



Oakmeadow

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Dear families,

What a difference a week makes! This time last week we found ourselves navigating an unexpected snow day. Although the first week of term didn't begin quite as planned, the children managed the disruption beautifully. I hope they all enjoyed an unexpected day at home, complete with snowy adventures.

This week has certainly made up for the slower start. Our Year 5 pupils took part in Bikeability, an important programme designed to help them develop safe cycling habits and confidence on the roads. The instructors were full of praise for the children's enthusiasm and resilience in the chilly weather.

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Michael McCarthy, a children's author who shared his inspiring story of facing adversity and achieving his dream of writing books for young readers. His assembly was thought-provoking and heartfelt, and the children asked excellent, mature questions. Michael kindly gifted free books to every child in Key Stage 1, as he firmly believes that every child should have the joy of owning a book of their own. We are very grateful for his generosity.

Looking ahead, next week is shaping up to be just as busy. Year 1 will enjoy a hands-on historical workshop on *Toys from the Past* to enrich their understanding of how childhood has changed over time. Year 2 will take part in an engaging *Great Fire of London* workshop to bring their history topic to life, and it's Year 6's turn for Bikeability, so please ensure children arrive with appropriate clothing and a roadworthy bike.

As always, it's a busy and vibrant time here at Oakmeadow, and we are so proud of how the children throw themselves into every opportunity.

Wishing you all a restful weekend ahead,

Samantha Hill
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES:

January 2026

Monday 19th January	Foxes swimming
Monday 19th January- Friday 23rd January	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 21st January	Year 1 Historical workshop in school 'Toys from the past'
Friday 23rd January	Year 2 Historical workshop in school 'The Great Fire of London'
Monday 26th January	Reception children national child measurement programme
Tuesday 27th January	SEND Parents evening
Wednesday 28th January	Y6 Arthog parents meeting-Studio 3.30pm
Friday 30th January	Year 3 Museum trip- Stone Age workshop

February 2026

Friday 27th February	Young Voices Concert
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School Lunch Menu:

Next week we will be on **week 1** of our school lunch menu.

Wraparound bookings:

Wraparound registers are now live for next term on Arbor.

A reminder that from now on, clubs can't be booked without your club account being in credit.

This requirement is in place for audit purposes, and as a school we are not permitted to carry any debt.

Young Voices Concert:

We have had a new date of Friday 27th February confirmed for the Young Voices Concert. More information to follow.

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Supporting Neurodivergent Children in Mainstream Schools

ARE YOU A PARENT CARER OF A CHILD WITH SEND?

Oakmeadow CofE Primary School is participating in the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.

Parent Carer experiences and views are a vital element of the PINS project. Input from Parent Carers will help improve support for children with additional needs within your school, alongside the training package staff will receive.

AIMS OF THE PROJECT

- Ensure Parent Carers have their voices heard by school.
- Bringing Parent Carers together to share experiences.
- Work in partnership with schools.

YOUR VIEWS MATTER

Join us for our third meeting to share your views and find out more about the school's areas of focus for the project.

DATE: WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2026

TIME: 9.15 - 10.15 AM

Open to ALL Parent Carers of children with SEND; no diagnosis or EHCP required

If you require any further information, please email Simone@paccshropshire.org.uk

