

Oak Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting autumn term in Oak Class, with lots of opportunities for the children to learn, explore and grow together.



Did you know?

Some oak trees can live for more than 1,000 years!

Our Oak Class Team

We are very lucky to be supported by such a wonderful range of adults. Our teaching assistants this term are Miss Cross, Mrs Clinton, Mrs Curzon and Mrs Postill. Mrs Postill will also be providing PPA cover. We are very fortunate to have such a fantastic team supporting the children.

Maths

Our maths learning will focus on place value and number skills, including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will follow the White Rose Maths scheme of learning. Year 4 will also focus on building fluency and confidence in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) later in the year.

English

Our English learning will be inspired by the Harry Potter books. We will develop character and narrative descriptive writing, building vocabulary, sentence structure and engaging writing. Year 5 children will be challenged through increased expectations for grammar and punctuation.

Science

Year 4: Living Things and their Habitats

Year 5: Properties and Changes in Materials

We will develop scientific vocabulary, practical skills and our ability to explain what we observe.

RE

Year 4: Creation and Fall – What do Christians learn from the creation story?

Year 5: Creation and Fall – Conflicting or Complementary?

We will explore Christian beliefs about creation and the questions raised by the biblical creation accounts.

Art

We will follow the Access Art programme, exploring print, paint and collage. We will begin by experimenting with monotype printing, learning how artists can create unique prints and make choices about line, shape, colour and texture.

History

Year 4 will study the Anglo-Saxons and Scots, using historical sources and evidence to build our understanding. Year 5 will investigate Ancient Greece, considering evidence for key events and activities and exploring how ancient Greek ideas continue to shape modern life today.

PE

PE will take place on Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. Our two strands this term are Team Games, including football and rugby, and Fitness and Stamina. The children will develop fitness, stamina and teamwork through a range of active, circuits-style activities.

Forest School

Our Forest School session this half term will be on Wednesday 16th September. The children will need to come to school in their normal uniform and change into their Forest School kit in school.

Please remember that legs and arms should be covered with long sleeves and trousers to avoid scratches, stings and insect bites. The children will also need wellies, walking boots or trainers that you don't mind getting muddy, as well as waterproofs and suitable layers.

Homework Expectations

Reading

Please encourage your child to read at home a minimum of 4 times each week and record this in their reading record/planner. Regular reading makes a huge difference to vocabulary, fluency and comprehension.

Spellings – Year 5

Weekly spellings will be set for Year 5 children to practise at home.

TT Rockstars – Year 4

Year 4 children should practise regularly on TT Rockstars and times tables in general. This will help build the speed and confidence needed for their MTC during the summer term.

Diary Dates

Monday 28th September 2026 – Parents Welcome Meeting

Friday 23rd October 2026 – INSET Day

Please feel free to catch Mr Vickers at the end of the day should you require any further information. Alternatively, you can direct emails to the school office, who will ensure that your message reaches the class teacher.