

Oak Meadow Primary School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 14th February 2025: Issue 21



A message from Mr. Lane...

As the half-term draws to a close, I write to share my continued pride for our outstanding children! As we reach the half-way point of the school year, I am delighted with the superb academic progress every child has made along with their phenomenal personal development. Following the half-term holiday, I look forward to our ambitious curriculum combining with children's holistic growth for the University of Oak Meadow. The magnificent staff at our school have been working diligently to bring together what promises to be a week like no other. I am sure your children will have shared with you the changes they have started to see take shape as our four faculties emerge. I hope that every child attends each day as the memories they make will hopefully inspire their learning as well as providing innovative opportunities that I know will be a highlight of this school year!

Showing one of our school's core values 'More than me' in action, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Wear it Red day today contributing donations for the Midlands Air Ambulance. In total we have raised £298.00 which will now be forwarded to the charity.

Thank you also for your support this week by attending our Maths workshops. We hope you enjoyed getting involved as much as the children did! In partnership with the National Numeracy charity, please continue to enjoy working with your children on their fortnightly Maths challenges. We look forward to seeing the fun and enjoyment you have had when your children share their scrap books with us back at school. As mentioned by Mrs Worrallo during the workshop, if you would like to work on learning more about Maths and improving your own confidence, please check out the National Numeracy challenge:

Please Scan here.



I am proud to share with you the winners of our National Storytelling week challenge. Well done to: 1st - Jackson in 5T, 2nd - Iris-Fleur in 4B and 3rd - Madisyn in 6H. The creative flair shown by the children has earned them Amazon gift vouchers and I would like to commend every child who entered – I know judging was a huge challenge!

As we look ahead to Spring 2, get ready to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March. On this day, children are invited to dress up as a book character to celebrate their love of reading! In addition to this, the Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving on Monday 3rd March and will be open daily after school until Friday 7th March (3.15-3.45). Every child will receive a £1 book token to redeem at the fair.

We have a busy half-term ahead of us after the holiday and to support your planning for school events, I will write a letter for the first day back detailing different days and dates again for the remainder of the school year. For now though, I hope everyone has a restful week and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24th February when, via the University, we will all 'Aspire to make a difference'. Take care and have a lovely, restful and enjoyable week.

Attendance and Punctuality

Everyday
COUNTS!

Thank you for making sure your child is in school every day and on time. Remember that our minimum attendance target for all children is **96%**.

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Attending school **every day** impacts significantly on your child's learning and their attainment. Please see the table below that shows the number of lessons missed as the attendance rate falls.

Every day counts over the school year:

Attendance during the school year	Equals this number of days absent	Meaning that approximately this number of lessons have been missed
95%	9 days	50 lessons!
90%	19 days	100 lessons!
85%	29 days	150 lessons!

Make sure your child is an **Oak Meadow attendance H.E.R.O** (Here, Every day, Ready and On Time) by arriving between 8:35 and 8:45am each morning.

Every minute counts over the school year:

- 5 minutes late each day = **3 days lost!**
- 10 minutes late each day = **6.5 days lost!**
- 15 minutes late each day = **10 days lost!**
- 20 minutes late each day = **13 days lost!**
- 30 minutes late each day = **19 days lost!**

Class Attendance for this week

Reception and Key Stage 1

RB	82%
RT	89.3%
1B	91.3%
1E	96%
2B	91.3%
2H	93.3%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 1E – well done!



Key Stage 2

3H	97.2%
3J	92%
4B	94.2%
4N	93%
5CH	92%
5T	96.8%
6H	98.6%
6W	96.1%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 6H – well done!



Our combined whole school attendance for this week was...

93.1%

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Stars of the Week

The next scheduled celebration assembly will be held on:

**Monday 3rd March 2025
at 8.50am.**



Upcoming dates for the diary

24th Feb – Children return to school for Spring Term 2

24th – 28th Feb – University of Oak Meadow. Please contact the office if you haven't received a letter about this event

1st Mar – St David's Day

3rd Mar – Book Fair arrives in school

6th Mar – World Book Day – children dress as their favourite book character.

6th Mar – Year 4 Assembly for Parents/Carers at 8.50am

7th Mar – Pep the Poet visits Oak Meadow delivering year group workshops

10th – 15th Mar – Science Week

10th Mar – SEND Health Parent/Carer workshop on toileting and constipation, 9am in the hall

12th – 14th Mar – Y4 Condoover Residential

17th Mar – St Patrick's Day

Communication

Our doors are always open whenever you need us and the main office number is 01902 558517.

The school email address is oakmeadowprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Also remember to check the school website and follow us on 'X' [@oakmeadow12](https://twitter.com/oakmeadow12)

Safeguarding Information

If you have any concerns about a child, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leaders (DSL):

