



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 3rd October 2025

Dear families,

We hope you are all well.

We are starting to collect any non-perishable food for our Harvest Festival. Please bring the items in to Joanne on front desk or let your child give them to their class teacher- they will all be collected and we will arrange a display in the bottom hall. The children will be receiving an assembly about it on Monday. Please always talk to your children about food and where it comes from, lots of our young people think supermarkets like Sainsburys, Aldi or Iceland is where it all starts! We are of course incredibly lucky that the children of Old Oak many years ago now started the Bubble and Squeak food waste project which has gone from strength to strength serving the community every week. We were very excited to see the actor Hugh Grant serving the local community yesterday! He visited as part of his role as Patron of H&F Giving, a brilliant local organisation that supports us. The visit was to see some of the amazing charities in the area as part of H&F Giving's new campaign 'A Better Hammersmith and Fulham. You can find out more at www.hgfiving.org.uk/better

Please follow **@oldoakprimaryschool** on Instagram, there are always so many photos of what has happened in the week, the newsletters are posted and we also post the dates for diary and important notices too- we currently have 744 followers which is fantastic!

Value of the week- resilience. Please talk to your child/ren about what this means to them. We can often be heard saying- we can't do it, yet! We will focus on this in Monday's assembly and the class teacher will re-visit this in their values weekly class assembly too.

Parent Survey

LAST CALL- It is really important you have the opportunity to share your views on how you feel the school is doing and what you feel we need to improve. This way we can work together to ensure we develop and move forward. After half term I will share the findings. This will form my next head teacher update on 23rd October.

Black History Celebration

We have a group of parents who have volunteered to support the Black History celebration, they will be asking for families to volunteer food and also sourcing any local businesses or families that would like to sell arts and crafts items, jewellery etc. NOT food or drink

We ask for £10 a table and if you so wish, to donate 20 percent of your profits to the school as a fund-raising item.

Please sign up below, we are raising money to update our playground: by signing up to **easy fundraising** we will receive money every time you pay for something from a choice of companies.

Please use the link below or scan the QR code to get started- thank you in advance!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/old-oak-primary-school>



We use a range of **communication tools** such as, email, text, newsletter, seesaw and Instagram. Please always read the **newsletter and check seesaw** so you know what is happening in school and what you need to be aware of. Instagram: @oldoakprimaryschool is always worth looking at - Ms McCartney always updates, sometimes daily!

Start of the day

Thank you to all our families who ensure their child is at the gate at 8:45am when it opens, or shortly after so they do not miss the bell at 8:50am. There are far too many families where children arrive around 9am and after, **if your child is 5 minutes late every day this means they miss 3 days of school across the academic year-** add this to illness too they could be missing a lot of learning. **10 minutes late, which was 11 of our families this week, means their child/ren miss a whole week of learning.** Tube strikes did not help this week and we understand that at times matters are out of your control. As a school we try and support and work with families so if there is anything we can do to help you get to school on time, please let us know.

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 at 9:30am. We do not have staff that can go to and from gates when they are settling children and starting the day.

Attendance and punctuality:

Attendance has been less positive this week, 93.8 % compared to 94% last week-. We have set ourselves an ambitious target of 94% attendance overall this year as you know so thank you.

Punctuality. This has improved again this week with only 5 families regularly arriving late. We try to be very supportive and fair here at Old Oak but if your child is continually late this does cause issues for your child/ren's learning and settling at the start of the day so please try your best. Thank you for working with us.

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.

Vacancies:

We are recruiting for an **Early Year's practitioner who has a level 3 in childcare** to work in the Imperial Nursery-this role is all year round with annual leave, NOT term time- 12:15pm-5:30pm every day (25 hours). Please ask Joanne for an application form if you are interested.

We are looking for someone who is interested in an **administrative apprenticeship** where you are placed in the school for approximately 20 hours a week and also receive training provided by an external team- for any more information or to register interest, please speak to Kelly Williams, our school business manager.

Reception 2026/7

These dates are on the website but please note these and share with families that may be looking to enrol their child in our reception class- Thursday 16th October at 9:15am and Tuesday 4th November at 9:15 am.

