



Friday, 6th March 2026

NOTES FROM MRS MITCHELL

Dear Parents,

The past few weeks have been filled with wonderful moments and achievements across the school, and it is a pleasure to share some of these highlights with you.

I am delighted to announce that we have achieved the Judicium Health and Safety Award. This is a significant recognition of the importance we place on the wellbeing and safety of everyone in our school community. My congratulations go to the entire staff team, governing board, including our Head of Health and Safety Committee, Mrs Jane Bond and particularly to our Premises Manager, Mr Marek, who has been the backbone of this work. It is a fantastic achievement for the school.

As part of our safeguarding audit, Surrey County Council assign an Attendance Officer to every school to review procedures. I am pleased to report that our attendance currently stands at 96.5%, well above the national average, and the report about our school was outstanding with no recommendations for improvement. Thank you to our parents for your continued support in ensuring pupils attend regularly and are ready to make the most of their learning and the wonderful opportunities at Oakhyrst.

There have also been some fantastic pupil achievements. In cross country, three pupils have qualified for the ISA National Event — congratulations to Ophelia and Isabelle (Y5) and George (Y3). Meanwhile, Thiyan in Year 3 has reached the ISA STEM Finals on 19th March with his outstanding rollercoaster design, construction and presentation. Thank you to Miss Allybacus for coordinating such exciting STEM opportunities and we wish Thiyan the very best of luck.

Careers Week has been another highlight. Introducing children to the many possibilities their futures may hold is an important part of helping them dream big and understand the world around them. We were incredibly fortunate to welcome parents who spoke so engagingly about their careers — from archaeologists and scientists to lawyers, risk managers and transition coaches. Their passion and insight were inspiring for the children. My sincere thanks go to all the parents who took part and to Mrs Dance for organising such a valuable week.

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day, which brought great excitement across the school. A huge thank you to Miss Plant, who planned and organised such an enjoyable and memorable day for everyone.

We were also treated to a wonderful Year 2 assembly, where pupils took us on a journey around the world in their beautifully handcrafted aeroplane. It was a delight to see their enthusiasm and creativity as they shared fascinating facts about different places. Thank you to Mrs McKiernan, Mrs Harbott and Mrs Gorman for all the work that went into such a special assembly. Also, this week, Reception children had a splendid '100 days' tea party with their parents and family members. What a treat!

Today's Springtime Afternoon Concert was another delightful celebration of talent within our school. Our musicians and poetry performers excelled. Providing opportunities for pupils to perform is such an important part of school life, helping to nurture confidence, creativity and a love of the arts.

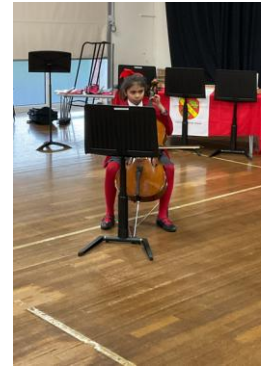
At the end of this term we will say a fond farewell to Mrs Evans, who is retiring after 21 years of remarkable dedication to the PE department and to the many families she has supported over the years. We are deeply grateful for her commitment and the lasting impact she has had on school life. I am very pleased to share that Mrs Sarah Kennedy will be joining us as Head of Swimming. Many of you may already know her as a highly experienced swimming teacher in the local area. I am also delighted that Mrs Danielle Myers has been appointed PA, Head of Admissions and Marketing, and that Miss Richardson has extended her role to become Office Assistant. Together with Mrs Susan Jefferson, they ensure we have an exceptional office team supporting the school.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our current Year 6 pupils, who have achieved record results this year. Their unwavering commitment, kindness and respect for one another have been fantastic to see. They are a remarkable group of young people. While we work hard to develop pupils academically, we are equally proud to nurture their talents in music, sport, performing arts and art — but most importantly to help them grow into kind, thoughtful and well-rounded individuals. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

As we move further into the term and begin to see the first signs of spring around us, it is a perfect moment to reflect on the energy, enthusiasm and kindness that fill our school each day. The achievements we celebrate are important, but what makes me most proud is the spirit of our community — pupils who support and encourage one another, staff who give so generously of their time and care, and parents who work in partnership with us. Together we create an environment where children feel confident to explore, discover their passions and grow into thoughtful, capable young people. Thank you, as always, for being such an important part of our school community.







NOTES FROM THE EXCEPTIONAL OAKHYRST STAFF

Pre-Reception

Pre Reception have blasted off into space this week. We have been making our own rockets on the craft table, counting moon rocks and using our pinching fingers to catch stars with pegs. We have also started preparations for our class assembly which is looking like a show not to miss.

