Old Oak WEEKLY

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Dear Families

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term! We have an exciting few weeks ahead, with opportunities to celebrate children's achievements, share their learning and strengthen our partnership with families. This week, I would particularly like to highlight the importance of attendance, punctuality and our shared school values. Thank you for everything you do to support our school community.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 12th November	**Parents Open Afternoon** Join Head Teacher Mrs. Beardsworth for a coffee and biscuits, to discuss our PSHE curriculum and how we support children's personal development. Also in attendance will be Sheryl, our new Family Navigator, who is looking forward to meeting families and sharing about her new role. Please see flyer below for more details.	**2.30pm lower hall**
Tuesday 17th November	**Parent Meetings** Ten-minute appointments. Please look out for booking details on Seesaw. We encourage every family to attend to celebrate progress and discuss next steps.	**1.00–5.30pm lower hall**
Wednesday 18th November	**Year 5 Class Assembly** A showcase of learning from Year 5 Aspen.	**10.10am lower hall**
Wednesday 25th November	**Year 4 Class Assembly** A showcase of learning from Year 4 Magnolia.	**10.10am lower hall**
Wednesday 2nd December	**Year 3 Class Assembly** A showcase of learning from Year 3 Lilac.	**10.10am lower hall**
Thursday 3rd December	**Connected Learning Showcase** Save the date to celebrate children's wider curriculum learning. Further details will follow.	**2.30pm Classrooms**

Living Our Old Oak Values

Our school values are at the heart of everything we do. Each class has created a Class Charter showing how children will demonstrate our values through learning, behaviour and relationships. Children can earn Old Oak Value Points each day, with winning children receiving a stamp and individual achievements celebrated through special mentions.

Next week's focus: EMPATHY - Understanding how others feel and showing kindness and consideration.

Every Thursday, one child from each class receives a Values or Effort Certificate in Sharing Assembly. Effort Certificates recognise resilience, determination and perseverance. Why not ask your child how many Old Oak values they can name?

Learning and Exciting Developments

Seesaw: Please support your child to access home learning activities and messages regularly via the app or https://seesaw.com/en-gb/.

New website: The design is complete and we are now adding content. We hope to launch in January 2027.

Playground improvements: We are working with the local authority, which is exploring grants and funding for significant improvements to our playgrounds. We will share updates as plans progress.

Every School Day Matters: Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality are key priorities for Old Oak this academic year, and every family has an important part to play. Attendance and behaviour are also areas considered under the Ofsted inspection framework. Inspectors look at how schools promote attendance, respond to absence and work with families. Above all, our priority is to ensure every child is in school, learning and thriving.

Arriving late means missing valuable learning and can disrupt lessons when staff need to collect children, help them settle and revisit teaching. We understand that mornings can be busy, but every minute matters. Thank you for making punctuality a shared priority.

This week's winners:



Best attendance	Year 6 Willow	95.6%
Best punctuality	Year 6 Willow	1 late

Morning Arrival Times

Key Stages 1 and 2: Gates open at 8.45am and school starts at 8.50am. After 9.00am, children must enter through main reception and will be marked late.

Early Years: The gate opens at 8.50am. After 9.05am, please report to main reception and wait for a member of staff to collect your child.

Teaching staff need to remain with their classes to settle children and begin lessons, so they cannot repeatedly leave classrooms to collect late arrivals.

Reporting Illness and Absence

If your child is unwell, you must inform the school by calling the office (speaking to someone or leaving a voicemail) or emailing admin@oldoak.lbhf.sch.uk with "Child Absence" in the subject line. Please contact us each day unless another arrangement has been agreed.

If we have not received an explanation, we must contact you to establish your child's whereabouts and safety. Repeated unexplained absences may raise safeguarding concerns. Please speak to us if your family needs support with attendance.

Extra Provision

Breakfast Club: Opens at 8.00am. Children must arrive before 8.15am. Late arrivals cannot be admitted for safeguarding and registration reasons, particularly as children move outdoors at 8.30am.

Aktiva after-school provision: Please book directly by calling 0203 551 8909.

Uniform and Our School Community

Our children look wonderfully smart in their Old Oak uniforms. Please ensure children wear black trainers (not white), stud earrings only (no other jewellery), and PE kit on their designated PE days. Uniform is available from Joanne at the front desk on the first Friday of each month. As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child has a warm coat and that all clothing is clearly named.

Winter Disco donations: We would be grateful for unwanted new gifts for raffle prizes and items for our bottle gift stall. We already have plenty of books and cannot accept soft toys or teddies. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Beardsworth and the Old Oak Team



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Parent's Open Afternoon



Mrs Beardsworth
Head Teacher

Join Mrs Beardsworth, Head Teacher, and Cheryl, our Family Navigator, for coffee, biscuits and updates.



Cheryl
Family Navigator

Updates about our **PSHE curriculum**

Learn more about Cheryl's new role and how she can support families

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Thursday 12th November
2.30pm – 3.15pm

Join us for coffee, biscuits and a friendly chat.

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