



## Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 28th November 2025

Dear families,

We have had another fantastic week and the school hall is 'beginning to look a lot like Christmas' with the installation of the tree and the stage is in position and ready for the nativity!

We have some very special people in the audience this year who we know the children will be pleased to see!

We have been lucky enough to work with two ex-pupils this week as they completed work experience with us - this is always so special when they come back and we get to see how they have developed into a wonderful, mature young person.

Sarah Kennedy started with us this week, her role is an administrator apprenticeship and she will be training and working towards a qualification whilst getting the experience she needs here at Old Oak. She will be on front desk every day from 10am-3pm, I know families will make her very welcome.

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.

**Value of the week**- next week's value will be: **respect**. 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.

### **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!

### **Film Night – Wednesday 3d December**

Our festive film night, a showing of 'That Christmas', is taking place on Wednesday for children from Reception – Year 6. The cost is £3 per child and this includes popcorn and a drink and snack. If you would like your child to attend, please sign up on School Money. Please note tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

## Winter Disco – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

We are busy preparing for the Winter Disco – more information to follow next week!

### Attendance and punctuality:

Well Done Year 5 Aspen, who had best attendance this week at 96.9%. Our overall attendance this week was 91.8%. 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.

**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.

### Below I have provided information about the department of education's new initiative for all schools.

#### Your indicative ABIE

Your school's indicative ABIE means your attendance needs to be **0.7 percentage points** higher for the 2025 to 2026 academic year than for the 2024 to 2025 academic year. Your overall attendance for the 2025 to 2026 academic year needs to be at least **91.7%** to achieve this.

This is **the minimum improvement** you should expect to make this academic year.

If your school meets or exceeds this ABIE, your pupils will gain at least **244 extra school days**, compared to last year.

Your ABIE is a starting point, not a limit. We know many schools will target and achieve gains well beyond their ABIE. We encourage you to aim high.

**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 unwell.

### Christmas cards

Please ensure you have ordered your child/ren's card design by midnight on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – this is the deadline to ensure orders are here before we finish on the last day of term. The school do receive a small amount of commission so this is fantastic for us.

### Your Say: child's survey

All children in year 1-6 will complete an online survey about their school experience, similar to the survey that we asked you to complete so we can see what we are doing well and what the children consider we need to do better. I will share the outcomes after the holidays with you.

### Parent governor application

Your child should have brought home a paper pack regarding the nomination of a new parent governor- please read the information and if you are interested, please complete the application form. If you have any questions, please come and see me or chat to the two parent governors already on our board: Joana Peixoto- who has children in year 1 and 2 or Babatunde Ogunniyi who has children in years 4 and 5.

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

The children are looking really smart in dark appropriate coats, thank you- please remember jewellery is not allowed for health and safety purposes.

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

If you are interested in joining, please ask Joanne for a flyer, or email [thetransformationalspace@gmail.com](mailto: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      |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December  | Year 3 Class Assembly | Lower hall 10.10am     |
|                                     | Movie Night           | 3.30 – 5.00pm          |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December   | Flu Vaccinations      | Morning                |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December    | Winter Disco          | 3.30 – 4.30pm          |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Jumper Day  | All day                |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December   | EYFS and KS1 Nativity | Lower hall 10am        |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December | KS2 Singalong         | Lower hall 9.15am      |
|                                     | Christmas Lunch       |                        |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December  | Class Parties         | Afternoon              |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December    | Last day of term      | School finishes 1.30pm |

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Beardsworth

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## Old Oak Festive Dates 2025

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