As it has been careers week, we have been hearing form lots of parents about all the different kinds of jobs they do. We listen to a parent tell us all about what they do as an archaeologist, another that is a transition coach as well as a parent who works in skincare.

We have our Mothers' Day stay and play as well as our class museum sessions coming up soon too so we have so much to look forward to!



Reception

What a fantastic week we've had in Reception! It has been jam-packed with exciting activities, learning adventures, and celebrations that the children will remember for a long time.

Our week began with careers-themed fun, including assemblies and a truly inspiring workshop led by Dr Patel. The children have loved learning about so many different careers and asking curious questions about what differing jobs look like.

We also celebrated World Book Day with our theme **"Little People, Big Dreams."** The children looked absolutely fabulous as inspirational figures from the books, showing off their creativity and imagination. They shared what they admire about their role models and dreamed big about their own futures.

The highlight of the week, however, was our 100-Day Tea Party, celebrating 100 days in Reception. The children worked together to prepare sandwiches and cakes, and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying their creations, sharing and celebrating such an important milestone.

This week has been full of learning, laughter, and inspiration. We are so proud of the children's curiosity, creativity, and teamwork, and we can't wait to see what exciting adventures the rest of the term will bring!



Year 1

It has been a very busy fortnight in our class! In Maths, we have been learning about sorting objects in different ways and displaying our data using simple charts and diagrams. In English, we have been consolidating our understanding of how to use full stops to create clear sentences.

In Digital Learning, the children have been combining all the skills they have developed in Scratch Jr to create their own projects. In Science, we have been learning about different types of animals and classifying them into their groups.

We also thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, where we focused on the story *Stick Man*. The children had great fun making their own stick men, creating masks, sequencing the events of the story and describing their favourite part.

As part of Careers Week, we enjoyed several assemblies and workshops led by some of our parents. It was fascinating to learn about different jobs, and some of us may now be rethinking the careers we had previously chosen!





Year 2

Last Friday, our Year 2 pupils took us on a truly magical trip around the world without even leaving the school hall! Our class assembly all about 'Our World and the Continents' was a colourful celebration of geography, culture, and curiosity. We were so proud to see how the children's enthusiasm for the topic shone. Each continent was brought to life with fun facts, vibrant costumes, and imaginative props (including our OGS plane from our wonderful Mrs Gorman)! We were treated to fascinating snippets about unique animals and famous landmarks across the globe. The highlight for lots of us was the fabulous singing and dancing. The children worked so hard in their 'Music' and 'Music and Movement' lessons to learn their song and dance. A big thank you to Miss Lomax and Mrs Price for their support with this. The performance ended with sharing 'Hello' greetings from different countries.

A huge well done to all the children for their hard work and confidence, and a big thank you to parents who helped the children learn their lines and bring this wonderful learning journey to life.

Year 3

To kick off Careers Week, Year 3 had a visit from parent volunteer, Mr Gonzalez, who explained his work in Risk Consultancy. He broke down what this actually means, linking it to banking and online safety, and we learnt new technical terms such as “red flag” and “freeze an account”. Mr. Gonzalez taught us so much that he even inspired some of us to be future Risk Consultants. Watch this space!

In science, we have begun our new topic: Light. We extended our use of technical terms by learning to distinguish between artificial and natural light, clearing up the misconception that the moon is a source of light. Another misconception was high-vis vests are another source of light which gave us the opportunity to introduce the term ‘reflective’. Linking our science learning back to Careers Week, we discussed jobs that rely on understanding light, such as a light technician on film sets, and an optician.

To end the week, we celebrated World Book Day with a joyful carousel of activities, made even more special by the children’s amazing costumes.



Year 4

In Science, pupils have been finishing their topic on sound in a very hands-on way. The children designed and created their own musical instruments using a variety of materials, carefully thinking about how vibrations create sound and how pitch and volume can change. Once the instruments were complete, the class attempted to form their very own Year 4 orchestra. While the performance may have been a little noisy and wonderfully chaotic at times, the enthusiasm and teamwork on display made it a huge success. The sound was certainly... interesting!

Meanwhile, in Geography lessons, Year 4 have been exploring how mountains are formed. To help bring the learning to life, pupils used layers of felt sheets to model the movement of the Earth's crust. By pushing the felt together and layering it up, they were able to demonstrate how different types of mountains form over time. The activity helped everyone visualise the processes that shape our planet and made for a fun and engaging lesson.

