



## Old Oak Primary School Update

**Friday, 23rd<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Dear families,

We hope you have had a good week and have survived the rain! It is supposed to be very cold next week so please make sure the children have a coat and that it is labelled please.

Sharing Assembly was a delight this week as always – Reception Peach shared a letter they had written to the ‘Owl Babies’ mother to come back and such creative ways of getting her back such as playing music. I am sure many of you know this book, it’s an absolute favourite. Year 2 shared a wonderful class poem about the book ‘Zerafa Giraffe’, this is another book that the children remember and love. At Old Oak we follow the power of reading programme from the CLPE - Centre for Literacy in Primary Education, their approach to teaching English uses high quality children’s literature as the starting point for reading writing, speaking and listening. We use talk, role play and dramas to help children understand character’s themes and structure- writing naturally grows from these rich reading experiences. Children use this approach throughout the school.

Books are absolute key to children’s development- if you need support or advice on which books your child would enjoy at home, please always ask.

Always check our Instagram page for lots of photos of learning, trips, stories and updates!

### **NEW interactive white board in the bottom hall**

We are thrilled that we have replaced our projector in the lower hall – the previous board wasn’t working well however we have had a new promethean board donated to us. This means that we can use it in assemblies and presentations to families. The children spotted this straight away!

### **Green Earth Schools**

We are in the early stages of a new project ‘Green Earth Schools’ which will see a makeover of our KS2 playground. Year 4 will be overseeing the project, taking ideas from the rest of the school and helping design and create new green spaces. Watch this space!

### **Cake Sale – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Please see flyer below, we are raising money for science week resources and activities.

## **'Wonderlab' at The Science Museum – FREE tickets**

We have a very limited number of FREE tickets to give away for Wonderlab at the Science Museum on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, during the half term break.

*This unmissable interactive gallery is perfect for curious minds aged 7-14 to experiment and play with 50 eye-opening exhibits that help them feel like real scientists. They'll explore the science behind everyday life to imagine the world around them in new and exciting ways.*

Tickets can be claimed from Joanne on Front Desk from Monday, on a first come first served basis. Due to the limited tickets, we have, we can only offer 1 adult ticket per family. Please note the event is suitable for aged 7 upwards.

## **FREE Family Days at The Saatchi Gallery – FREE tickets**

*"We have some exciting news, we have some free family days at the gallery! Suitable for all age groups and lead by the learning gallery we will be doing workshops ranging from papier mache, making monsters and valentines card making based on our current exhibition 'The Long Now'. Please register for a 30 minute slot here: [FAMILY DAYS » Saatchi Gallery](#) if you are interested".*

## **SEND focus meeting - January 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 9:30am: feedback**

**Three parents attended the workshop** with colleagues from the SEND department in the local authority to hear what we as a school offer our SEND children and how the local authority process can assist them if they had questions and/or wished to refer their child for any kind of SEND assessment. The slides will be shared on Seesaw for anyone who was unable to attend. Whether a child has SEND needs or not the strategies and approaches shared here support all learners.

### **Attendance:**

Well done to Year 6 Willow who had the best attendance this week at 96.1%! Please ensure your child/ren are in school every day unless they really are unwell or have a temperature or sickness. The school will issue fines to families if children are persistently absent and or take holidays in term time.

**Punctuality:** Punctuality improved again with some families but remained an issue for some families still, as some classes never receive the punctuality award and its so upsetting for the class when they get in on time, I am starting to take key families out of the equation to make it fairer. Year 5 Aspen were our winners this week with only 3 lates – well done!

Please work with us in ensuring your child/ren get the best possible start to their day - with their friends when the bell goes at 8:50am.

**Please remember that the last gate to close is early years at 9:05. Please drop KS1 and KS2 children FIRST- these gates close at 9.00am.**

**Illness:** If your child is unwell, you MUST call the school office by 9am 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 absent.

