



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 18th September 2026

Dear families,

We have had a very positive week and the children are now fully settled in to the new routines of the classroom and are getting to know their new adults. The children have been very adaptable and seeing Reception Rowan class sitting in Sharing Assembly was a delight this week; to think some children are only 4, they are already showing such resilience and adaptability, two of our values here at Old Oak.

In sharing assembly, we were treated to wonderful work on the four seasons from Year 1 Acacia, connected learning about Islands from Year 2 Chestnut, sentence work from Year 3 Lilac with a range of exciting vocabulary, French from Year 4 Magnolia and fantastic written work from Year 5 and Year 6. It's always so inspiring to see what all the classes have been producing throughout the week!

Thank you to the families that ensure their children are in on time ready to learn, if your child is only 5 minutes late every day across the school year, they essentially miss 2 and ½ school days- please do your best to get them in on time.

Meet the New Teacher

We invite parents in Reception - Year 6 to come along to our Meet the New Teacher sessions. This will give you an opportunity to meet the staff working with your child, see the classroom, learn about the curricular aims for the year and ask any questions you may have. Please see below for the session times and we hope to see you there.

Class	Date	Time
Reception Peach	Tuesday 22 nd September	2.45 – 3.15
Year 1 Acacia	Friday 25 th September	2.45 – 3.15
Year 3 Lilac	Thursday 24 th September	2.45 – 3.15
Year 4 Magnolia	Monday 21 st September	2.45 – 3.15
Year 5 Aspen	Wednesday 23 rd September	2.45 – 3.15

Please note, Mrs Acana is doing a repeated session on Friday 25th September due to low attendance at the Year 1 meeting this week. Please do try and get along to this as it's really important we work together to ensure the children make the best possible progress.

1:1 Parent meetings will take place in November.

Parent Volunteers

We are looking for parent volunteers to support with our swimming sessions which take place at Janet Adegoke swimming pool on a Thursday afternoon. The role would involve supporting the KS2 classes walking to the swimming pool, accompanied by the class teacher, approx. 2 Thursdays a month. The group will be leaving school at 12.15pm and returning before the end of the day. Year 6 will participate the remainder of Autumn Term, Year 5 Spring and Year 4 Summer. If this is something you would be able to help with, please see Joanne at front desk.

EpiPens

If your child has an EpiPen (adrenaline auto-injector) listed on their medical care plan, please check that their EpiPen is in date and that the school has 2 current, working devices.

It is particularly important that EpiPens are kept in date, as an expired device may not be suitable for use in an emergency.

Please be aware that children who require an EpiPen as part of their care plan will not be able to take part in off-site activities, school trips, swimming or visits if their medication is out of date or unavailable. This is to ensure that we can safely meet their medical needs while they are away from school.

Seesaw

All children in the school will have received their Seesaw code today. Seesaw is our digital and learning platform which we use to set home learning activities, share work and communicate with families. It can be accessed through the Seesaw website <https://seesaw.com/en-gb/> or on the Seesaw app. Please support your child to log in and they will see a welcome message from their teacher.

Allergy Safety

Keeping children safe is always our highest priority. We have recently reviewed and strengthened our approach to supporting children with allergies in line with updated Department for Education guidance. Our Allergy Safety Policy and Allergy Action Plan are attached to this newsletter for families to read. Please ensure that the school is informed of any allergy or change to your child's medical needs, and that any prescribed emergency medication provided to school is in date.

Our New Wider Curriculum Home Learning

Following the parent homework survey, changes were made to some elements of home work as you will be aware last term. This term, again in response to parent feedback, we are introducing a new approach to wider curriculum home learning, giving children greater choice and encouraging them to explore their learning creatively at home. Each half term, children will receive a selection of practical activities linked to areas such as science, history, geography, art and DT—for example, researching an artist and creating a fact file, carrying out an investigation, making a model or visiting a local place of interest. Children can choose which activities they would like to complete and bring their home learning book back on the specified date to share and celebrate their learning with their teacher and class. There is no expectation for families to spend money on these activities; we want children to be imaginative and use the resources and opportunities available to them.

