



Newsletter February 2026



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Headteacher's Term 3 update

Dear Oakwood reader,

As we start 2026 but come to the end of an exceptionally busy Term 3, I wanted to share our continued journey to 'being better everyday'. This term has been filled with competition, determination and achievement. I continue to be impressed by our pupils enthusiasm for learning, as well as their growing understanding of the world around them.

In the final week of term, we welcomed parents in to our mid-year parents' evenings. If you attended on Wednesday, you will have also been able to meet our supportive parent and carer forum leads, who are supporting our PINS project journey. As part of our commitment to working consistently and collaboratively with our parents, we listened to your feedback around wanting more in-year information about your child's progress and attainment. As a result, we've shared your child's mid-year progress card this week! We hope this provides insight into your child's strengths and successes and areas for development that you can support with from home too.

We know the huge difference that parent support from home can make, not just to your child's academic grades, but also to their behaviour and attitude to school-life, their peers and our staff team also. Your partnership is invaluable and we continue to refine our ways of working with parents to ensure that action and communication are two-way and ever-improving.

Exciting Curriculum Projects

Term 3 was filled with Oakwood Opportunities!

- We launched our Rock Steady Bands!
- Year 5 & 6 took place in a laser car, sustainable energy workshop.
- We hosted several, interactive Bikeability, hazard-perception workshops.
- We hosted our third AIM high writing workshop.
- We welcomed RSHE curriculum leads from across the Trust to develop our curriculum further.
- We explored AI through Internet Safety Day!

Wraparound Care

- Our wraparound care numbers are at an all time high, thanks to the fantastic work and offer from Mrs Towsey, Mrs Woollard and Mrs Taylor! Disco dancing has been an absolute hit this half-term!
- Nursery wraparound care has been supporting families with aligned timings!
- We're looking to introduce new sports clubs from term 4 onwards!

Volunteer Shout Out

We're fortunate to have many volunteers in school that help our journey. A huge thanks in term 3 to:

- Our LAB (Local Academy Board) and two new parent elected members, Nicky and Lauren!
- Mrs Jacques, who just can't stay away - she's been supporting our maths and reading in KS1!
- Mrs Koksai, who reads with our lovely Year 2s!

÷ Maths Magic

I am going to harp on about this, as it has been one of my personal highlights this half-term, with Oakwood being crowned winners of the Term 3 Aurora Academies Trust TTRS Throwdown, as well as now being ranked 3rd out of 30 local schools on TTRS! We are smashing our multiplication and I can't wait to keep the hype going around learning times tables!

As we hopefully head towards warmer and dryer weather, I want to focus on re-energising our grounds and OPAL initiatives! Keep your eyes peeled for community events to be able to contribute, be it in the form of donations for our playtimes, or time to help us with key projects and playground builds!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after a restful half-term break, for another exciting term of learning: knowledge, equality, determination and achievements on Tuesday 17th February. I am ever ambitious and excited for what term four has in store!

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From Term 3, we want to shout about...

Exploring Outside in the Early Years!

Our reception cohort have been loving their weekly outdoor learning session! They've delighted in making faces from natural materials and have been busy creating a new reception gardening area too! Plus, we just love seeing how geared up they are in their puddle-jumpers - they've truly embraced 'no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!'

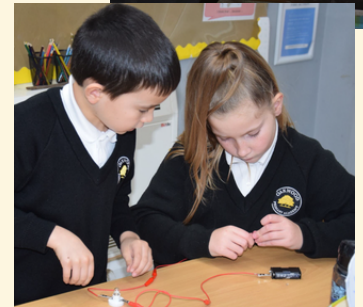


"Are you hurt? How can I help?"

Our behaviour curriculum continues to be in action across all classes, school-wide, teaching children life-management skills! Above, our year one children learn how to manage injuries and help one another.

Circuit builders!

Wednesday afternoons are always a hive of science activity in our key stage two classrooms. Year four has been no exception; they have been engrossed in their learning about circuits, electrical components, conductors and insulators this half-term! Their partner-work has been just as 'powerful' too!



"There's no such thing as bad weather - just bad clothing!"

Yes, we've been embracing the mud as part of our OPAL lunchtimes to allow our pupils access to more of our grounds all year round. Well done to everyone for bringing in spare footwear and wellies!

Superb Sculptures in Year 3!

Our year three class have been moulding and perfecting their clay sculptures. We've loved seeing their finished pieces!



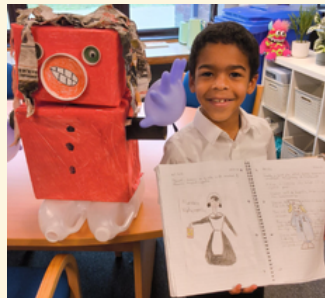
Projects to be Proud of!



