



*'As individuals we let our 'light' shine, but **we shine brighter together.***

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with family and friends and enjoyed the opportunity to slow down for week or two.

In collective worship this term we will be focussing on the value of **PERSEVERANCE**. We have considered New Year's resolutions and the perseverance that might be needed to achieve some of these. We have also looked at 'The Hare and the Tortoise' with its key message that 'slow and steady wins the race.' Next week we will look at the amazing story of Kathrine Switzer, the first woman to run a marathon as a competitor at a time when it was not deemed possible for women to run a marathon distance.

I would like to wish you all a healthy and happy 2026.

Miss Prichard



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 14th January

SATs Parent Meeting
(parents of Y6 pupils)
3:30—4pm

Thursday 15th January

Swimming starts for Y2/3/4

Thursday 22nd & Monday 26th January

Parents' Evenings
3:30– 6pm

Curriculum and PE Days

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. Curriculum information about what each class is learning this term will be available on the class pages of the school website from Monday.

There are some changes to PE days for the remainder of the school year. Year 2 children will be swimming this term and on a Thursday afternoon Reception and Year 1 children will have PE together. This is a good opportunity for these two year groups to work together in preparation for next year. Please can your child come to school in their PE kit on these days:

Ruby	Tuesday and Thursday
Sapphire	Tuesday and Thursday (Y2s swimming on Thursday)
Emerald	Monday and Thursday (swimming on Thursday)
Diamond	Monday and Wednesday

Sapphire News



It has been great to see everyone back and engaging with the new term's learning. Sapphire are learning about different parts of the human body in Science. They have been drawing different parts of the face ready to add to their human body outline in the surgery.

Today we welcomed Mrs. Holloway, a student teacher who will be supporting Sapphire for part of this term and next. We all enjoyed getting to know her and look forward to working with her.

Ruby Outdoor Area

We want to develop a stimulating, exciting environment for Ruby to enhance their learning, creativity and play opportunities outside. The first phase of this project is defining the area and over the holidays this work took place. We are now exploring options for a covered area so that Ruby can flow between indoor and outdoor activities whatever the weather.



Autumn Term Assessments and Parents' Evenings

Three times a year we assess pupil attainment. You will receive your child(ren)'s Autumn Term assessment data next Friday, along with a guide to explain it. In Reception, this will cover each of the Early Learning Goals. For pupils in Years 1 to 6, this will cover Reading, Writing and Maths. Parents' Evenings to discuss these and your child's learning more generally will be on:

- Thursday 22nd January, 3:30—6pm
- Monday 26th January, 3:30—6pm

Sign-up sheets will be outside every day next week at pick-up.

Mr. MacLeod will also be running a SATs information meeting for parents of pupils in Year 6 on Wednesday 14th January from 3:30—4pm. It will be a good opportunity to ask any questions and find out more about how to support your child at home.

Superstar Badges

Please can superstar badges be returned to school in time for the following week's Friday Superstar service. We are running low so if you have any at home, please bring them in. Thank you for your help with this.

Term 3 & 4 Clubs

Please see the details of clubs running in Terms 3 and 4 below. A separate letter with further information has been sent on School Jotter.

Day	Club	Years
Monday	Multi-Skills	Y3/4/5/6
Tuesday	Multi-Skills	Reception/Y1/2/3
Wednesday	Performing Arts	Y3/4/5/6
Wednesday	Art	Reception/Y1/2/3/4/5/6
Thursday	Board Games	Y3/4/5/6

Superstars Celebration

Learning and attitudes recognised as 'above and beyond' are celebrated in our Weekly Superstars Celebration. Our Superstars this week are:

Ruby Class

Hebe for listening carefully to instructions and great concentration.

Sapphire Class

Jake for trying really hard with his reading and phonics—keep persevering!

Margot for always being ready to learn. Well done, you are a super star.

Emerald Class

Molly and **Albie** for giving 100% and improving their 3 times table recall.

Diamond Class

Erin M. for demonstrating a skill at the beginning of the dance unit. Get the party started!

Archie for always being dependable and for being so helpful at the end of lunchtimes.



Our 'We Shine Brighter Together' Award goes to someone who has demonstrated one of our school values and by doing so, contributes towards making our school the best it can be. This week's award goes to **Chris** in **Diamond Class** for delivering a reading in the Christmas Carol Service to a packed church. You did an excellent job, speaking clearly and with confidence. Thank you for representing your school and community so brilliantly. We couldn't be prouder of you.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Term	Starts	Ends	INSET
1	Monday 1st September	Wednesday 22nd October	Monday 1st September Tuesday 2nd September
2	Monday 3rd November	Friday 19th December	
3	Monday 5th January	Friday 13th February	Monday 5th January
4	Monday 23rd February	Friday 27th March	
5	Monday 13th April	Friday 22nd May	
6	Monday 1st June	Wednesday 22nd July	Friday 26th June Monday 29th June

From all the Staff and Governors at Oaksey CE Primary School



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