



Oakmere Primary School  
Tall Oaks from Little Acorns Grow



- Dates for your diary
- Individual & sibling photos—2nd October
- Year 6 trip to Kingswood 7th—11th October
- Parent Consultations—21st—23rd Oct 3.30—6pm

## Newsletter - September 2024 Issue 2

# Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week we had a KS1 phonics and early reading meeting which was well attended. We have launched our wonderful new reading diaries that have some fantastic resources for families to use at home and reading awards at the back of the diary that children can achieve.

We invested a lot of time and money on reading last year and are continuing to do so this year as well. We also hope at some point this year to start work on the new library.

Every year groups has now attending our local library and new memberships have been issued.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Wilson  
Headteacher



## CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT - Red Oak

Red Oak have got off to a fantastic start to the year! As a newly formed class, they have all come together extremely well and these first few weeks have been a lot of fun. Being in year 6, we have gone full steam ahead with learning however during our PE lessons, they children have been developing their gymnastic skills and we have some very skilled gymnasts in our class. We have been looking at more complex peer balances as well as how to incorporate this into a sequence.



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**NEW DATE**  
3rd October 2024  
4.30pm - 8pm

**OPEN EVENING**

The Headteacher and Head Students will speak at 16:30, 17:45, 18:30 and 19:15. No prior booking is necessary but sessions are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**RICKMANSWORTH SCHOOL**

**Looking for healthy after-school snack ideas?**

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- Two wholegrain crackers and tzatziki
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- Two crackers with a spread of low-fat cream cheese and cherry tomatoes
- Plain or Greek yoghurt and fruit
- 150ml homemade fruit smoothie
- Vegetable sticks (carrot/pepper/cucumber) with hummus
- Fruit kebabs
- Wholegrain toast with a thin layer of peanut butter
- Breadsticks
- Handful of dried fruit
- Dried apple slices (slice into 1/4 inch circles, bake at 200 degrees until dry)
- Handful of homemade popcorn
- Homemade fruit ice lollies
- Apple slices with peanut butter

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## Attitudes and Behaviour in School

I wanted to give you an overview of how well our children are doing in terms of their attitudes and behaviours in school.

As a school we are committed to achieving exemplar behaviour in school, having high expectations of all children which is reflected in our behaviour policy. We have our school values of teamwork, respect, kindness, responsibility, resilience and ambition which are reinforced each day in school, along with individual class rules in each class that reflect these values. We celebrate children's achievements in school through individual weekly celebration certificates, weekly class attendance cup, annual role model badges to children demonstrating our school values and send postcards home for exemplary behaviour and work. We also have mediators that support good lunchtime play and sports leaders who are positive role models during lunchtimes. We plan to start our lunchtime clubs again shortly. As a result, children's behaviours and attitudes in school have been improving every year. Visitors to our school comment time and time again on how impressed they are by children's behaviours, including how polite they are. I wanted to share this with you so you can be as proud as we are in the vast improvement we have seen in the past couple of years.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Wilson

## Natural England Assembly

We were very lucky to have Janie Cloote from Natural England come to talk to our children on Monday 23rd September about Hertfordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy. She spoke about what the children could do to help species that were becoming extinct and how to develop habitats in our gardens, schools and local areas. She suggested we make wildlife ponds with shallow sides, bug hotels, to grow a tree, not to mow grass and to grow flowers in lawns. Children asked lots of questions, some around how to make their own habitats



## Role Model Badges 2024

Name	Class	Name	Class
Millie	Cedar	Ayla	Cedar
Mori	Cedar	Alyce	Cedar
Ilayda	Cedar	Billie	Cedar
Rebecca	Cedar	Darcie	Cedar

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- 28th—1st November Half Term

### House Point Results - Autumn Term 2024



Week	Marie Curie	JK Rowling	Pablo Picasso	Mo Farrah
Week 1	571	619	579	514
Week 2	838	809	809	605
Week 3	766	629	621	626
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
Overall this term	2175	2057	2009	1745

### Star of the Week –20/9/24 /27/9/24

Name	Class	Name	Class	Name	Class
Jessarah	Willow	Millie	Cedar	Billie	Chestnut
Kai	Birch	Niamh	Blue Oak	Whole Class	Hawthorn
Eveline	Poplar	Anuva	Red Oak	Billie	Cedar
Alice	Sycamore	Andrianna	Birch	Olivia	Blue Oak
Sebastian	Chestnut	Maliha	Poplar	Whole Class	Red Oak
Lilly	Hawthorn	Frankie	Sycamore		

## ATTENDANCE

commencing:	First	Second	Third
16/09/2024 - 20/09/2024	Cedar 97%	Beech 96%	Sycamore 95%
23/09/2024 - 27/09/2024	Cedar 98%	Birch/Blue Oak 95%	Hazel 94%