Year One



Our Hive



Year Two



Year Five



Para-Sports Participation!



Year Four



Oakwood Opportunities

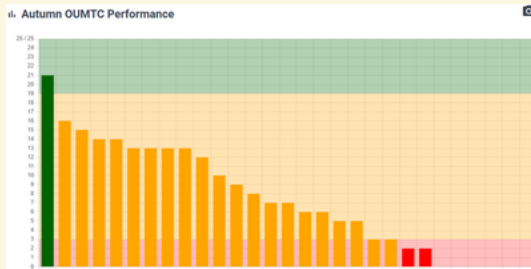
Keep your eyes peeled for Term 4's project homework pieces and upcoming school events in your child's year group termly curriculum newsletter



Times tables crazy, multiplication mad...

The children will tell you that maths is my passion! Prior to becoming headteacher, I led maths across the Aurora Academies Trust and now embed a love of maths here at Oakwood. Across Term 3, we have had a real focus on learning times tables, particularly in year 4, who will complete their statutory multiplication check later this year.

We have been brave and bold in putting in extra learning groups for times tables three times a week and the progress below speaks for itself! Year 4, you continue to impress us with your determination to 'be better every day' at your times tables and we can't wait to see what you go on to achieve later this year.



Position (Out of 7 schools taking part)	School Average Correct
1	Oakwood Primary Academy, Eastbourne 1,552
2	Heron Park Primary Academy 1,527
3	The Gatwick School 1,196
4	Westvale Park Primary Academy, Horley 1,030
5	Glenleigh Park Primary Academy 990
6	City Academy Whitehawk, Brighton 766
7	King Offa Primary Academy 622

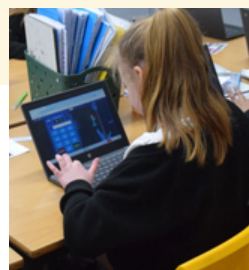


After a last-minute defeat in Term 2, our pupils came back with determination and have achieved the highest average number of correct answers per pupil across all Aurora Academies Trust schools, bringing it home to Oakwood in 1st place! Bring on Term 4... let's keep the title! 🎸🔥



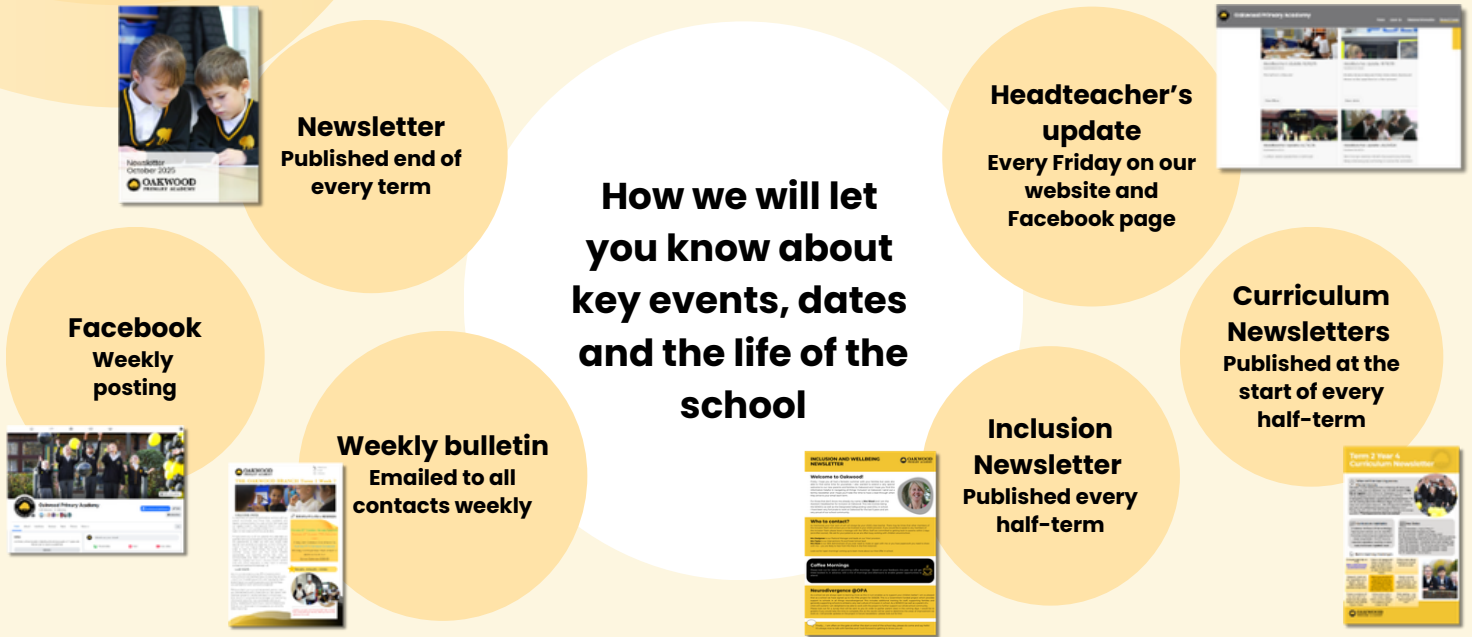
On top of this, we are now 3rd place in the TTRS league table, against 30 other local primary schools – this is such an achievement and I could not be prouder of our Oakwood maths superstars!

