

OAK HILL FIRST SCHOOL

WIREHILL DRIVE, LODGE PARK, REDDITCH



DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

Dates for the diary

6th May	Bank Holiday– no school
7th May	Year 2 Parental Engagement
9th May	Class photos
20th May	Year 1 Parental Engagement
20-22nd May	Year 4 Bikeability
21-23rd May	Parental Engagement for Reception– 1 class each day
24th May	Last day of Summer 1
3rd June	Start of Summer 2

Punctuality

As part of our school systems and routines, pupil attendance and punctuality is reviewed regularly by our attendance team. We have noticed recently a significantly higher number of pupils who are arriving late and are missing many minutes and even hours of important learning each week. Over the next couple of weeks, class teachers will be speaking to parents about attendance and lateness concerns in order to support our families and children in moving forward and improving our punctuality.

Not only does the school day start at 8.35am but so does our learning and so persistent lateness will impact on your child’s achievement and progress in school. The first few minutes of the day are often used to settle in our children and prepare ourselves for the rest of the school day so if your child misses this short but vital session, their learning for the whole day could be affected. Children who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons. Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.

When asking for reasons for lateness, traffic, parking and the 5 minute window for drop off are the reasons that are mentioned most by parents and while we appreciate that the roads out of school are busy at the start of the day and having siblings in at opposite drop offs around the school building can be challenging, being on time for school is not only a legal requirement but is also important for academic success and we expect that our pupils are here on time to start the school day.

Please ensure this is taken into consideration when leaving for school and setting up your morning routines so that our children arrive at school on time, ready for learning.



Did you know that schools are graded by OFSTED in relation to attendance. For attendance to be considered "good"

'Pupils have high attendance, come on time to school and are punctual to lessons.'

By working with parents, we have previously achieved this but the current picture is not a positive one. If there is any way that we can help you to reduce the absences or lates that may currently be on their record, please get in touch with the class teacher.

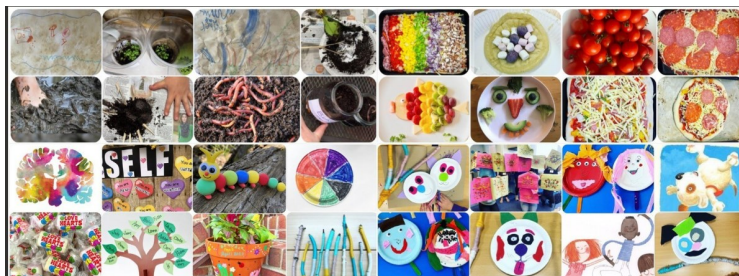
	Recent % attendance	Average attendance since Sept	Recent No. of lates	Total of lates since Sept
RM	94.87%	95.38%	11	61
RS	91.10%	91.15%	13	162
RW	93.70%	95.89%	18	76
1A	95.03%	96.06%	11	73
1C	93.49%	95.33%	16	146
1W	90.97%	94.02%	11	90
2C	95.22%	94.86%	8	84
2F	90.70%	90.82%	11	157
2S	90.56%	92.04%	19	122
3E	95.22%	95.24%	18	148
3G	90.84%	93.59%	42	232
3T	91.53%	93.45%	5	136
4F	85.32%	93.43%	3	62
4PW	93.82%	95.55%	16	145
4R	91.36%	94.08%	13	179

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 the Attendance Officer for Oak Hill and liaises with parents, teachers and senior leaders when dealing with all attendance matters.

For your child to make good progress they have to have good attendance and punctuality.

Online Family Learning courses

We have been given details of two short online courses for parents and carers which you can book on directly. No parent/carer needs to pay, there are many options you can choose for the criteria of a free course, including 'I have been given a referral code' (no code is needed).



Marvellous Me online via TEAMS

A very gentle Health and Wellbeing course using the '5 ways to wellbeing' from NHS with lots of time to chat online

Starting on 15th May 12.30 – 2.30pm for 6 weeks

[Marvellous Me Online Booking](#)

Maths in School for Parents and Carers online via TEAMS

A supportive course helping parents/carers to understand what their child is taught in school and ideas to try at home

Starting on 13th May 9.30-11.30am for 7 weeks

[Maths in School Online Booking](#)



NURSERY PARENTS:

Reception School Places

Offers of places in Reception for September came out to parents recently via email.

You need to click on the link in the email to accept the school place.

If you need support please pop into school and one of the office staff will be happy to help.

Reminder: Class photographs

Thursday 9th May

We ask that **ALL** children come to school in their uniform please–

Reception and Year 1 have PE so please could they could bring a pair of trainers to change into just for this one day.

There's a Sunflower in my Supper!

Year 1 have absolutely smashed their performance!

From the narrators learning all those lines and speaking confidently to the herd of cows, the singing and dancing and allllllllllll of the acting, it was BRILLIANT!

A story of growth, springtime and happiness... you definitely filled us with happiness and look how you've all grown!

Well done Year 1.



Year 2 Cricket

On Tuesday 1st May some Year 2 children attended a cricket skills event at Redditch Cricket Club.

It was a fantastic event where the children go to learn how to bat, bowl and catch.

They developed their target practice and lots of fun doing so.

The children gave every single activity their best and represented Oak Hill with their effort and enthusiasm throughout.

There seems to be a few budding spin bowlers in the making.

Well done Year 2.



Year 4 Parental engagement



The children in Year 4 welcomed their parents into class this week for a fun parental engagement focussing on times tables.

The children thoroughly enjoyed testing their parents' knowledge of the 8 times table.

Together, they took part in a variety of quizzes and activities that we would normally do in class.

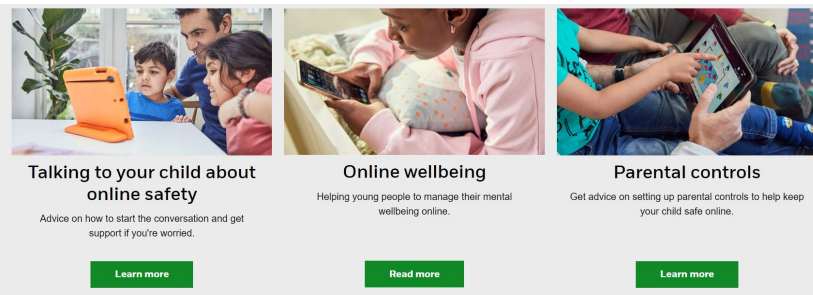
A huge thank you to all of the adults who came in to support their child's learning.



Online safety

Year 4 teachers shared some useful information with parents during their parental engagement session this week on screen time and cyber-flashing.

There are lots of websites that have advice for parents on how to keep children safe when online and with more and more children having phones and internet connected devices we thought it would be good to share 2 of our most used sites:



Talking to your child about online safety
Advice on how to start the conversation and get support if you're worried.
[Learn more](#)

Online wellbeing
Helping young people to manage their mental wellbeing online.
[Read more](#)

Parental controls
Get advice on setting up parental controls to help keep your child safe online.
[Learn more](#)

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May 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:

- What does art mean to you?
- Can you learn to persevere?
- Should everyone be allowed to lead a private life?



Democracy

We can listen to others carefully and use our voices to make sure everyone is included and treated fairly.

This week we will be focussing on:

How can shops make sure everyone feels represented?

