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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the new half-term. I hope that everyone enjoyed a restful holiday last week as we now look forward to the upcoming weeks that will be packed full of learning for the children along with so many notable events as we approach the festive season.

Working together with our wonderful Friends of Oak Meadow and super school council, we aim to make the run up to Christmas 2024 a memorable experience for every child, full of fun and excitement. We would like to replicate the huge success of last year's Christmas Fair (this year's will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December) as, with your support and donations, we aim to host a community event where pre-loved children's toys, games and clothes will be on sale. You will be able to purchase these items for a nominal price to then send on to Santa to be wrapped and delivered for the big day!

In addition, we will mark Remembrance next Monday (11<sup>th</sup> November) with children invited to wear poppies and poppy related accessories for the day as we observe a two-minute silence at 11am. Our fabulous Year 6 children will also lead an assembly to the school and their families on that afternoon (2:30pm start).

Furthermore, next week at Oak Meadow we mark national Anti-Bullying week (11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November) where we will learn about the importance of '*choosing respect*' in line with this year's national theme reminding children to take care of one another and always speaking out if they have any concerns at all. On Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup> November) all children are invited to wear **odd socks** for the day and as the week ends on Children in Need Day (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November), children may also wear any 'Pudsey' accessory on this day to accompany their school uniform with a suggested voluntary contribution of 50p for the Children in Need charity. Our awesome Year 5 children will also lead an assembly to the school and their families on that afternoon (2:30pm start).

Below is a 'festive' table detailing further dates and events across this half-term in chronological order to support you and your child(ren) as we look forward to the excitement of the weeks ahead.

Date	Event	Details	Donation
Week commencing 5 <sup>th</sup> November until Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair – donations of pre-loved children's toys, games, clothes and winter coats welcome and much appreciated from <b>up until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.</b>	The main drive behind this year's Christmas Fair will be the collection of pre-loved children's toys, games, clothes and winter coats. From Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November, we would like you to send in any unwanted toys, games, clothes or coats in good, reusable condition that we will sort and make available for sale (for a nominal price) at the Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December. Please bring donations to the main school office in order for our elves to sort ready for the Christmas Fair!	Pre-loved children's toys, games clothes and coats in good, reusable condition.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Non-uniform day. Bring a toiletry to school.	Children will be allowed to wear non-uniform for the day in exchange for a voluntary 'toiletry' donation. All	An unused and

From tiny acorns **mighty oaks** grow...



		toiletries will be available on the bottle stall at the Oak Meadow Community Christmas event.	unopened toiletry item.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Reception Christmas Performance (9:15am and 2:15pm).	Children in Reception will present their first ever Christmas performance for parent/ carers. Please note that to help with numbers we are requesting that only two adults attend per child for each performance.	N/A
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Year 1 Grandparent lunches	To mark the start of December, we are inviting the Grandparents for each of our Reception and Year 1 classes into school to share the lunchtime experience with their grandchild – separate letters will be sent to co-ordinate arrangements for each class.	N/A
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 and 6 Christmas discos (3:15pm – 4:15pm).	This event will be for all Year 5 and 6 children as they enjoy their disco evening following on from the success of the discos for Years R-4 in October. Year 5 and 6 children can attend school in non-uniform/ party clothes for the entire day. The Friends of Oak Meadow will provide decorations and food/ drinks.	N/A
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-uniform day. Bring a bottle to school.	Children will be allowed to wear non-uniform for the day in exchange for a voluntary 'bottle' donation. All bottles will be available on the bottle stall at the Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair.	An unused and unopened bottle.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Performance (9:15am and 2:15pm).	Children in Year 1 will present their Christmas performance for parent/ carers. Please note that to help with numbers we are requesting that only two adults attend per child for each performance.	N/A
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	The Christmas Jumper Day.	In line with the national event, children will be able to wear a Christmas jumper to school for the day in exchange for a voluntary donation to 'Save the Children'.	A suggested voluntary donation of 50p per child.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (all donations taken to the school stage for 9am)	Christmas Cake competition.	Children (and their families!) are invited to enter our Christmas Cake completion. Prizes will be on offer for the winning entries with all cakes then sold later in the day at our Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair.	A Christmas themed cake.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa is back in residence at Oak Meadow!	During the school day, Santa will take up residence in his new Oak Meadow Christmas Grotto where children from all year groups will visit him across the day. There will be no need for him to check his list as we know how wonderful every Oak Meadow child is - each and every one of them will receive a Christmas gift.	A voluntary donation of £1.50 per child to help Santa cover his overheads!
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (3:30pm - 5:30pm)	Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair.	We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair. Children will have made products to sell and designed games to enjoy in classrooms while the school hall will host a plethora of stalls selling the pre-loved children's toys, games, clothes and coats that have been donated along with toiletries, bottles, cakes, food and drink. Santa has also agreed to stay in his Grotto for the evening where a picture with him and gift will be available for £2.50	Voluntary donation for entry – costs dependent on each stall. A visit to Santa - £2.50 per child.



Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle at Oak Meadow.	Children will spend the morning in their classes completing Christingle activities focusing on the message of Christmas as we approach Christmas Day.	N/A – an in-school event for children.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunches and Christmas parties.	Christmas lunches will be served in the hall (please see the Caterlink menu when published). Children then have the option to bring their own snack item for their Year group's party afternoon (no perishable items as food will remain in the classrooms during the morning and will not be refrigerated). Children may again wear their Christmas jumper on this day (no additional donation required).	Caterlink menu cost. An option to bring in their own snack for the Christmas party.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concerts (Y2 and Y4 parents/ carers – 9am. Y3 and Y5 parents/ carers – 2:15pm).	We invite parents/ carers from Y2 and Y4 to assemble in the school hall for 9am and parents/ carers from Y3 and Y5 at 2:15pm to hear the telling of the Christmas story through song. Please note that for safety and to help with numbers we are requesting that, wherever possible, one adult attends per child.	N/A
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concert (Y6 parents/ carers and invited guests from the wider community – 9am).	We invite parents/ carers from Y6 and invited guests from the wider community to assemble in the school hall for 9am to hear the telling of the Christmas story through song. Please note that for safety and to help with numbers we are requesting that, wherever possible, one adult attends per child.	N/A
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>End of Term (1:00pm).</b>	<b>Please note that to support you with Christmas arrangements and as an early present to all children(!), the school term ends at 1:00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.</b> School will re-open to all children on Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 for the new term (Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January is a staff INSET day).	

All funds generated with your support from each event (with the exception of the 50p donation on Christmas jumper day for Save the Children) will go directly into our school fund. This means that all proceeds raised will be spent directly on the children as we aim to enrich the curriculum and provide opportunities to develop and enhance learning experiences.

I appreciate that there is a lot of information in this letter but I hope that this comprehensive communication supports you in preparing for the weeks ahead. Dates and details could be subject to alteration but we will endeavour to inform you as quickly as possible if anything changes. Further information that is Year group specific pertaining to some of these events and others this half-term (such as any trips) will be sent out by the staff in your child's Year group. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to speak with me or any of the school's leadership team, phase leaders, your child's class teacher or support staff or make contact directly with the school office. I have also listed below days and dates for the remainder of 2024 and with 2025 in mind. I hope this helps in busy households with planning ahead.

I look forward to seeing the children return – along with you - in the morning.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Lane (Head of School).



### Calendar of Events 2024 – 2025

(Please note that planned dates/ times for events may change. Additional letters will be sent out where appropriate for workshops and specific Year group events)

#### Autumn 2 Half-Term 2024

Week	Date	Calendar Events
9	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4 <sup>th</sup> INSET day (School Closed for all Children) 5 <sup>th</sup> Children return for Autumn 2
10	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Remembrance assembly for parents/ carers (2:30pm) 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying week 12 <sup>th</sup> Children's individual photographs 13 <sup>th</sup> Wear odd socks day 15 <sup>th</sup> Children in Need 15 <sup>th</sup> Wear Pudsey related accessories 15 <sup>th</sup> Y5 Children in Need assembly for parents/ carers (2:30pm) 15 <sup>th</sup> Reception Reading Come and Play (2:15pm – Children in Ash and Rowan Houses) 15 <sup>th</sup> Mixed Martial Arts launch classes for interested parents/ carers (parents/ carers attend alongside child)
11	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	22 <sup>nd</sup> Non-uniform day for the Christmas Fair – <i>Bring a toiletry</i> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Reception Reading Come and Play (2:15pm – Children in Willow and Yew Houses)
12	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Whole school assessment week
13	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reception Christmas Production (am and pm slots will be provisioned – exact times to be confirmed closer to the event) 3 <sup>rd</sup> RT Grandparents' lunches 4 <sup>th</sup> RB Grandparents' lunches 5 <sup>th</sup> 1B Grandparents' lunches 5 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 and 6 Christmas Disco (3:15-4:15pm) 6 <sup>th</sup> Non-uniform day for the Christmas Fair – <i>Bring a bottle</i> 6 <sup>th</sup> 1E Grandparents' lunches
14	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 Christmas Production (am and pm slots will be provisioned – exact times to be confirmed closer to the event) 9 <sup>th</sup> Christmas enterprise week – children making products for the Christmas Fair 9 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Cake challenge week – entries to be brought in on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> (the day of the Christmas Fair) 13 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day 13 <sup>th</sup> Santa Visits 13 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair (3:30pm)
15	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	17 <sup>th</sup> Christingle activities 18 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumpers 'welcome to be worn again' 18 <sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch 18 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Parties afternoon 19 <sup>th</sup> KS2 Christmas Carol concert to Y2 & Y4 parents/ carers (9:00am) 19 <sup>th</sup> KS2 Christmas Carol concert to Y3 & Y5 parents/ carers (2:15pm) 20 <sup>th</sup> KS2 Christmas Carol concert to Y6 parents/ carers and community guests (9:00am) 20 <sup>th</sup> End of Autumn term at 1pm.
Christmas Holiday		