Rank	Name	Mean Studio Speed (seconds / question)
1	The Eastbourne Academy	1.87
2	Dallington CE School	2.41
3	Oakwood Primary Academy, Eastbourne	2.65
4	St John's Meads Primary School, Eastbourne	2.77
5	Park Mead Primary School, Hailsham	2.85
6	Parkland Junior School, Eastbourne	2.88
7	Hankham Primary School	2.91
8	Langney Primary Academy	2.97



Communication

As part of our pledge to improve communication with our parent body, we've streamlined our communication channels and have introduced key documents that will be used to communicate regularly with parents. We now have the following up and running!



School Improvement

In term 3, here are just some of the actions we've undertaken towards achieving our objectives:

School Improvement Objectives 2025-26			
Quality of Education	Behaviour and Attitudes	Personal Development	Growth
<p>Objective</p> <p>1.1 Continue to raise standards in core subject areas.</p> <p><i>White Rose Maths</i></p> <p>1.2 Embed curriculum delivery strategies in foundation subjects</p>	<p>Objective</p> <p>2.1 Continue effective work to raise attendance and punctuality</p> <p>2.2 Embed an improved behaviour culture that leads to meaningful engagement and a shared understanding of fairness</p>	<p>Objective</p> <p>3.1 Refine existing school provision to embed a sense of belonging</p> <p><i>The Five</i></p>	<p>Objective</p> <p>4.1 Rapidly improve marketing and communication strategies to promote the school's effective work and convert 'interest' in the school to applications for admission</p> <p><i>Registration Form</i></p>
<p>Our vision: Being Better Every Day</p> <p>Our rules: READY - RESPECTFUL - SAFE</p> <p>Our values: KNOWLEDGE - EQUALITY - DETERMINATION - ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>THE BIG FIVE</p>			

Whole-school events, raising aspirations and enjoyment of maths!

- Trust-wide TTRS competition & dress-like-a-rock-star-day!

Attendance Aspirations

- Our lovely attendance officer - Mrs O'Connell - has been working hard with families to offer more support

Raising the profile of foundation subjects!

- PE has never been taught better, thanks to Miss Stew!
- Outdoor learning is coming alive in EYFS!

Music to our ears!

- At Oakwood, we love being able to offer specialist music teaching. Even with a rocky start to Rock Steady, we're loving having bands up and running now too!

Opportunities at Oakwood

- A sense of belonging achieved through extra-curricular, 'free' workshop activities











Creating an improved behaviour culture

- We've continued to deliver our new behaviour curriculum in weekly slots in our classes.

We're a neuro-affirming school!

- Our PINS project work continues. In Term 3, we launched 'Amazing Me', 'My Self', 'Why words matter' & Understanding Neurodiversity training too!

Term dates

Monday 23rd February INSET Day	
Tuesday 24th February First day back for the start of term four	
Thursday 5th March World Book Day Dressing Up & Parental Engagement 2.30pm	
Friday 13th March INSET Day (Nursery open as usual)	
W/C 16th March We're looking after lambs!	
Tuesday 17th March Year 3 & 4 music concert!	
Friday 20th March Red Nose Day - Accessorise your uniform with red items!	
W/C Monday 23rd March Term 4 Aurora TTRS Throwdown - Come on Oakwood!	
Tuesday 24th March Year 6 Residential Parents' Meeting 4.30pm	
Friday 27th March Final day of term four	

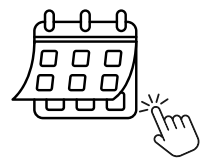


Tuesday 14th April

Start of Term Five



Click the calendar below to see our website school calendar:



Remember PE kit consists of a plain black tracksuit or shorts & our school, yellow PE shirt.

PE days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 6 classes: Skellig & Code Name Bananas	Reception: Zog class Year 1: Paddington Class	Year 3: Invisible Class Year 1: Elmer Class	Reception: Snail & the Whale Class Year 4: Harry Potter Class	Year 5: Varjak Paw Class Year 2: Beegu Class



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