



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 10th October 2025

Dear families,

We hope you are all well.

Sharing assembly was a delight to listen to and observe this week and some of the home learning projects children shared were fantastic in Year 4. Please support children's learning at home- reading to your child and hearing them read is so important. Ask your child what their class shared and get an insight into some of the learning of the week.

Our **Gardening Club** presented a number of different seeds and seed heads they had collected and were very knowledgeable, there are still places in Gardening Club on a Tuesday if your child/ren are interested, please let Joanne know.

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- they will all be collected and we will arrange a display in the bottom hall.

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- collaboration. Please talk to your child/ren about what this means to them. We spend a lot of time working in teams or groups and this is a vital skill! We will focus on this in Monday's assembly and the class teacher will re-visit this in their values weekly class assembly too.

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

We have a few parents who have volunteered to support the Black History celebration- I met with them on Thursday.

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 tattoo's 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>



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 9am 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 less positive this week, 90.4 %. There has been a sickness bug so this explains it partly. We have set ourselves an ambitious target of 94% attendance overall this year as you know so thank you.

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 with only 5 families regularly 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 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 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.

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.

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 Quaccoo.

Lockdown

Please look out for the PowerPoint that will be emailed to you next week 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 today, 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
Wednesday 15 th October	Year 6 class assembly	10.10am: lower hall
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	Year 5 class assembly	10.10am: lower hall
	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

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

Have a great weekend

Mrs Beardsworth

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