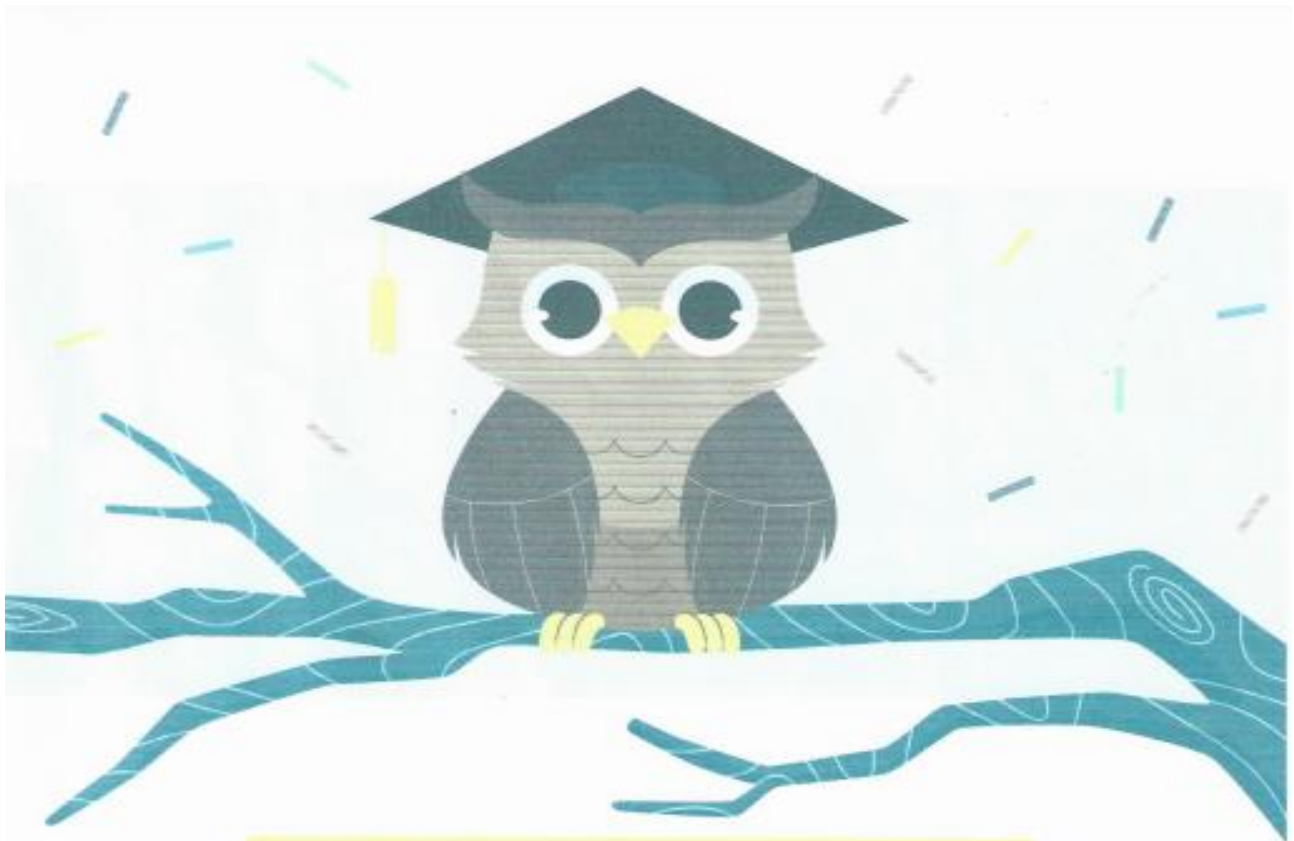
Mr. Lane (Head of School).

Miss. Billingsley (Deputy Headteacher).

Mr. Hawkins (Assistant Headteacher).

Mrs. Worrallo (Assistant Headteacher).

Mrs. Parker-Thornton (Home/School Liaison Officer).



• GRADUATION MENU •

FEB | 28TH | 2025

- HOT DOGS
- VEGETARIAN HOT DOGS
- CHIPS
- CORN ON THE COB
- TOMATO KETCHUP
- CHOCOLATE CAKE AND CUSTARD



PEP THE POET

Children's Author, poet and Wellbeing Champion

Pep the Poet is visiting us on **Friday 7th March 2025**. He will be sharing his poetry with the children and we are hoping to have a great day. There is an opportunity to buy signed copies of Pep's poetry books (£7.99) and (or) a tote bag (£6).

- Parents can order books in advance from Pep's website:
- <https://www.pepthe poet.co.uk/products> or <https://www.pepthe poet.co.uk/books>
- Use the code **SCHOOLS** for free postage and packaging.
- Pep will bring orders to the school on the day of the visit.
- Or scan the QR core to the right



CALLING PARENTS and CARERS

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM
encourages kids to eat more veg.
It is award-winning and proven to
make eating vegetables more fun.
Last year 77% of parents said their
child ate more vegetables.

STARTS 10TH MARCH

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM



PREPARE FOR VICTORY

80% OF KIDS DON'T EAT ENOUGH VEGETABLES!

VEG MATTERS!

If you are worried about your child's mood, behaviour and learning, a good place to start is their diet.

Studies have shown that the best diet for good mood, behaviour and learning is one that includes a regular eating pattern and a variety of food with 2-3 handfuls of vegetables per day.

48% of Parents

Tell us they struggle to get their kids to eat vegetables.

HOW IT WORKS

SCHOOLS

The programme starts in schools on the 10th March with veg lessons and tasting events




STICKERS

Look out for your child coming home with a sticker when they try veg at school



FAMILIES

Your school will send home a reward chart to help you turn that behaviour into lasting habits.



FEATURING:

SWEETCORN

CARROTS!

PEAS!

PEPPERS!

BROCCOLI!



ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO GET YOUR KIDS TO EAT MORE VEG?

We have helped over

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MILLION

parents to get their
children eating more veg.

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can help you.

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