



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 16th October 2026

Dear families,

Our Sharing Assembly was a wonderful celebration of learning this week, from healthy eating plates and amazing descriptive writing to Anglo-Saxon masks. It was lovely to hear children explain the connections between their learning, and so many have been eager to share the fantastic work they are doing at home through our **new wider curriculum home learning focus**. Thank you for supporting their enthusiasm!

Attendance continues to improve, but it remains a key priority for our school. Every day in school matters, and we need everyone to work together to keep this progress going.

Children in upper key stage two are having the exciting opportunity to design and contribute towards making an AI writing app for children to use in schools - I was told that their feedback was invaluable!

Year 4 children worked with a trainee medical student from Imperial who team taught a science lesson on the ear- it is wonderful we have these students working with us.

We are looking forward to our Black History party on Tuesday and our pumpkin carving competition—please see the flyer for details. Please also look out for the information from Ms Acana about an exciting art project.

Have a lovely weekend!

Black History Month

October is Black History Month, and it is always an inspiring and exciting time at Old Oak Primary School. Throughout the month, each class will be learning about a Black artist, exploring their work and creating their own artwork inspired by what they discover. We can't wait to see the fantastic creations our children produce! We are also looking forward to our **Black History Party on Tuesday 20th October**, which will take place after school. We would be very grateful for donations of traditional dishes from different cultures, which can be brought into school on the morning of the event. We are also looking for volunteers to help make the party a huge success. If you are able to lend a hand in any way, please speak to Joanne or Sarah at the front desk. Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we look forward to celebrating together!

Forgotten Island Competition

Please see the attached flyer for more information about the exciting competition Mrs Acana is running, based on the new movie 'Forgotten Island'. The closing date for entries is this Monday 19th October.

Parent Meetings – 17th November

Our parent meetings will take place on **17th November, from 1pm to 5.30pm**, with each appointment lasting **10 minutes**. Please look out for the message on Seesaw with further details. These meetings are an important opportunity to celebrate your child's progress, discuss any concerns and explore how you can support their learning at home. A strong partnership between home and school helps every child thrive, so please make every effort to attend. We look forward to meeting with you!

Harvest Collection

We have arranged to take the collection to the food bank next week, thank you to the families that contributed.

Keeping Our Children Safe Online

Please take a few moments this weekend to check the games, apps and social media sites your child uses. Age restrictions and game ratings are there to help protect children from unsuitable content and experiences. Please check and follow each platform's current minimum age requirements and the PEGI ratings on games. Even age-appropriate games can include chat features, so review privacy settings, parental controls and who can contact your child. Regular conversations are just as important: encourage children to keep personal information private and tell a trusted adult if anything online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable. Thank you for working with us to help our children enjoy the internet safely.

Nut Free School

A friendly reminder that Old Oak Primary School is a nut-free school. It is extremely important that no products containing nuts are brought onto the school premises, as some of our pupils have severe, potentially life-threatening nut allergies. This includes products such as Nutella and other nut-based spreads, which should not be included in lunch boxes or brought into school. We kindly ask all families to check lunch boxes and food items carefully to help us keep all of our children safe. Thank you very much for your continued support and cooperation.

Seesaw

All children should have received their Seesaw code. Seesaw is our digital and learning platform which we use to set home learning activities, share work and communicate with families. It can be accessed through the Seesaw website <https://seesaw.com/en-gb/> or on the Seesaw app. Please support your child to log in and complete any activities set by the teacher.

Old Oak Values

We ensure that the children understand how important the values are and each class has written a Class Charter together and shared with us all so we know how each class intends to live our values daily. Every day the children have the opportunity to gain Old Oak Value Points in class and if they win that day, they receive a stamp and children also receive a special mention - this is a special achievement.

Ask your child/ren to see if they can tell you all of the values. Every Monday in my assembly we will focus on one particular value such as empathy and this will form part of the reward system below.

Next week: resilience. Talk with your child/ren about what this means to them in school.

Old Oak Values Certificates

One child in every class will be chosen by the class teacher and support staff to receive a values certificate or effort certificate weekly - these will be presented to the children in the sharing assembly on Thursday and they will bring the certificate home to share with you. The effort certificate will link to our value of resilience.

Start of the Day

Please remember that **school starts at 8:50am**, the Key Stage 1 and 2 gates open at 8:45am and you can drop your child to be looked after by staff. If you are later than 9.00am, the gates will close and your child will be late on the register. Please work with us so children arrive on time, settle into class and start learning straight away.

Early years gate opens at 8:50am - if you are later than 9:05am, your child will need to be taken to the front desk area and you will need to wait until they are collected. We do not have staff that can go to and from gates when they are settling children and starting the day.

Breakfast Club

We offer a fantastic Breakfast Club which is always well attended, starting at 8am each morning. If your child attends, please ensure they arrive before 8:15am. **Any child that arrives after 8:15 will not be able to be permitted.** This is for safety reasons as we are aware that some children were entering the building and not being registered as they go outside where the children go at 8:30 as part of the breakfast club offer.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our after-school clubs have now started! **Families, please remember to collect your children promptly at the end of their club.** We currently have **spaces available in Gardening Club on Tuesdays**, which is open to children in **Years 2–6**. There are also **spaces available in our Dance Club on Mondays**. If you would like your child to join either club, please speak to the school office for more information and to secure a place.

