



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

In such a short space of time, there is so much that I have already come to love about Oaksey. Thursdays are one of them, when the sound of music fills the school. Another is the conversations I have with the children—at playtime, in class or in the corridors. It is a privilege to work with young people who have such brilliant imaginations and ideas. Keep them coming! Several pupils have been sent to me this week to share their learning with me and has been wonderful to see the creativity and passion that has led to such great outcomes. Moments like these really make my week.

Having an active PTA is a wonderful asset to any school and FoOS have outlined a great calendar of events over the next few months. If you think you could offer some of your time to support one of these (on the next page), please get in touch with them.

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#### Parents' Evenings—16th & 21st October

Appointments will be 10 minutes and sign-up forms for timeslots will be outside school at pick-up (in the foyer if wet) every day next week. Ruby Class will be on Tuesday 16th only.

#### Upcoming Events

##### Tuesday 7th October

Full Governing Body Meeting

##### Wednesday 15th

Y5/6 Tag-Rugby Festival  
3:15—5:30pm, Minety RFC

##### Thursday 16th

Parents' Evening, 3:30—6pm

##### Friday 17th

Harvest Service, 9:15—10am,  
All Saints Church

##### Tuesday 21st

Parents' Evening, 3:30—6pm

##### Wednesday 22nd

Last day of Term 1

#### Outside Space: Working Party on Saturday 25th October

There are lots of small things we would like to do to improve our outdoor space. If you are able to offer an hour or two of your time to help tidy, cut-back, dig over or move things, please email: [admin@oaksey.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oaksey.wilts.sch.uk) One of the things we would like to focus on is ensuring that the 'wooded area' is ready for use by the children at lunchtimes in Term 2. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided!

Longer term, we are also working towards becoming a Forest School. For more information about Forest Schools, please see: <https://forestschoollassociation.org/what-is-forest-school/>



#### Shoelaces and Jumpers!

The word shoelaces has been constantly on my lips this week! In order to minimise trip hazards and accidents, please help your child practise doing up their shoelaces and show them how to double knot (so that they don't come undone).

We often have several jumpers left in the foyer/playground at the end of the day. Items of clothing are the children's responsibility and we are actively reminding them of this. Any jumpers/items of clothing left unclaimed at the end of the day will go into the lost property box near the front door entrance. Please ensure that labels on jumpers are named.

## Superstars Celebration

Learning and attitudes recognised as 'above and beyond' are celebrated in our Weekly Superstars Celebration. Independence seems to be a bit of a theme this Week! Our Superstars this week are:



### Ruby Class

**Amelie** for practising and practising the correct formation of 'e' in her name without any prompting from Mrs. Troughton.

### Sapphire Class

**Rosy** for being a fantastic team player. It was lovely to hear you supporting others in your group in Science.

**Jasper** for always being ready to learn and for being independent in his own learning.

### Emerald Class

**Rupert** for great vocabulary choices in his English work when planning his newspaper report about Pompeii.

**Siofra** for her excellent effort in her independent writing. She also used great vocabulary in your newspaper report. Well done!

### Diamond Class

**Wilf** for improved focus and concentration in class and always being eager to get on with his learning.

**Charles B.** for always taking responsibility for his own learning and working independently.



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. We have had a lot of nominations again this week, including our first teacher nomination! This week's award goes to **Erin F. and Isabella** in Diamond Class for being so engaging, polite and informative when giving a school tour to a visitor this week. They are both excellent ambassadors for our school.

## FOOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Autumn / Winter

September	October	November	December
<p><b>29TH SEPTEMBER</b> <b>BAGS 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring in your donations at morning drop off.</li> <li>Any bag will do!</li> </ul>	<p><b>22ND OCTOBER</b> <b>END OF TERM CAKE SALE &amp; COAT EXCHANGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cake donations appreciated</li> <li>Bring cash, card payment available</li> <li>Coat exchange</li> <li>Bring along your old coat(s) and pick up a "new" coat - no cost!</li> </ul>	<p><b>14TH NOVEMBER</b> <b>CHILDREN'S DISCO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuck shop</li> <li>Volunteers needed, details to follow</li> </ul> <p><b>3RD OR 7TH NOVEMBER</b> <b>CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING 3:15-4:15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free to attend &amp; open to all, sign up information to follow.</li> <li>Come and design a Christmas card</li> <li>Cards will be made into packs of 10 and professionally printed, available to buy</li> <li>Orders to be placed by 18th November</li> <li>(This replaces Cauliflower cards)</li> </ul> <p><b>28TH NOVEMBER</b> <b>CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT @ SCHOOL (FOR ADULTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shop small and local</li> <li>Christmas gifts including candles, jewellery and more</li> <li>Contact Bex to book a table</li> </ul>	<p><b>4TH DECEMBER WREATH MAKING NIGHT (ADULTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make a beautiful, locally sourced Christmas wreath</li> <li>Details to follow, contact Emma to book</li> </ul> <p><b>5TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS BAZZAR 4-6PM @ SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secrets room</li> <li>Jolly jars</li> <li>Tombola</li> <li>Face painting</li> <li>Each year group will have an area of responsibility - details to follow</li> </ul>

From all the Staff and Governors at Oaksey CE Primary School



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