The highlight of the past few weeks was undoubtedly World Book Day, which was a fantastic celebration of reading across the school. Year 4 arrived dressed as a wonderful range of characters from their favourite books, with costumes ranging from classic storybook heroes to modern literary favourites. Throughout the day, the children took part in a variety of reading activities, sharing stories, exploring new books and celebrating the joy of reading together.



Year 5

Thursday 26th February 2026 marked the first of many exciting buddy afternoons for our Year 5 and Year 6 children — and what a fantastic start it was!

The children were thoughtfully paired up, creating supportive partnerships designed to nurture confidence and develop skills throughout the remainder of the year. Throughout the afternoon, buddies took part in a range of exciting activities that encouraged independence, teamwork, communication and active listening. From the very beginning, there were smiles and laughter all around as the pairs got to know one another and began working together in games, drama and scientific challenges.

In the drama activities led by Miss Plant, the children explored role-play scenarios that challenged them to think creatively and empathise with others. They practised expressing emotions, solving problems collaboratively, and building confidence in speaking out — important skills as they prepare for the transitions that are ahead of them.

Science challenges brought out their determination, resilience and competitiveness! Armed with a handful of small marshmallows and some uncooked spaghetti, the challenge was set to build the highest free-standing structure. The winning team recorded a height of 49cm! Faced with this tricky task that required careful planning and cooperation, the buddies showed impressive communication and perseverance. When the structures didn't go as expected, the children adapted their ideas, listened to one another, and tried again — demonstrating real growth in problem-solving and teamwork.

Throughout the whole afternoon, older pupils modelled positive behaviours and leadership, while younger pupils showed growing independence and confidence. Most importantly, the afternoon was filled with personal growth through considering our goals and aspirations for the future. The buddy system is designed to help ease worries about moving on to secondary school and up into year six, and it was wonderful to see friendships forming and strengthening across year groups. Through cooperation, empathy and shared success, the children are already developing the skills they will need for the next stage of their education. We are so proud of them.

If this first session is anything to go by, we have many more inspiring buddy afternoons to look forward to! The next one is booked in for Tuesday 24th March 2026 and we cannot wait!



Year 6

We have had a fantastic first two weeks back in Year 6 and the children have returned with lots of enthusiasm and energy for learning. One of the most exciting announcements was that our end of year production will be Shrek! The children were very excited to hear the news and we have already started preparing. In English lessons, the class have been analysing different characters and beginning to rehearse for auditions. They have really enjoyed stepping into different roles, experimenting with how characters might act and speak, and thinking carefully about their positioning on stage. It has been lovely to see so many pupils confidently having a go.

English lessons have also been very practical and engaging. After learning how to fold a T-shirt in under two seconds, the children used iPads to photograph each stage of the process. They then created their own instruction texts explaining how to fold a T-shirt in under five seconds, editing their images to give their work a polished and professional finish.

In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals, using pictorial methods to support our understanding as part of our maths mastery approach. The children have been using diagrams and representations to help them solve problems and explain their thinking clearly using mathematical vocabulary. We have also been practising how to convert decimals into fractions alongside problems using our knowledge of place value to guide us.

We have now come to the end of our topic on World War One. We finished by learning about the Treaty of Versailles. The children explored how harsh the treaty was on Germany and discussed whether they felt it was fair. They also considered what changes they might have made to the treaty, using their knowledge of how events later unfolded with the Second World War. We were also very fortunate to have Mrs Brown bring in a real gas mask, which the children were fascinated to see. They spent time examining it closely and looking at the instructions for how it would have been used during the war, helping them to better understand what life might have been like for people at the time.

We have also been learning about volcano safety, thinking about what people should do if a volcano erupts. The children learnt about the importance of staying away from rivers and lava flows, identifying safe evacuation routes and listening carefully to government safety announcements.





World Book Day - Years 5 & 6

For World Book Day this year, Years 5 and 6 explored the theme of “Journeys.” Instead of focusing on traditional texts, the children worked with three powerful picture books: *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan, *Quest* by Aaron Becker and *Instructions* by Neil Gaiman.

Using these largely wordless stories, pupils had the opportunity to become book detectives, carefully studying the illustrations and using their inference skills to work out what was happening in each scene. This sparked lots of thoughtful discussions as the children shared ideas, interpretations and predictions about the characters and their journeys.

Inspired by *Quest*, the children created their own narrative versions of the story, bringing the adventure to life through their writing. When exploring Instructions, pupils wrote their own imaginative sets of instructions for a magical journey, choosing a character who would help guide them along the way.