## Spring Term 2025

Week	Date	Calendar Events
1	Mon 6th Jan	6 <sup>th</sup> INSET day (School Closed for all Children) 7 <sup>th</sup> Children Return for Spring Term 1
2	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	15 <sup>th</sup> Year 4 residential parent/ carer meeting 16 <sup>th</sup> Year 2 residential parent/ carer meeting
3	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	20 <sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day 24 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 assembly to parents/ carers (2:30pm) 24 <sup>th</sup> Year 2 Computing Day 24 <sup>th</sup> Reception Parents/ Carers Number Workshop– Ash and Rowan House Children 2:00pm
4	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> National Storytelling week 30 <sup>th</sup> Local Governing Board Meeting 31 <sup>st</sup> Reception Parents/ Carers Number Workshop– Willow and Yew House Children 2:00pm
5	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week 7 <sup>th</sup> Year 2 Assembly for parents/ carers (2:30pm) 7 <sup>th</sup> National Numbers Day
6	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10 <sup>th</sup> Maths 'Numbers Day' Parent/ Carer workshops – Years 1, 2&3 (8:50-10:00am) 11 <sup>th</sup> Maths 'Numbers Day' Parent/ Carer workshops – Years 4, 5&6 (8:50-10:00am) 11 <sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day
<b>Half Term</b>		
7	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	24 <sup>th</sup> Children Return for Spring Term 2 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> University of Oak Meadow 1 <sup>st</sup> St. David's Day
8	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	3 <sup>rd</sup> School Book Fair arrives 6 <sup>th</sup> World Book Day – Children dress as their favourite book character 6 <sup>th</sup> Year 4 Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)
9	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Science Week 12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Y4 Conover Hall Residential visit
10	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	17 <sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day 21 <sup>st</sup> World Poetry Day
11	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Children's Assessment Week 28 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 Computing Day 28 <sup>th</sup> Reception Mothers' Day Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)
12	Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	31 <sup>st</sup> Celebration of Eid Day
13	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9 <sup>th</sup> Parent/ Carer Consultations (3:30 – 7:00pm) 10 <sup>th</sup> Parent/ Carer Consultations (3:30 – 5:30pm) 11 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 Easter Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 11 <sup>th</sup> End of Spring Term
<b>Easter Holiday</b>		



## Summer Term 2025

Week	Date	Calendar Events
1	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	28 <sup>th</sup> Children Return for Summer Term 1 28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Y2 Kingswood residential 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year 4 Computing Day 2 <sup>nd</sup> Forest School Reception Parent/ Carer Workshops (Ash – 9:15 to 10:30am, Rowan – 1:45 to 3:00pm)
2	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday - School Closed 6 <sup>th</sup> World Asthma Day 9 <sup>th</sup> Forest School Reception Parent/ Carer Workshops (Willow – 9:15 to 10:30am, Yew – 1:45 to 3:00pm)
3	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> Y6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs 16 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 Computing Day
4	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May	22 <sup>nd</sup> Earth Day 22 <sup>nd</sup> Children's class/ group photographs 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. George's Day
<b>Half Term</b>		
5	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> INSET Day (School Closed for all Children) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Children Return for Summer Term 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Checks begin (over 2 weeks) 5 <sup>th</sup> World Environment Day 6 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 Assembly for parents/ carers (2:30pm) 6 <sup>th</sup> Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Ash and Rowan House Children 2:15pm
6	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks (this week only) 12 <sup>th</sup> Local Governing Board Meeting 13 <sup>th</sup> Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Willow and Yew House Children 2:15pm
7	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> June	20 <sup>th</sup> World Music Day 20 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 Computing Day
8	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Whole School Assessment Week 27 <sup>th</sup> Year 2 Assembly for parents/ carers (2:30pm)
9	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sports Day (KS2: 9:15 to 11:30a.m, EYFS & KS1: 1:30 to 3:00p.m.) 4 <sup>th</sup> Summer Fair (3.30p.m.)
10	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> July	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> Y6 Conover Residential Visit 11 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 Assembly for parents/ carers (2:30pm) 11 <sup>th</sup> End of Year Reports to Parents/ Carers
11	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> July	14 <sup>th</sup> Meet the new teacher transition for children 14 <sup>th</sup> Parent/ Carer Open Afternoon (3:30-5:30pm) 17 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 leavers' Assembly (8:50am) 17 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Leavers' Disco (5:00-7:00pm) 18 <sup>th</sup> End of Summer Term at 1pm
12	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July	21 <sup>st</sup> INSET day (School Closed for all Children)

