



## Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear families,

We hope you are all well. The children have had a fantastic week and are very settled into their new classes. We know that sometimes you can ask, did you have a good day? And the response is very limited. Try using questions that are open such as, what was the most interesting thing you learnt today? What made you laugh or smile? Who did you eat with today and what did you talk about? What was the hardest thing you did today? We know you appreciate how important is to talk with our children and by asking a few questions the conversation should get started!

The Forest School Club for Early Years and Key Stage One has starting again- the children had a fantastic time exploring the outdoors. As we all know time spent in nature is always beneficial for us all.

Choir will be starting next Tuesday at lunchtime- one of my favourite parts of the week! We will be preparing for a Christmas festival with many other schools in the borough, this is always a fantastic event.

Children in years 3,4 and 5 met their new music teacher from the music hub on Tuesday- the sessions went really well. Children in Year 3 and 4 learn the recorder and Year 5 learn the Ukelele. Year 6 have drumming sessions on a Friday with Justin. The children also receive a weekly music and singing assembly where they learn about different genres of music, look at the history of music, listen to different artists and composers as well as singing themselves, its always fabulous to hear them!

Please follow [@oldoakprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/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-** **respect** please ask your child/ren what empathy means to them. We will focus on this in Monday's assembly.

## Parent Survey

Your child will bring home a parent survey today. Please complete it and bring back, 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.

## Dates for the academic year and fund raising

We are looking for **parent volunteers** to 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.

**Breakfast Club:** if your child attends, please ensure they arrive before 8:15am, it starts at 8am. 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 are 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.**

**After School Club:** the children will go straight there after they are dismissed at the end of the day as usual. Please collect by 5:45pm.

Please see the letter about a new initiative taking place during the hours of after school club.

Arts and crafts, board games and multisports are on offer!

Each club works out at £4 a week, please see Joanne to secure your child a place.

### **Attendance and punctuality:**

**Attendance** has been really positive this week, 93.4 % compared to 90% last week-. We have set ourselves an ambitious target of 94% attendance overall this year- we only achieved 89% 24/25.

**Punctuality.** I see many families come through the key stage one gate at 9 am and some as late as 9:10 every day. As is said before missing this much learning every day and the disturbance to their settling and transition is really detrimental to children, please work with us it is much appreciated and benefits your child/ren.

### **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 will be interviewing for our new site manager position the week beginning September 21<sup>st</sup>.

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. You can also email, [admin@oldoak.lbhf.sch.uk](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15 am.

**School Uniform:** this is available from Joanne on front desk- **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Head teacher up date sessions- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

The first one will be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September and the focus will be sharing our school development priorities for 25/26. **Please remember to put this date in your diary**

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

Have a great weekend

Mrs Beardsworth

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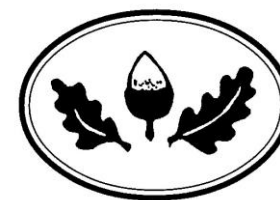
## Old Oak Events 2025/2026

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

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



# Old Oak Primary School 2025 - 2026



## Term dates 2025-2026

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

## Staff training days – school closed- 5 days

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

## Bank holiday – school closed

<b>Summer term 2026</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026, Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 & Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
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