



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday 9th May 2025

Dear families,

With the bank holiday on Monday it has been a shorter week. But there has still been a lot going on. Besides the VE Day celebrations yesterday, our gardening club has begun, Year 2 performed their assembly, Year 5 have been to Imperial College and nursery visited the HS2 site.

This half term is a shorter one, with 2 weeks left before the half term. Next Monday the SATs begin for the Year 6 children, in English, Grammar and Spelling, and Mathematics arithmetic and reasoning. They have worked so hard for a very long time, and we are sure they will do their very best. They will be all over by Thursday lunchtime. We wish them all the best.

The 23rd May is an INSET day for staff and the school is closed that day. This allows the teachers to look across the year at the progress the children have made, look at strengths and those areas for development. This will form part of the school report you receive at the end of the academic year. They will also consider the developments in the children's social and emotional well-being.

School finishes at the normal time on Thursday 22nd May.

In the meantime we have our Pyjamarama Day on 22nd May, in which we celebrate the joy of reading. Children can bring in their favourite book to share and we will do lots of book related learning that day as well.

VE DAY – VICTORY IN EUROPE- THURSDAY 8th MAY



Yesterday we commemorated the end of the Second World War and remembered those who had given their lives and the values they were fighting for. The children were clearly very interested in the history and importance of this event. The assembly in the morning looked back at the day in 1945 and we all held a minute's silence at 12.00pm like the rest of the country. The children then enjoyed a party at the end of the day in true 1940's spirit.

SHARING ASSEMBLY:

Peach class shared the cress they have been growing in the class and read from the fact file they have made about the germination

Olive class showed the reading diaries from 3 children who have read at home with their parents every day or almost every day. This is a wonderful achievement. Thank you.

Acacia class did not share today after their assembly.

Chestnut class shared the experiment they are doing in class looking at seeds they have planted. They have changed or restricted each plant with light, water and warmth and compared how they have grown.

We celebrated with **Magnolia** class all the children who have regularly practised their times tables on TT Rockstars. It turns out that one child has logged onto TT rockstars more than 80 times this year!

Aspen class described their visit to Imperial College and the fascinating time they had with data and the development of games. It was another fantastic experience for the children and will, we hope, inspire some of them to study at Imperial when they are older.

PLAYCENTRE - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Remember, we still run an after school Playcentre every evening until 5.45pm. Children who stay for more than an hour also receive a meal at 4.30-4.40pm. Please contact Jo at the front reception.

3:20pm-4:30pm is £5 per child per day. For 2 children there is a slight discount and the charge is £8.00 per day.

3:20pm-5:45pm (This was originally 5:30pm but has been extended to 5:45pm). The charge is £10 and for 2 children is £15.00. The school will be implementing a late fee of £5.00 per child for anyone collected after 5:45pm.

The staff get paid until 6pm and need the 15 minutes to clean and tidy up.

ATTENDANCE – OUR TARGET IS 96% FOR THE SCHOOL

There is a direct link between good attendance, support at home, especially with reading and basic numbers, and children doing well at school. Looking at the figures below, we can see the challenge for those children who are not in school regularly. Below 90% means at least one day off very 2 weeks, which means 20 days absence between September and the middle of July. That is 4 weeks of school missed over the year. This is obviously going to have an impact on children's progress.

Olive class – Yr 1	88%
Acacia class Yr 2	90%
Chestnut class 3	90%
Magnolia class 4	93%
Aspen class 5	96.5%
Willow class 6	95%
Peach class Rec	92%

Total for the school	91%
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This remains well below our target for the year and in some classes is worryingly low.

FINAL REMINDER - YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES:

If you would like to purchase a hoodie for your **Year 6** child please follow the instructions below. The deadline to order a hoodie is **13th May 2025.**

<https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/> Our School Unique ID is: **J31973YR6**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATs
Tuesday 13th May	Year 6 deadline to order a hoodie Duck eggs arrive in school
Monday 19th May	Year 1 visit the Ecology Centre
Tuesday 20th May	Year 4 visit the Urban Studies canal site
Wednesday 21st May	Year 1 class assembly at 10.10am
Thursday 22nd May	Pyjamarama Day
Friday 23rd May	INSET day – school closed

For photos of the week, please check the school's Instagram page.

Have great long weekend.

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown

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