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

Please ensure that you label all uniform and coats- we already have a huge pile of lost property- we will place all of these items on the tables in key stage one playground every Thursday after school- please check.

Family Group- Thursdays at school

If you are interested in joining, please ask Joanne for a flyer- or email thetransformationalspace@gmail.com

Year 6 transition to secondary school

Mr Wheeldon is offering a session to support families completing the secondary school choice document on October 10th at 2pm. If you would like support, please let Joanne know.

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.

School Nurse

Friday 14th November 9am- 10am- some families have asked that they meet the nurse- he will be in school for you to arrange a drop-in session via Joanne. Please put this date in the diary.

Our school nurse is called Eddison Quacoo.

Head teacher update sessions:

The next one will be on Thursday October 23rd at 2:45pm- I will share the findings and feedback from the parent surveys.

For photos of the week, please check the school's Instagram page.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Beardsworth

Find as at:



@oldoakprimaryschool



www.oldoakprimary.co.uk

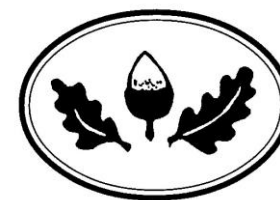
Old Oak Events 2025/2026

Month	Date	Event	Time
Oct	Wednesday 15 th	Year 6 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Tuesday 21 st	Black History Party	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Wednesday 22 nd	Year 5 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Friday 24 th	Staff Training Day	School closed
	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Half term	School closed
Nov	Wednesday 12 th	Cake sale/Pre-loved uniform sale	3.20pm
	Friday 14 th	Children In Need	
	Wednesday 26 th	Year 4 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
Dec	Wednesday 3 rd	Year 3 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
		Festive Movie Night: Year 1-6	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Tuesday 9 th	Winter Disco	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Thursday 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day	
	Tuesday 16 th	EYFS and KS1 Nativity	10am
	Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Lunch	
	Thursday 18 th	Class Parties	
	Friday 19 th	Last day of Autumn Term	School finishes 1.30pm
		Non-uniform day	
Jan	Monday 5th	Staff Training Day	School Closed
	Tuesday 6 th	First day of Spring Term	
	Tuesday 20 th	Jolly Jar January sale	
Feb	Wednesday 4 th	Year 2 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am

	Wednesday 11 th	Year 1 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Half term	School closed
Mar	Thursday 6 th	World Book Day	
	Wednesday 11 th	Year 6 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Wednesday 18 th	Year 5 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Wednesday 25 th	Reception Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Friday 20 th	Red Nose Day	
	Thursday 12 th	Mother's Day Breakfast	8.00 – 8.45am
	Wednesday 18 th	EYFS Ducking Disco	3.30 - 4.30pm
Apr	Monday 13 th	Staff Training Day	School Closed
	Tuesday 14 th	First day of Summer Term	
May	Wednesday 6 th	Year 3 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Wednesday 13 th	Year 2 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Wednesday 20 th	Year 1 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Friday 15 th	Pyjamarama	
	Friday 22 nd	Staff Training Day	School Closed
June	Wednesday 18 th	Father's Day Breakfast	8.00 - 8.45am
		Year 4 Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
	Wednesday 25 th	Reception Class Assembly	10.10 - 10.30am
July	Tuesday 7 th	Summer Fair	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Party	2.00 – 3.00pm
	Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Play	5.30pm
	Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	1.00pm
	Friday 17 th July	Last day of Summer Term	School finishes 1.30pm



Old Oak Primary School 2025 - 2026



Term dates 2025-2026

	First day of term	Half term	Last day of term
Autumn term 2025	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring term 2026	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
Summer term 2026	Tuesday 14 th April 2026	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026

Staff training days – school closed- 5 days

Autumn term 2025	Monday 1 st September 2025, Friday 24 th October 2025
Spring term 2026	Monday 5 th January 2026
Summer term 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026, Friday 22 nd May 2026

Bank holiday – school closed

Summer term 2026	Monday 6 th April 2026, Monday 4 th May 2026 & Monday 25 th May 2026
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