Attendance and punctuality:

Attendance: Our winning class this week was Year 6 Willow with 95.5%!

Punctuality: Our winning classes this week were Year 1 Acacia and Year 4 Magnolia, with only 5 lates each.

Attendance is a key priority and focus for the school this year - please work with us.

Please remember that any holiday taken in term time is unauthorised and the local authority will fine. If your child does not attend school and their attendance falls you could also receive a fine from the local authority and unfortunately some families have received these, it is absolutely vital that children do not miss school, every day counts and these measures are put in place to inform families of the importance of good

attendance. If your child has 10 days off school in one academic year their attendance would be 95 percent and this is considered a concern. If attendance falls below 90 percent, this amounts to nearly 30 days off school- this is nearly 6 missed weeks of learning.

Illness: If your child is unwell, you MUST call the school office and speak to someone or leave a voice message. You can also email, admin@oldoak.lbhf.sch.uk. Please put child absence in the email heading. If you do not do this then it means we need to call you to ascertain why your child is unwell. Over time not informing the school can become a safeguarding issue for your family.

School Uniform: this is available from Joanne on front desk – **1st FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.**

The children always look so smart at Old Oak - let's keep this up! Please remember that only stud earrings are acceptable for health and safety reasons and no other jewellery should be worn- many thanks for your support with this. Please make sure that the children only wear black trainers, not white. Please ensure PE kit is worn on PE days.

Donations

If you would like to donate items to school, we would be very grateful for your support. At the moment, we have plenty of books and are currently sorting through these, so we are not able to make use of soft toys, such as teddies. For now, the most helpful donations would be unwanted gifts that could be used as raffle prizes at our Winter Disco, or items suitable for our bottle gift stall. Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support — every donation is greatly appreciated!

Head Teacher Update Sessions

Next session: Thursday November 12th 2026- we will discuss the PSHE (personal social health curriculum).

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Information
Tuesday 20 th October	Black History Party	Lower hall 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 6 Class Assembly	Lower hall 10.10am
Friday 23rd October	Staff Training Day	School closed
Tuesday November 17th	Parent meetings	1pm-530pm- look on seesaw

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Beardsworth and the Old Oak team.

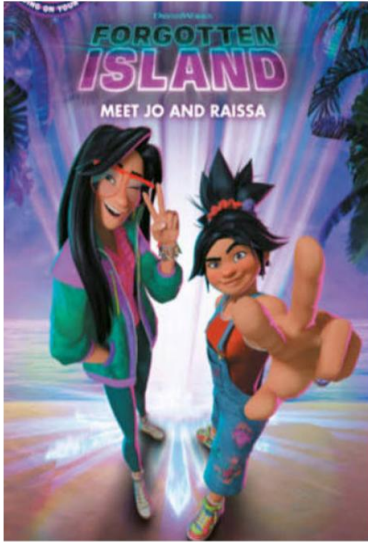


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competition



To enter, design and draw a friendship poster featuring you, your friend and the things that best represent your friendship.

You can use any memory anchors you like, such as: words

quotes

song lyrics

colours

symbols

objects (e.g. gifts, toys, letters, cards)

food

places

smells

You can also draw an image of you with your friend.

Entries will be judged on the creativity and quality of the designs and the inclusion of all three components -

1. drawing of yourself
2. with your friend
3. and at least one memory anchor.

Would like to win one of these?



Mrs Acana has been lucky to enter our school into a competition that is PSHE and Art related. Due to the release of the first Filipino Animated film that is released out in cinemas this Friday 16th October and the theme is based on 'Friendship'. The prize is a chance to win a Fujifilm Instax Mini 12 camera and if someone is lucky enough to win, their whole class will get exclusive merchandise!

We have asked the children to take part in designing a Friendship poster and to enter, your child must take great effort into their hand drawn designs with words and images of them with their friends. What makes you happy about friendship?

Entries must be in by **Monday 19th October to Mrs Acana**. 30 entries will be chosen to receive an exclusive Forgotten Island card games pack for their effort and all entries will receive a sticker for participating! Good Luck!

Best Wishes,
Mrs Acana

The poster features a dark background with orange and white text. At the top, the word 'PUMPKIN' is in orange with a carved pumpkin face as the letter 'P'. Below it, 'CARVING' is in white with orange outlines, and 'COMPETITION' is in black on an orange banner. The background is decorated with spider webs, bats, and warm lights. At the bottom, three carved and lit jack-o'-lanterns are shown on a wooden surface with autumn leaves.

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Bring in your carved pumpkins on

Wednesday 21st October

and judging assembly will be held on

Thursday 22nd October

£1 TO ENTER

Black History Party

Tuesday 20th October

3.30 – 4.30pm

You can wear
traditional dress or
party clothes!

Join us for music,
food, face painting,
tattoos and dancing!

Join us to celebrate Black History Month!

Everyone welcome!

Just £2 for a plate of
delicious traditional
food!

If any families are able to donate traditional food dishes
this would be much appreciated. These can be dropped to
school on the morning of the party, with ingredients clearly
labelled. Please note we cannot accept nut dishes.

