



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 17th October 2025

Dear families,

We hope you are all well.

We have had another fantastic week here at Old Oak and we welcomed 5 possible new reception families to tour the school on Thursday. We really are trying to promote the school and let everyone know about us. Please always spread the word, hearing parents talk about the school positively is always helpful for families when they are choosing a school.

Sharing assembly was again a joy to observe and listen to, this week we had a wide variety of learning from facts about the human skeleton to some fantastic poetry.

We are continuing to collect any non-perishable food for our Harvest Festival. Please bring the items in to Joanne on front desk or let your child give them to their class teacher.

Please follow **@oldoakprimaryschool** on Instagram, there are always so many photos of what has happened in the week, the newsletters are posted and we also post the dates for diary and important notices too- we currently have 744 followers which is fantastic!

Value of the week- communication. Please talk to your child/ren about what this means to them. We try to support our young people in using positive communication and you will often hear us saying, use your words, it is vital that children are taught how to communicate in a positive way, just as it is for them to know they are being listened too. We will focus on this in Monday's assembly and the class teacher will re-visit this in their values weekly class assembly too.

Parent meetings

Please save the date- Tuesday November 4th 2025 1pm-6pm

The appointments will start at 1pm and the last appointment will be 6pm. If you are unable to make this time then you will be given the opportunity to meet with the teacher at another time however we do urge you to try and commit to this date if at all possible.

You will discuss your child's progress and will be informed of areas that your child needs support with in English and Maths to support at home. Every little helps us in school - it is so important we work in partnership. We cannot stress the importance of reading to your child/ren and them reading to you.

Please look out for a sign-up sheet next week or communicate via seesaw.

Website Survey

We will be asking you to complete a survey on the effectiveness and use of our website. We are working with a company to make changes and would very much like your input. Please look out for the survey and complete it when you get the chance,

Black History Celebration- Tuesday 21st October after school until 4:30pm.

Please let Joanne know if you are willing to provide food, please make sure as always, the ingredients are listed and there are NO nuts.

We will be charging £2 for each adult and accompanying children to eat when you present a ticket at the food table. We really want to remind you, so there is enough food for all, that you just take a sample.

There are also crisps, drinks and sweet treats on sale to buy. Face painting and tattoos will be available, as well as bracelet making- all 50p. There will be colouring and art activities for children to enjoy.

We will also be hearing the children drum, and Justin, the drumming teacher, is happy for other children to try! Please look out for the raffle tickets on sale to win some wonderful prizes. Many thanks for your support in raising money for the school and joining us to celebrate and have fun together.

Children may wear their own clothes or traditional dress on the day.

Fundraising

Please sign up below, we are raising money to update our playground: by signing up to **easy fundraising** we will receive money every time you pay for something from a choice of companies.

Please use the link below or scan the QR code to get started- thank you in advance!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/old-oak-primary-school>



Attendance and punctuality:

Attendance is 90.7% this week which is below our target. Let's all aim to get to school next week and improve that percentage! Please ensure your child/ren are in school every day unless they really are unwell or have a temperature or sickness. The attendance officer will issue fines to families if children are persistently absent.

Punctuality. This has improved again this week- we are working with the 5 families who regularly arrive late. . We try to be very supportive and fair here at Old Oak but if your child is continually late this does cause issues for your child/ren's learning and settling at the start of the day so please try your best. Thank you for working with us.

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.

Vacancies:

We have NO vacancies at the moment. We have recruited a level 3 early years practitioner to work in Imperial Nursery.

We are always looking for volunteers if anyone can give of their time to support us, please see Joanne if you are interested in being part of this team.

We are interviewing next week and hope to appoint our admin apprenticeship. This is something new to us so its an exciting new chapter developing the work force of the future.

Reception 2026/7

These dates are on the website but please note these and share with families that may be looking to enrol their child in our reception class- Tuesday 4th November at 9:15 am.

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

Please ensure that you label all uniform and coats- we already have a huge pile of lost property- we will place all of these items on the tables in key stage one playground every Thursday after school- please check.

Family Group- Thursdays at school

If you are interested in joining, please ask Joanne for a flyer- or email thetransformationalspace@gmail.com

We are always available to offer impartial advice regarding secondary schools and we will have secondary school staff visiting the children here at Old Oak to talk about their schools and answering any questions, these happen throughout October. Each school website has dates for open days so please have a look.

School Nurse

Friday 14th November 9am- 10am- some families have asked that they meet the nurse- he will be in school for you to arrange a drop-in session via Joanne. Please put this date in the diary.

Our school nurse is called Eddison Quacoo.

Lockdown

Following on from the email send about our lockdown procedure and PowerPoint, we understand that discussions about this topic can feel unsettling. However, we want to reassure you that the reason for us sharing this policy is simply to ensure everyone understands the steps we take to keep our students, staff and visitors safe.

Please rest assured, there is no hidden agenda or specific threat or information prompting this communication. Our goal is to be transparent and proactive – helping everyone feel confident about what to do should an emergency ever arise.

Please ensure you have read the PowerPoint that was emailed to you BEFORE we practice with children the week beginning October 20th

Teachers will let you know on seesaw the actual day they will share the PowerPoint in this week.

If you would like to view our policy, please email Joanne at admin@oldoak.lbhf.sch.uk and we will send you a copy. This will be put on the website once agreed by the governing body- this is the usual process.

PGL School Journey

We are looking forward to our upper KS2 school residential trip to PGL Liddington taking place next month. Families of those attending should have received an information pack, including some consent forms. Please return all forms to front desk by 17.10.25. We invite families to an information session on Wednesday 22nd October 2025 at 2.30pm.

Head teacher update sessions:

The next one will be on Thursday October 23rd at 2:45pm- I will share the findings and feedback from the parent surveys.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event	Time and location
Monday 20 th October	Year 5 and 6 trip to Natural History Museum	All day
Tuesday 21 st October	Black History Party	3.30-4.30pm: lower hall
Wednesday 22 nd October	PGL school journey parent information session	2:30pm: lower hall
Thursday 23 rd October	Head Teacher update session	2:45pm: lower hall
	Last day of half term	School finishes usual time
Friday 24 th October	Staff training day	SCHOOL CLOSED
27.10.25 – 31.11.25	Half term break	SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 4 th November	Parents meetings	1pm – 6pm
Friday 14 th November	School nurse drop-in session	9am – 10am

Have a great weekend

Mrs Beardsworth

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