

## Oak Meadow Primary School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024: Issue 11



### A message from Mr. Lane...

At the end of such a challenging week with the weather, I look back on the collective effort and resolute spirit shown to ensure the children have their daily access to education at our school. I empathise with all parents, knowing the value of school as a safe and happy place for your children, and feel the moral privilege – as all staff do – to ensure we are serving you, our community, every day we possibly can. I am thankful to you and the children for your determination to attend and to all staff for their unwavering efforts to Oak Meadow, irrespective of the snow and ice encountered on journeys this week. Unsung heroes are around us every day, often hidden in plain sight, but I would like to shine a special spotlight on our Site Manager for his dedication and hard work in making it possible to open each day. We all *'aspire to make a difference'* at our school – thank you Mr. Turner for your herculean efforts this week! Looking ahead, the countdown to our Christmas Fair is on. Today's non-uniform day has seen a wide range of toiletry donations, and I am overwhelmed by your generosity in the toys, games and clothes donations that we have received. Please keep donating right up to the day of the Fair! Take care everyone and have a lovely weekend.

### Stars of the Week

- 1B: Georgia C & Leo W
- 1E: Coby M & Vinnie S
- 2B: Marnie C-A & Harrison S
- 2H: Autumn B, Thea E & Priya K
- 3H: Sarina C & Evelyn O'N
- 3J: Luke D & Megan T
- 4B: Erica H & Jak M
- 4N: Maggie D, Ava E & Verona Q
- 5CH: Daisy C & Maisie W
- 5T: Geovanni C & Sophie P
- 6H: Isaac P
- 6W: Riley M

We hope the parents/ carers of the above children can join us for this Monday's assembly at **2.45pm** to celebrate their award.

### Upcoming dates for the diary

**25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Whole school assessment week**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Reception Christmas Production (details will be confirmed nearer the time)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception and Year 1 Grandparent lunches**

**5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Disco**

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Non-Uniform Day – Bring a bottle to school**

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 1 Christmas Performance (9.15am and 2.15pm)**

**13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Cake Competition**

**13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Santa is back! A voluntary donation of £1.50 please to help with costs**

**13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair – 3.30pm until 5.30pm**

### 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](mailto: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).



# Attendance and Punctuality

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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%**.

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	84%
RT	91.3%
1B	94.7%
1E	92.7%
2B	93.3%
2H	92.4%

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



### Key Stage 2

3H	96%
3J	96.7%
4B	96.1%
4N	91%
5CH	91%
5T	87.7%
6H	93%
6W	94.2%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 3J – well done!



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

**92.4%**

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# EYE TESTS FOR CHILDREN

Children may not realise they have a vision problem so, without routine tests, there's a risk a problem may not be spotted. This may affect their development and education.



Free NHS sight tests are available at opticians for children under 16 and for young people under 19 in full-time education.



The NHS recommends that you should have your eyes tested every **2 years** (more often if advised by your ophthalmic practitioner or optometrist).



An eyesight test is particularly important if there's a history of childhood eye problems, such as squint or lazy eye, in your family.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT EYE TESTS FOR CHILDREN:  
[WWW.NHS.UK/CONDITIONS/EYE-TESTS-IN-CHILDREN/](http://WWW.NHS.UK/CONDITIONS/EYE-TESTS-IN-CHILDREN/)



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# Routine Childhood Immunisations

1st September 2024 DOH

## Speak to your GP surgery if:

- you think you or your child have missed any vaccinations
- you or your child have a vaccination appointment – but you've missed it or cannot attend

Your GP surgery can book or rearrange an appointment.

It's best to have vaccines on time, but you can still catch up on most vaccines if you miss them.



When	Vaccine given
8 weeks old	DTaP/IPV/Hib/Hep B
	Men B
	Rotavirus
12 weeks old	DTaP/IPV/Hib/Hep B
	PCV
	Rotavirus
16 weeks old	DTaP/IPV/Hib/Hep B
	Men B
One year old (on or after the child's first birthday)	Hib/Men C
	PCV booster
	MMR
	Men B booster
Eligible paediatric age group	Live attenuated influenza vaccine LAIV
3 years 4 months old or soon after	dTaP/IPV
	MMR (check first dose given)
Boys and girls aged 12 to 13 years	HPV
14 years old (school Year 9)	Td/IPV (check MMR status)
	MenACWY

Routine childhood immunisations from 1 September 2024 - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))



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# TAKING YOUR CHILD TO THE DENTIST



**NHS DENTAL CARE IS FREE**



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CARE IS FREE  
FOR UNDER 16'S**

**REGULAR CHECK-UPS**



**TAKE YOUR  
CHILD FOR  
REGULAR DENTAL  
CHECK UPS AS  
ADVISED BY THE  
DENTIST**

**FINDING A DENTIST**



**YOU CAN SEARCH  
FOR AN NHS  
DENTIST NEAR YOU  
ON THE WEBSTE  
BELOW**

**IF YOU NEED DENTAL TREATMENT IN AN  
EMERGENCY**

**CALL A DENTIST: SOME SURGERIES OFFER URGENT  
APPOINTMENTS AT SHORT NOTICE**

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A DENTIST, FIND ONE BY  
CALLING NHS 111**



**WWW.NHS.UK/SERVICE-SEARCH/FIND-A-DENTIST**



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