



Old Oak Primary School Update

May 8th 2026

Dear families,

It has been another wonderful week of learning across the school, with a real focus on science, curiosity and creativity. We are very excited that our duck eggs will be arriving next week for both the Early Years and the wider school community to enjoy as part of our science learning focus. The children always gain so much from observing changes over time and learning about life cycles first-hand.

Our sharing assembly showed the fantastic progress being made across the school. In Reception, children have been busy growing cress and learning about what plants need to survive, while Year 5 pupils have been exploring the different parts of a flower and developing their scientific vocabulary and understanding impressively.

We were so impressed by the creativity shown in Year 4's home learning, linked to their Power of Reading text. Children produced some wonderful bridge models and demonstrated great care, imagination and pride in their work. After half term, we will be launching our new wider curriculum home learning activities across the school. These will include greater opportunities for choice and creativity, with activities such as model making and project-based learning linked to the wider curriculum subjects.

A special well done also goes to Year 3 for their wonderful assembly celebrating the wonderful world of books. The confidence, enthusiasm and enjoyment shown by the children was a delight to see and reminded us all of the joy that reading brings.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Bike Fest – Sunday 10th May

Enjoy the bike fest, a community event taking place this Sunday. Look out for some of the Old Oak children who will be selling plants and show casing their gardening knowledge with Fiona on one of the stalls.

Mini Marathon- Friday 8th May 2026

Well done to our children who took part in our mini marathon at the scrubs today. The children ran as little or as much as they wished of a 2.6-mile course – what a fantastic way to enjoy the scrubs and get some exercise. We may even have inspired the next generation of London Marathon runners!

PSHE and RSE- Growing and Changing unit presentation: May 13th 2026 at 2:30pm

Parents may remember the presentation I lead on sharing the growing and changing unit that is taught as part of the curriculum in the summer term across the school- this unit also forms part of the science curriculum too.

If you would like to attend, please come to the lower hall on May 13th 2026 at 2:30pm.

Jolly Jars

Thank you for your fantastic support- lots of happy children won the jolly jars and raised money for the school. Thank you to Ms Crane for organising.

Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies and Memorabilia

A reminder that Sabrina Andrew, one of our Year 6 parents, will be creating our Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies this year. Sabrina will also be offering a 'Leaver's Box', containing themed items to commemorate the children's time at the school.

Leaver's Hoodie: £12 – this will have the school badge on the front and the children's names on the back.

Leaver's Box: £20 – this will include a pen, Year 6 group photo magnet, cup/mug and Leaver's t-shirt.

To order a hoodie or Leaver's Box, or to find out more information, please contact Sabrina directly or see Joanne on Front Desk – there is still time to order but please don't delay. Please note this applies to Year 6 children only.

Uniform

It was fantastic to see so many children dressed smartly in uniform as they started back at school this week. **As the weather is coming warmer, please ensure your child/ren have a sun hat and are wearing sun cream every day.**

Nursery Admissions - we still have places available in Nursery. We welcome the 15 and 30-hour codes for funded hours. If you would like additional sessions, we charge £20 a session for an am or pm session. Funding starts a term after your child is 3 years old, however if you want your child to join as soon as they are three, you may pay for these sessions. **Please come and see us in action anytime!**

Once the children transition to reception class in September 2026, we look forward to filling the nursery with more children, our Nursery has a maximum of 30 spaces, every morning and afternoon.

Fundraising - please sign up so the school receives extra money!

Thank you to the many families who have already signed up. Sign up to easy fundraising and when you shop online with your favourite retailers, they'll donate to us. It's free and your shopping won't cost you any extra – the retailers you shop with will donate, not you!

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/old-oak-primary-school/ag9c8m/c2s/DKt29s1J/CE942/facebook/>

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulation to this week's attendance winners Year 5 Aspen with 94.7%. This week's punctuality winners were also Year 5 Aspen again with only 1 late! What another fantastic week from Year 5 Aspen – well done!

Early Years - if you miss the gate closing at 9:05- you HAVE to wait outside the gate until you can be let in, please do not take your child to the front reception area, we do not have any staff who can leave front desk empty to deliver children to class.

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. 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.

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

Date changes:

Pyjamarama: Apologies for the error in last week's newsletter. This will take place on Friday 12th June.

Year 1 class assembly: this unfortunately needed to be postponed – new date to follow next week.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event	Information
Friday 13 th May	Growing and Changing unit presentation	Lower hall 2:30pm
Thursday 21 st May	Children break up	last day of this half term
Friday 22 nd May	INSET	School is closed

Have a restful weekend!

Mrs Beardsworth

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