

Oak Meadow Primary School Weekly Newsletter – Friday 17th October 2025: Issue 7



As we enter the final week of the half-term next week, I am extremely proud of all children for the high standard of learning they have completed so far this school year. Work in the autumn terms always lays a firm foundation for the months ahead with children craving even greater challenges once they have mastered the knowledge, skills and concepts taught earlier on in the school year. With this in mind, I hope you are able to attend our Parent/Carer consultations next week which will provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress with their class teacher as well as looking at their books from across the curriculum. If you have not yet returned your day/ time preference slip to make a booking, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher directly to make an appointment. Always high on our agenda is the culture of safeguarding we promote and the universal priority to keep children (and adults) safe. I am acutely aware that there has not been a crossing patrol in operation on Peacock Avenue in recent weeks and I have been in consultation with Wolverhampton Council as to why this is. I have shared my deep concerns with the council for the safety of our children and community when crossing such a busy road and they have assured me that this is being investigated as a priority. I will continue to make regular contact with them in the coming days in the hope there is a swift resolution but, in the meantime, please take extra care when crossing at the start and end of the day. I am looking forward to seeing the children shine even brighter than usual on Monday in their colours for Diwali with a reminder everyone should wear P.E. kits on Tuesday as we enjoy Parkour workshops. Take care everyone and have a lovely weekend.

Stars of the Week

- 1B: Arlo Z
- 1TW: Grace C
- 2B: Freya D
- 2H: Zayd K & Elsie Mas
- 3H: Nylah-Rae P
- 3J: Kayde-Lynne P & Emma C
- 4B: Dilraj R
- 4J: Jenson S-T & Harleen M
- 5H: Maggie D
- 5T: Samuel H
- 6H: Geovanni C
- 6W: Mikayla A

We hope the parents/ carers of the above children can join us for this Monday's assembly at **8.50am** to celebrate their award.

Upcoming dates for the diary

- 20th Oct – Diwali Day – children to wear **bright colours**
- 20th Oct – Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm – ***FOR Class 1TW ONLY***
- 21st Oct – Parkour Workshop for **ALL** children – wear PE Kits please
- 22nd Oct – Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30pm – 7pm
- 23rd Oct – Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- 24th Oct – End of Autumn 1 half-term, children finish at 3.15pm as normal
- 3rd Nov – INSET Day – school closed for all children**
- 4th Nov – Children return to school for Autumn 2
- 4th Nov – Non-Fiction November begins
- 10th – 14th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week
- 10th Nov – Wear **odd socks** day
- 11th Nov – Y6 Remembrance Assembly for parents/carers at 8.50am

Communication

Our doors are always open whenever you need us and the main office number is 01902 558517.

The school email address is oakmeadowprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Also remember to check the school website and follow us on 'X' [@oakmeadow12](https://twitter.com/oakmeadow12)

Safeguarding Information

If you have any concerns about a child, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leaders (DSL):

Mr. Lane (Head of School).

Miss. Billingsley (Deputy Headteacher).

Mr. Hawkins (Assistant Headteacher).

Mrs. Worrallo (Assistant Headteacher).

Miss. Tomlinson (EYFS/KS1 SENDCo).



Attendance and Punctuality

Everyday
COUNTS!

Thank you for making sure your child is in school every day and on time. Remember that our minimum attendance target for all children is **96%**.

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Attending school **every day** impacts significantly on your child's learning and their attainment. Please see the table below that shows the number of lessons missed as the attendance rate falls.

Every day counts over the school year:

Attendance during the school year	Equals this number of days absent	Meaning that approximately this number of lessons have been missed
95%	9 days	50 lessons!
90%	19 days	100 lessons!
85%	29 days	150 lessons!

Make sure your child is an **Oak Meadow attendance H.E.R.O** (Here, Every day, Ready and On Time) by arriving between 8:35 and 8:45am each morning.

Every minute counts over the school year:

5 minutes late each day = **3 days lost!**
 10 minutes late each day = **6.5 days lost!**
 15 minutes late each day = **10 days lost!**
 20 minutes late each day = **13 days lost!**
 30 minutes late each day = **19 days lost!**

Class Attendance for this week

Reception and Key Stage 1

RB	97%
RE	93%
1B	88%
1TW	96.7%
2B	97.3%
2H	97.8%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 2H – well done!



Key Stage 2

3H	88%
3J	98.7%
4B	96%
4J	95.2%
5H	96.7%
5T	97%
6H	93.1%
6W	94.7%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 3J – well done!



Our combined whole school attendance for this week was...

95%

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From tiny acorns **mighty oaks** grow...



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Jamaican Curry
**Baked Macaroni &
Cheese**
Served With
Dumplings
&
Rice and Peas
Sweetcorn or Beans
Followed by
Banana Cake & Custard
Or
Fruit Platter

Thursday 23rd
October

DINE
WITH MIQUILL

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**Wolverhampton
Girls' High School**

OPEN EVENTS FOR YEARS 5 & 6 GIRLS

Monday 20th October: 10.45-12.00

Tuesday 21st October: 14.15-15.30

**TO BOOK VISIT:
WWW.WGHS.ORG.UK/OPENEVENTS**



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Monthly Attendance Celebration

Each half term we will be celebrating the children that have been our "100% Attendance Heroes" and have been in school every day.

Our next special prize draw for those children, will be on Friday 24th October.

The prize will be a £20 Hollywood Bowl voucher.



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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and ensure the content children are able to view. However, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube creators are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Switch, and WIRED.



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