



Birch Class

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back the children to school after the summer break. We have had two great weeks back and the children have settled in well and are working hard. The school is really calm and children's attitudes to learning are really positive.

We have also welcomed families into school for our curriculum meetings, which are going well and will continue next week.

Mrs Beacham has held the football trials this week with our football provider Premier Education. She was very impressed with the quality of skills demonstrated and hopes we will have a successful year ahead with our football team.

I hope you all have a great weekend.



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT—BIRCH









It has been a busy start to the year in Birch class! The children have settled really well into Year 2 and they have all enjoyed their learning so far.

In mathematics, we have been learning about partitioning numbers using concrete resources and part, part whole models. The children have worked well in pairs to build chosen numbers and then share them into different sized groups, consolidating their knowledge of numbers to 20.

In English, we have been learning about nouns and verbs. The children have used this learning to write sentences including capital letters and full stops, and they were very proud to show off their hard work.

Due to the hot weather, we have spent some of our time outside in the shade. The children have been particularly enjoying the breeze during story time under the trees.

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Healthy Snacks

In November, the children will be having Health Eating Workshops in school. We want to encourage children to bring in healthy snacks for playtime. Children in Nursery to Year 2 each receive a piece of fruit or vegetable each day. For ideas on health snacks for children in Year 3 to 6, follow the link below



Healthy Snack Ideas

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHJOOL

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS—5th OCTOBER 2023

The School Photographers will be in on Thursday 5th October to take individual and sibling photographs.

Don't forget that you can now set up a direct debit to secure a huge discount on all the photographs taken of your children throughout the school year. Please ask the office for more details.

SCOOTERS AND BIKES

Scooters and bikes are a great way to get to school, and get some exercise

However, the riding of scooter and bike within the school grounds is forbidden. This is to avoid accidents and to keep everyone safe. Please ask your child to dismount at the school gates. Thank you.



NEW TIMINGS

A reminder of the new gate and classroom opening times.

Please note that no child should be left unattended before the start of school unless they are in Year 5 or 6.

	EYFS	KS1	KS2
Gates open	8.35am	8.35am	8.35am
Doors open	8.40am	8.40am	8.45am
Doors close	8.45am	8.50am	8.50am
Gates close	8.50am	8.50am	8.50am



NO PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME

Can we please remind parents that there is **no parking at any time for parents** beyond the red school gates—this includes for drop off for Breakfast Club, and pick up from After School Club. Please use the visitor car park off Featherstone Close. This is to ensure the safety of children and adults.

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- Thursday 5th October—Individual and Sibling Photographs
- Tuesday 10th October—NSPCC Workshops for Year 5 & 6
- Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th October—Parent Consultations
- Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October—HALF TERM

For term dates see our website—www.oakmere.herts.sch.uk

House Point Results—September 2023









Week	Marie Curie	JK Rowling	Pablo Picasso	Mo Farrah
Week 1	571	541	635	669
Week 2	909	816	923	881
Week 3				
Week 4				
Overall this term	1480	1357	1558	1550

Star of the Week—weeks ending 8th & 15th September									
Name	Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name	Class		
Willow	Willow	Clarice	Poplar	Kaiden	Hawthorn	Zaneta	Blue Oak		
Luna	Willow	Nikita	Poplar	Bobby	Hawthorn	Natalia	Blue OaK		
Lacey-Mae	Birch	Mirzan	Sycamore	Kamil	Cedar	Danielle	Red Oak		
Scarlett	Birch	Alyce	Sycamore	Corey	Cedar	Cassius	Red Oak		
Riley	Hazel	Olivia	Chestnut						
Archie B	Hazel	Aarush	Chestnut						



Tall oaks from little acorns grow ...