A few comments from our Head of Library, Max:

My favourite session was with Mrs Flanders where we explored the story 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. I liked this session because it was full of mystery! It was most enjoyable to see all the outstanding costumes that were worn on World Book Day and I thought the costumes from pupils in the Pre-Reception and Reception classes were unbelievably good! Well done to everybody involved. A thank you to Miss Plant for her tireless efforts to bring World Book Day to life for the Upper School.

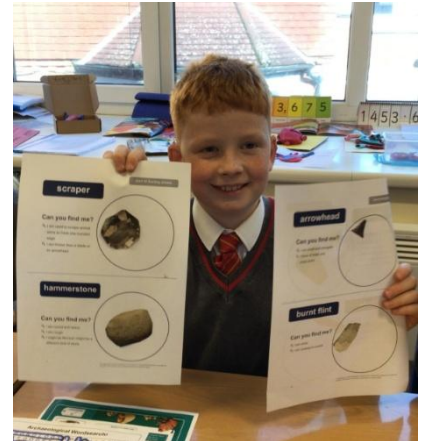
Careers Week

This week we celebrated our second Oakhyrst Grange Careers Week and it was a truly inspiring celebration of ambition, curiosity and possibility for our pupils. Throughout the week, pupils were immersed in a wide range of engaging and exciting assemblies, alongside a plethora of interactive class workshops designed to open their eyes to the many opportunities that await them in the future. These assemblies and workshops ignited conversations and encouraged our pupils to reach for the stars, their possibilities are endless.

From fascinating sessions led by archaeologists, where children explored the mysteries and stories of the past, to insightful workshops with transition coaches who shared advice about resilience and personal growth, every experience was carefully planned to spark imagination and open conversations. Health care professionals offered a glimpse into the rewarding world of caring for others, while lawyers explained how fairness, justice and determination shape their daily work. Each visitor brought their career to life in a way that was accessible, memorable and inspiring for our young learners.

Mrs Dance would like to personally thank all the parents who generously gave up their time to support the initiative. Their hard work, dedication and thoughtful preparation of presentations and activities made a tremendous difference to our pupils' days. The enthusiasm they shared and the effort they invested ensured that every child left with new knowledge, fresh ideas and growing aspirations.

Careers Week was not just about learning about jobs — it was about encouraging our pupils to believe in themselves. We hope the experiences of this week will inspire them to work hard, stay curious and dream big for their futures. The possibilities ahead are endless, and with determination and ambition, they can all achieve extraordinary things. We cannot wait to hear all about them in the future.



Sport

We've had a fantastic start to the term with Sport at Oakhyrst Grange School — made even better by the sunshine!

Twenty of our Year 3–6 runners competed in the challenging ISA Regional cross country at Radnor House School on Tuesday 24th February, tackling a demanding 1.5–2km course across four age-group races. We celebrated two top-five finishes (George and Isabelle) and a top-ten finish (Ophelia) — a superb achievement, particularly as all three were racing a year above their age group. They each qualified to represent London South at the National Finals, where Ophelia achieved an outstanding 41st place in an older age category. All of our runners performed brilliantly in what was a very tough competition, bringing our cross-country season to a close on a high.

In Games lessons, Upper School pupils have continued developing their hockey skills, with Year 3 and 4 especially preparing for upcoming fixtures. In PE, children across the school have been taking part in fitness activities, with some Year 5 and 6 girls training for a Fitness competition later this month.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Pre-Reception to Year 2 parents into PE lessons in a couple of weeks — so make sure you have your trainers ready and are prepared to join in the fun!



Music

The excitement is certainly building as Year 6 begin planning their auditions for this year's school production, *Shrek*! The buzz can be felt throughout the whole school, and each year group is eagerly awaiting the reveal of their own roles in the show — watch this space!

Year 4 delighted us with a truly fantastic class concert. Every pupil shone, and their hard work in lessons really paid off. They demonstrated brilliantly that “teamwork makes the dream work,” and we could not be more proud of them. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our wonderful peripatetic music teachers, whose passion and dedication are clearly reflected in the children's progress. If you are interested in arranging music lessons for your child, please do get in touch.

Our Year 3 pupils continue to make excellent progress on the recorder. Their enthusiasm and discipline in learning have been a joy to see. Please do encourage regular practice at home — not only does learning the recorder lead naturally to other instruments, but it also brings a range of wider developmental benefits. Mrs Bird, our clarinet and saxophone teacher, is hoping to start a Recorder Club soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to experience playing in an ensemble, so do consider signing them up.

