

# Oakthorpe News



## Spring



Another very busy week with lots of fantastic learning!

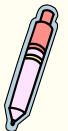
Our Explorers have been immersing themselves in all things Kings and Queens this week. They've been all round London and even designed and built a new castle! They had a fantastic time at their tea party this week, but they certainly weren't leaving any sandwiches for anyone else.

Our Creators have been working really hard to get the measure of objects around their class. Making sure that they were thinking about the unit of measure they needed, cm or m, and then looking at how they can use a ruler to measure accurately.

Our Innovators have been true historians and archaeologists this week as they have got stuck into their Anglo Saxon learning. Their trip to Tamworth Castle was fantastic and they asked so many interesting questions. They linked their learning back to the Tudors really well.

Our Pioneers have been working incredibly hard on their writing this week which links really well to their Geography work on Biomes. I can't wait to read their stories!

## Parents



Year group	Attendance % We want to beat national and be over 95%!
R	100%
1	100%
2	96%
3	98%
4	97%
5	88%
6	94%

Attendance- Our attendance is improving across the whole school so well done everyone! A special mention to Reception and Year 1 for their 100%!

Relish Payments- I would advise parents to set up a payment routine of pre-loading dinner money onto the Relish account rather than paying off after meals have been ordered. There are very strict requirements for dinner debt. As always, if you need support with dinner debt, please come and speak to us asap.

# Oakthorpe Dates

Spring 2024-  
2025



## Spring Term

Monday 24th February- Children will be in school

Monday 3rd March- World Book Week begins -please see Dojo for further information

Wednesday 5th/Thursday 6th March- Parent's Evening

Thursday 20th March- Innovators trip to Tamworth Castle

Wednesday 26th March- 'Special Women'- Mother's Day celebration

Friday 11th April- Year 3/4 Assembly/LAST DAY OF TERM

## Easter Holiday

Monday 28th April - Children will be in school

Monday 5th May- Bank Holiday- School Closed

Wednesday 7th May- Year 4 Rise Voices trip

Monday 12th May- Year 6 SATs week

**\*Wednesday 14th May- Creators trip to Twycross Zoo\***

Wednesday 21st May- Year 6 Warning Zone trip

Friday 23rd May- Last day of half term

**\*Please note change in date\***

### BE A STAR

- SIT UP
- TRACK THE SPEAKER
- ANSWER QUESTIONS
- RESPECT OTHERS

### STEP

- SPEAK POLITELY
- THANK YOU
- EXCUSE ME
- PLEASE

### SHAPE

- SENTENCES
- HANDS DOWN
- ARTICULATE
- PROJECT
- EYE CONTACT

### FIRST TIME

- FIRST TIME
- EVERY TIME
- EVERYWHERE
- EVERYONE

### Fantastic Walking

- WALK IN SINGLE FILE
- WALK ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE
- WALK QUIETLY
- WALK WITH GOOD POSTURE- HEAD HELD HIGH, SHOULDERS BACK
- SMILE AS YOU PASS PEOPLE



# Attendance Matters

## Autumn ailments

Did you know that children can still attend school with a cough and a cold? Minor medical ailments such as headaches, coughs, colds, toothache and stomach ache can all be helped with over-the-counter medicines. These medicines should be administered before school to give your child the best chance of being able to still attend school. School will contact parents/carers if any child becomes too unwell to remain in school.

### What happens if my child misses school?

There are many consequences of children missing time in school, such as:

- missing out on key learning and creating gaps in knowledge
- missing out on key social times with friends
- increasing anxiety and worries
- feel less of a sense of belonging

### What happens if my child is late to school?

There are many consequences of children being late to school:

- missing out on important routines
- increased feelings of embarrassment upon arrival
- missing out on the main input of lessons, leading to not understanding their learning

**We want to support all of our families in ensuring that all children have attendance over 95%. PLEASE ask for support from school to make this happen.**