Old Oak Values:

We ensure that the children understand how important the values are and each class has written a Class Charter together and shared with us all so we know how each class intends to live our values daily. Every day the children have the opportunity to gain old oak value points in class and if they win that day, they receive a stamp and children also receive a special mention- this is a special achievement.

Ask your child/ren to see if they can tell you all of the values. Every Monday in my assembly we will focus on one particular value such as empathy and this will form part of the reward system below.

Next week: collaboration. Talk with your child/ren about what this means to them in school.

Old Oak Values Certificates:

One child in every class will be chosen by the class teacher and support staff to receive a values certificate or effort certificate weekly - these will be presented to the children in the sharing assembly on Thursday and they will bring the certificate home to share with you. The effort certificate will link to our value of resilience.

Start of the Day:

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. We do not have staff that can go to and from gates when they are settling children and starting the day.

Breakfast Club: We offer a fantastic breakfast club which is always well attended, starting at 8am each morning. If your child attends, please ensure they arrive before 8:15am. **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 were 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.

Aktiva 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 speak to Joanne about Aktiva who provide our after-school care - there is also now a banner on the gate with details and information.

Extra-Curricular Clubs: more information on these will follow next week.

Music sessions outside school:

Please see the attached poster.

School lunches

The children are thoroughly enjoying the meals cooked by Fabiano and the catering team. As you are aware we work with the company STIR. - **please remember that in London EVERY child receives a free school lunch from Reception - Year 6.** 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. Please ensure packed lunches are nut free as always.

Term Dates: please see the new dates attached, they have been available on the website since July. Please remember to only book holidays out of term time. Good attendance is vital for your child/ren to succeed and the local authority work closely with us to monitor attendance of all families. I have a meeting next week and will need to report all families that have not returned to school for the new academic year.

Attendance and punctuality:

Attendance: Our winning class this week was Year 6 Willow with 97.1% - well done!

Punctuality: Our winning class this week was Year 6 Willow again with only 4 lates!

Attendance is a key priority and focus for the school this year - please work with us.

Please remember that any holiday taken in term time is unauthorised and the local authority will fine. If your child does not attend school and their attendance falls you could also receive a fine from the local authority and unfortunately some families have received these, it is absolutely vital that children do not miss school, every day counts and these measures are put in place to inform families of the importance of good attendance. If your child has 10 days off school in one academic year their attendance would be 95 percent and this is considered a concern. If attendance falls below 90 percent, this amounts to nearly 30 days off school- this is nearly 6 missed weeks of learning.

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. Over time not informing the school can become a safeguarding issue for your family.

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

Please ensure PE kit is worn on PE days.

Scooters and Bikes:

Children are welcome to bring a scooter or bike into school and store them through the day in the designated area. Please ensure these are clearly named. The school cannot take any responsibility for scooters or bikes whilst on the premises.

Website: NEW

We are in the planning and designing stages of a brand-new school website - watch this space!

Head Teacher Update Sessions

Next session: Thursday 24th 2026 at 2:45pm- lower hall

AIM: to share the school development priorities for this year.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Beardsworth and the Old Oak team.



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Calling all vocalists, instrumentalists and music production aficionados!
TBMH lessons and ensembles have started!

Email enquiries to: musichub@rbkc.gov.uk



Weekday Timetable

@ Oxford Gardens Primary School, W10 6NF

Tuesday

4:15pm-5:00pm	First Voices Choir	Year Groups 1+2
4:30pm-5:30pm	Junior Voices Choir	Year Groups 3-6
4:30pm-5:30pm	Music Production	Year Groups 4+
5:15pm-6:30pm	Next Level Voices*	Year Groups 7-13

Wednesday

***Performing at the Royal Albert Hall
in June 2027!**

4:15pm-5:15pm	Large Group Guitar Class (Year 3+)	Must know 5+ notes on the acoustic guitar before joining
4:15pm-5:15pm	Breakout Band (Year 3+)	For continuers who have had 2+ terms of tuition, to those working at Grade 5
4:15pm-5:15pm	Session Band (Year 4+)	A first Contemporary Band experience for Keyboard, Bass, Electric Guitar, Drum Kit players and Vocalists. Must be Grade 1+ on your instrument
5:00pm-6:15pm	Symphonic Band* (Year 3+)	For advanced instrumentalists - Grade 5+ on your instrument