



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 26th September 2025

Dear families,

We hope you are all well. We always appreciate you supporting children's learning and looking for opportunities to continue learning at home. Please remember that the curriculum maps, which state what the children will be learning in each subject in the autumn term, are saved on the website under class pages. They are a really helpful document to keep you informed so you are able to support and extend learning for your child/ren. Please follow the link below and then choose the class. These are updated termly.

<https://www.oldoakprimary.co.uk/class-pages>

The children shared some fantastic learning in Sharing Assembly - it was fascinating to see the development of writing across the school - Year 1 sharing sentences and then Year 6 reading a biography with very advanced vocabulary and sentence structure.

Clubs have started well, there are still some spaces available so please see Joanne if you want your child/ren to join and can't access school money to secure and pay. You can pay weekly as an option so please see Joanne.

New equipment and storage containers for playgrounds will arrive in a couple of weeks and we plan to use a contractor to re paint the lines and games on the playgrounds including a new champ space for the Key Stage 2 children. We are always looking for volunteers to paint or help us make the playgrounds look even better so please let us know if that's something you could support with. We are using the money that Maddison, one of our staff members, raised for us through running the marathon so a massive thank you again to her.

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 742 followers which is fantastic!

Value of the week- **we are ethical**, making the right choices and knowing the difference between right and wrong- this is always key at Old Oak in managing behaviour positively with the children. please

ask your child/ren what it means to them. 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 Survey

Many thanks to the families who have completed these, please continue to bring them in. It is really important you have the opportunity to share your views on how you feel the school is doing and what you feel we need to improve- this way we can work together to ensure we develop and move forward. After half term I will share the findings and also let you know how we plan to use your feedback to make improvements. This will form my next head teacher update on 23rd October.

Dates for the academic year and fund raising

We are looking for **parent volunteers** to help arrange and set up a 'Black History Celebration' in October - if you are interested and can give some time to support us, please let us know. All Old Oak staff will of course be there and make it happen but any help is always appreciated. Please let Joanne know.

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>



We use a range of **communication tools** such as, email, text, newsletter, seesaw and Instagram. Please always read the **newsletter and check seesaw** so you know what is happening in school and what you need to be aware of. Instagram: @oldoakprimaryschool is always worth looking at - Ms McCartney always updates, sometimes daily!

Start of the day

Thank you to all our families who ensure their child is at the gate at 8:45am when it opens, or shortly after so they do not miss the bell at 8:50am. There are far too many families where children arrive around 9 am and after, **if your child is 5 minutes late every day this means they miss 3 days of school across the academic year** - add this to illness too they could be missing a lot of learning. **10 minutes late, which was 11 of our families this week, means their child/ren miss a whole week of learning.** Tube strikes did not help this week and we understand that at times matters are out of your control.

As a school we try and support and work with families so if there is anything we can do to help you get to school on time, please let us know.

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 8:55am 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 9:05, your child will need to be taken to the front desk area and you will need to wait until they are collected at 9:30am. We do not have staff that can go to and from gates when they are settling children and starting the day.

Attendance and punctuality:

Attendance has been really positive this week, 94.1 % compared to 93% last week-. We have set ourselves an ambitious target of 94% attendance overall this year as you know so thank you.

Punctuality. This has improved this week with only a small number of families arriving 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 and work with us.

School lunches

The children are thoroughly enjoying the meals cooked by Fabiano, our new school cook. As you are aware we work with the company STIR. The number of children who are eating a school lunch has increased- **please remember that in London EVERY child receives a free school lunch.** There are many choices for the children to choose at lunch time so even if you think your child may not like what is on offer, they could try for a week and see! If you choose to give your child a packed lunch please ensure it is nutritious.

Vacancies:

We are recruiting for an **Early Year's practitioner who has a level 3 in childcare** to work in the Imperial Nursery-this role is all year round with annual leave, NOT term time- 12:15pm-5:30pm every day (25 hours). Please ask Joanne for an application form if you are interested.

We are looking for someone who is interested in an **administrative apprenticeship** where you are placed in the school for approximately 20 hours a week and also receive training provided by an external team- for any more information or to register interest, please speak to Kelly Williams, our school business manager.

Illness: If your child is unwell, you **MUST** call the school office and speak to someone or leave a voice message **by 9am**. 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.

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- Thursday 16th October at 9:15am and 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.

