



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 21st November 2025

Dear families,

We hope you have all survived the change in temperature, we loved seeing the very fleeting amount of snow on Wednesday - please ensure the children are wrapped up well as they spend time outside as you know.

Years 2 and 4 have enjoyed a workshop this week run in collaboration with Microsoft®, LEGO® and Threadpoint Studios called “Where the Internet Goes to Sleep”. The exciting event introduced the children to data centres and digital infrastructure through storytelling and hands-on LEGO® building. We hope it inspired the children and perhaps we have some students who have been encouraged to work in this sector in the future. Photos of the amazing workshop can be found on our Instagram page.

Sharing Assembly saw some wonderful art that was created from natural items found by Reception Peach on their trip to the scrubs, wonderful writing in Year 4 Magnolia and some challenging maths in Year 3 Hornbeam. Some children in years 4, 5 and 6 have joined the tri-borough wide Christmas festival and we are learning the range of songs to perform in December at Kensington Town Hall. Children in years 1 and 2 that attend Forest club have been getting wrapped up and exploring the scrubs as they do every week. We have additional new SUDS planters in our playgrounds supported by H&F Ecology Department and Meristem Landscape Gardening. Our pupil council worked hard to receive the funding for the planters so big well done to them! The gardening Club are making natural Christmas decorations - there are still places in this club on a Tuesday after school if your child is interested. Please see Joanne on front desk to sign up. The school is full of music as we rehearse the Nativity and the Key Stage two singalong - there is a reminder of dates at the end of the newsletter this week.

We showed two more prospective reception 26/27 families around the school this week. Including the two open mornings, we have now introduced 12 new families to Old Oak. They will decide if Old Oak is the school for them - word of mouth is always a huge positive in attracting new families so please spread the word if you are happy. If not, please come and see me and we can work together - this is always the best way. It was fantastic to see four parents at the head teacher update session where I shared the feedback from the recent parent survey - if you would like me to share feedback, please email head@oldoak.lbhf.sch.uk

There are many new comments made by families on the parent guestbook on the website- please always feel free to add to this via the link on the website under ‘Guestbook’, the post box in reception or emailing us.

Our school Instagram page is always full of exciting photos showing life at Old Oak. If you don’t already, please follow **@oldoakprimaryschool** to see the range of photos, our weekly newsletters are posted and we also post the dates for diary and important notices too.

Coram Education, SCARF- Life Bus- PSHE curriculum – personal, social, health education

The 'Life Bus' visited all classes this week. The Life Bus "helps young people to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to make their own positive choices about their health (both physical and emotional)". The visit links with all PSHE in the classrooms and is a positive way for all children to learn about keeping their body and mind healthy through interactive activities.

The children all had fantastic sessions and the themes discussed will continue to be explored in class through the sessions teachers provide weekly as part of our curriculum.

Value of the week- next week's value will be: **adaptable**. It would be fantastic if you could talk to your child about what this means. Teachers will be looking for good examples next week, with reward certificates given out in Thursday's assembly. This time of year, when the clocks change and we prepare for festivities as a school being a little out of routine can be challenging for children.

Hurricane Melissa Appeal

Thank you for all the generous donations today for the Hurricane Melissa appeal. Hurricane Melissa is the strongest to have hit Jamaica in modern history and has caused wide spread devastation. We know this has affected some of our families and ***we are proud to have raised £119.04*** which will be donated to the Disaster Fund and go towards helping those in need.

Fundraising- Christmas activities

We would appreciate any loose change that you could donate to the school to help us buy extras for Christmas activities and for crackers for the Christmas lunch- please look out for the collectors at the gates in the morning and end of the day!

Attendance and punctuality:

Attendance – Well Done Year 1 Olive class who had best attendance this week at 96%! Our overall attendance this week was 91.8% which is below our target. Let's all aim to get to school next week and improve that percentage! 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.

Our school is compared to others and we are now having a specific target set for us at a school by the 'Department of Education' and this is regularly monitored. We cannot achieve this without your support.

Please remember to let us know if your child/ren are unwell, you can call or email, admin@oldoak.lbhf.sch.uk and please put in the subject absence and your child's full name and class.

Punctuality. This has improved again this week- please keep this up! Some families who are always late have changed habits and this has made such a huge difference. We still have a couple of families who are very late- children miss so much- this is such a shame for them. I am meeting the local authority attendance officer next week so she will decide what additional support, above what we are doing already, will be put in place.

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 unwell.

Photos- Wednesday 26th November

On November 26th the children will be photographed in school. The professional photographer will take individual and family photos- we are only able to allow sibling photos, not cousins or/and other relations due to time constraints on the sessions. This will be managed in school.

Year 5 Class Assembly – **CHANGE OF DATE**

Due to the photographer visiting school. The Year 5 class assembly date has been changed from Wednesday 26th November to **Monday 24th November**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Christmas cards

Very soon, you will be sent the design and can choose to buy cards and other things such as mugs with the design printed on. Some of the money will go to school from the company so many thanks for your support here.

School Uniform: this is available from Joanne on front desk- **1st FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH. A reminder that school shoes should be black please.**

Please remember for health and safety purposes it is important that children do not wear large hair ties, bows or plastic pieces such as tiaras in their hair, plus this is not school uniform. Please ensure all hair ties and bands are navy, black or white if at all possible.

Please also ensure your child wears a coat which is not denim, leather or fur as these are not school uniform.

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.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event	Time and location
Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th November	Life Bus visiting school	All day
Thursday 20th November	Year 2 and Year 4 are visited by Microsoft storytelling workshop <i>"Where the Internet Sleeps"</i>	All day
Monday 24th November – **CHANGE OF DATE**	Year 5 Class Assembly	Lower hall 10.10am
Wednesday 26th November	School Individual Photos	All day
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 3 Class Assembly	Lower hall 10.10am
	Movie Night	3.30 – 4.30pm

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Beardsworth

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Old Oak Festive Dates 2025

3.12.25	Movie Night 3.30 – 4.30
9.12.25	Winter Disco 3.30 – 4.30
11.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.25	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 10.00am
17.12.25	KS2 Singalong 9.15am
17.12.25	Christmas Lunch
18.12.25	Class Christmas Parties