water safety, land-based rescues, first aid and basic life support. This will involve classroom and pool activities to ensure you have the necessary life skills. Then topped off with some fun with the huge inflatable.

**Age:** 8 - 16