Lockdown policy

We are mindful that social media posts referring to school lock downs and the reasons they may need to lockdown is causing feelings of worry and unrest amongst some families. The safety and well being of your children are always our highest priority. To ensure we are fully prepared for any unlikely emergency we already have a lock down policy as part of our safe guarding measures. This is in place as it is in all schools as a precautionary measure in the same way a fire policy is in place. It is crucial that Staff and children would then know how to respond should the need ever arise.

I will share this with you and there will be the opportunity to ask questions. This WILL NOT be shared with children until you have seen this policy.

Family Group- Thursdays at school

If you are interested in joining, please ask Joanne for a flyer- or email

thetransformationalspace@gmail.com

School Nurse

Our school nurse is called Eddison Quaccoo - some families have asked if there was the chance to meet him, I can certainly talk to him about this. I will then let you know a date he will be available. Fleur Sutton, our medical lead, works very closely with him so she would always be your first point of contact. This is how it works now in primary schools.

Head teacher update sessions:

Many thanks to the parent that joined me on Thursday.

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

Free school meal and pupil premium form

If you received one of these in your child/ren's bag and need support completing it, please come on Tuesday 30th September at 9 AM to front desk as a parent (Hani) has kindly offered to help. For every form that is completed the school will receive money - it is a massive help to us. Please see if you child brought one home.

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

Have a great weekend

Mrs Beardsworth

Find as at:



@oldoakprimaryschool

www.oldoakprimary.co.uk

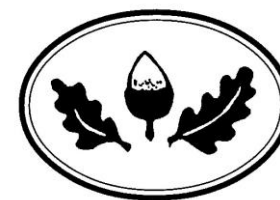
Old Oak Events 2025/2026

Month	Date	Event	Time
Oct	Wednesday 15 th	Year 6 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Tuesday 21 st	Black History Party	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Wednesday 22 nd	Year 5 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Friday 24 th	Staff Training Day	School closed
	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Half term	School closed
Nov	Wednesday 12 th	Cake sale/Pre-loved uniform sale	3.20pm
	Friday 14 th	Children In Need	
	Wednesday 26 th	Year 4 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
Dec	Wednesday 3 rd	Year 3 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
		Festive Movie Night: Year 1-6	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Tuesday 9 th	Winter Disco	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Thursday 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day	
	Tuesday 16 th	EYFS and KS1 Nativity	10am
	Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Lunch	
	Thursday 18 th	Class Parties	
	Friday 19 th	Last day of Autumn Term	School finishes 1.30pm
		Non-uniform day	
Jan	Monday 5th	Staff Training Day	School Closed
	Tuesday 6 th	First day of Spring Term	
	Tuesday 20 th	Jolly Jar January sale	
Feb	Wednesday 4 th	Year 2 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am

	Wednesday 11 th	Year 1 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Half term	School closed
Mar	Thursday 6 th	World Book Day	
	Wednesday 11 th	Year 6 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Wednesday 18 th	Year 5 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Wednesday 25 th	Reception Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Friday 20 th	Red Nose Day	
	Thursday 12 th	Mother's Day Breakfast	8.00 – 8.45am
	Wednesday 18 th	EYFS Ducking Disco	3.30 - 4.30pm
Apr	Monday 13 th	Staff Training Day	School Closed
	Tuesday 14 th	First day of Summer Term	
May	Wednesday 6 th	Year 3 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Wednesday 13 th	Year 2 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Wednesday 20 th	Year 1 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Friday 15 th	Pyjamarama	
	Friday 22 nd	Staff Training Day	School Closed
June	Wednesday 18 th	Father's Day Breakfast	8.00 - 8.45am
		Year 4 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Wednesday 25 th	Reception Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
July	Tuesday 7 th	Summer Fair	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Party	2.00 – 3.00pm
	Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Play	5.30pm
	Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	1.00pm
	Friday 17 th July	Last day of Summer Term	School finishes 1.30pm



Old Oak Primary School 2025 - 2026



Term dates 2025-2026

	First day of term	Half term	Last day of term
Autumn term 2025	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring term 2026	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
Summer term 2026	Tuesday 14 th April 2026	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026

Staff training days – school closed- 5 days

Autumn term 2025	Monday 1 st September 2025, Friday 24 th October 2025
Spring term 2026	Monday 5 th January 2026
Summer term 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026, Friday 22 nd May 2026

Bank holiday – school closed

Summer term 2026	Monday 6 th April 2026, Monday 4 th May 2026 & Monday 25 th May 2026
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