**School Uniform:** There are still children wearing UGG or UGG style boots and colourful trainers, please refrain from letting your child/ren wear these for school, many thanks.

### **Family Group - Thursdays at school**

We have space in our wonderful family group! Please see our attached flyer. If you are interested in joining, please see Pam, or email [thetransformationalspace@gmail.com](mailto:thetransformationalspace@gmail.com)

### **Parent volunteers**

If you are able to give any of your time to support us at school in any way, please let us know.

### **Gardening club**

This is a club that is offered on a Tuesday after school for children in key stage two. Please see Joanne or Sarah on front desk if you are interested. There are still places.

### **Choir**

Choir is starting again after February half term with children invited from **Year 2-6**. The sessions will take place with Mrs B in the bottom hall on a Tuesday lunchtime, **ALL WELCOME**. We are going to work towards a performance for families in the summer term.

### **Local Authority OFSTED SEND inspection**

OFSTED have notified the local authority that it will be carrying out a SEND inspection. They will want to hear families' views about the services provided, Ms McCartney will let you know if you have been asked to complete a survey, the feedback will help inspectors understand what is working well and what could be improved. This is NOT a school OFSTED at all.

### **Homework survey:**

Please complete the survey that was given to your child on Friday. We are asking for feedback on our current homework policy. We really value your opinions.

### **Head Teacher Update Session - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2:45pm**

I will be asking families to give feedback on homework across the school in this session in addition to asking families to complete a survey – see above.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Date	Event	Time and location
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Cake Sale – Science Week fundraiser	Playgrounds 3.20pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 trip to Imperial College	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Head Teacher Update for parents	Lower hall - 2.45pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Jolly Jar Sale – Science Week fundraiser	Playgrounds 3.20pm

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Beardsworth

Find us at:



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: SPRING TERM

Dear Parent/Carer,

As hopefully you are aware, we offer our after-school club 'Old Oak Extra' every night from 3:20-5:45pm. Parents pay £5.00 if their child stays until 4:30 and an extra £5.00 after this for the remainder of the time.

In addition to this is Multisport, which is offered by the after-school club staff. Those who are already attending after school club can join in the club or choose from the various other enrichment opportunities available.

Club	Day	Time	Year group	Cost
<b>KS2 Multisports</b>	Wednesday	3.20 – 4.30pm	Year 3 – 6	£5 per session
<b>KS1 Multisports</b>	Thursday	3.20 – 4.30pm	Year 1 - 2	£5 per session

Please sign up for the above clubs on School Money. Clubs begin next week beginning 12.1.26.

<b>Gardening Club</b>	Tuesday	Year 6	£5 per session
<b>Gardening Club</b>	Thursday	Year 5	£5 per session
<b>Street Dance</b> Elevate Arts	Thursday	Reception - Year 3	£6 per session
<b>Drumming</b> Tri-borough Music	Friday	Year 3 – 6	£5 per session

Signs ups can be completed through Parent Pay, with the exception of Speak Up Drama, which can be completed directly through Teri at her website: [Book a Class – Speak Up Drama Workshops](#)  
**Your child will not secure a spot in the club until payment is completed.**

# Bake Sale

Raising money for Old  
Oak Science Week

*Wednesday 28th  
January*

Please help by donating cakes

Please add a list of ingredients and  
drop off at Reception before 12pm



*Bake Sale*

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THE SCHOOL & FAMILY WORKS

Meet the leaders of our

## Family Group at Old Oak Primary School



**Monica Jato**

**Pam Frost-Pattrick**

Children and their parents join **Family Group** together for many reasons:

- Children not getting the best out of school
- Children finding it difficult to learn and focus
- Children struggling to make friends
- Children feeling anxious or shy
- Children finding it hard to regulate their emotions

To find out more about our weekly Thursday **Family Group** please get in touch with **Monica** or **Pam**. You could also leave a message with the school office and we will get back to you.

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