Year 6 have also been enjoying composing music for their chosen adverts using the ‘YuStudio’ feature on Charanga. With permission, pupils can also access this platform at home, allowing them to continue exploring music technology in their own time. Their creativity and skill have been inspiring, and I look forward to sharing some of their work with the whole school in an upcoming assembly.

Our younger pupils — Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 — continue to enjoy lively music sessions filled with rhythm games, songs, and hands-on fun with instruments.

We are also very proud to have 30 pupils sitting ABRSM exams at the end of the month, with exams taking place across two days. Our Spring Concert on **17th March** will feature performances from the Orchestra and Chamber Choir, as well as a number of soloists. This week, we are also holding a Teatime Concert including performances from our LAMDA pupils who are preparing for their own exams later in March.

Looking ahead, Year 5 and Year 6 will be working on their Easter Assembly this term, ready to perform it at the end of term.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please let me know so we can organise a trial lesson with the appropriate teacher. We are especially keen to welcome more guitarists, violinists, clarinetists, cellists, saxophonists, and brass players as our current Year 6 musicians prepare to move on.

Overall, music is truly thriving in school, and we have many exciting things to look forward to!

Art



Fish by Olivia Year 4, Caterpillar by Lyrach PR, Inverary Castle by Beatrice Year 1, Welsh Chapel by Zayn Year 1, Tucan by Ethan Year 3, Sunflower by Hetty Year 6.



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ROTATIONAL WEEKLY MENUS



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Spring Term Menu 2026

Week 1	Week Commencing: 26 th January, 23 rd February, 16 th March				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the Day	Jacket Potatoes served with Cheese, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn	Pork Sausages and Creamy Mash Potatoes served with Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Chow Mein and Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Pork Potatoes Yorkshire Puddings Onion Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables	Fish and Chips served with Seasonal Vegetables
Vegetarian Dish (only for who require this)	As above	Plant Based Sausages	Mix Vegetable Rice Noodles	Plant Based Roast	Plant Based Veggie Fingers
Dessert	Homemade Cake	Pineapple and Watermelon	Yoghurt	Chocolate Chip Cookies	Poffertjes
	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table



Oakhyrst Grange School

Spring Term Menu 2026

Week 2	Week Commencing: 12 th January, 2 nd February, 2 nd March, 23 rd March				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the Day	Pasta in Tomato and Basil Sauce served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Vegetables	Margarita Pizza served with Mini has Browns and Cucumber Batons	Beef Chilli con carne Basmati rice served with tortilla chips and seasonal vegetables	Roast Pork Potatoes Gravy served with Yorkshire Puddings and Seasonal Vegetables	Breaded Fish and Chips served with Cucumber Batons
Vegetarian Dish (only for who require this)	As above	As above	Three Beans Chilli	Plant Based Roast	Plant Based Veggie Fingers
Dessert	Homemade Cake	Pineapple and Melon	Yoghurt	Homemade Flapjacks	Homemade Chocolate Cake with Warm Custard
	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table



Oakhyrst Grange School

Spring Term Menu 2026

Week 3	Week Commencing: 19 th January, 9 th Feb, 9 th March, 30 th March				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the Day	Pasta in Tomato Sauce Grated Cheese Garlic Bread and Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Korma Basmati Rice served with Naan Bread and Seasonal Vegetables	All Day Breakfast Pork Sausage Baked Beans Hash Browns served with Garden Peas	Roast Gammon Roast Potatoes Rosemary Gravy Yorkshire Pudding and Seasonal Vegetables	Breaded Fish and Chips served with Cucumber Batons
Vegetarian Dish (only for who require this)	As above	Three Beans and Potato Curry	Plant Based Sausages	Plant Based Roast	Veggie Fingers
Dessert	Homemade Cake	Pineapple and Watermelon	Yoghurt	Jelly	Chocolate Chip Cookies
	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table	Fruit Table

KEY FORTNIGHTLY DATES

- 23.2.26 Bags to School – Drop Off Day
- 23.2.26 French Day Y6, 5, 2 & R
- 24.2.26 ISA Regional Cross Country
- 24.2.26 Year 4 Tea Time Concert
- 25.2.26 Year 1 Classroom Museum
- 26.2.26 Year 5 & 6 Buddy Afternoon
- 27.2.26 French Day Y3 & 1
- 27.2.26 Year 2 Form Assembly
- 27.2.26 Little Acorns Music & Movement