



Oakmeadow

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Friday 19th December

Dear families,

As we wrap up the autumn term, we've had a truly festive week filled with joy and celebration. We were delighted to welcome Santa to school and hope your child enjoyed receiving their book gift—thank you to our wonderful PTA for kindly funding these. It was lovely to see the children in their colourful Christmas jumpers and enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday. A special shout-out goes to Year 5 for their fantastic performance of Bah Humbug! at Christchurch; their voices filled the church beautifully, and they should be very proud of themselves.

Today we ended the term with a lovely worship together celebrating our Value Champions – children who have been voted by their peers for consistently showing the value of Respect. Next term we will be looking at Honesty & Integrity.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this term. We wish you all a wonderful festive break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday, 5th January.

Warm regards,

Samantha Hill



REMINDERS & NOTICES:



Mental Health Support over the Christmas Period

Christmas can be a daunting time, and a time you might feel more pressure to feel or be a certain way. Make sure you are kind to yourself over the Christmas period, and know it is okay to struggle and to talk about your feelings.

SAMARITANS

Samaritans- Support for anyone that needs to talk, offers 24/7 support by phone- 116123

shout

Shout: Provides free, confidential 24/7 crisis text support. Text SHOUT to 85258 to connect with a volunteer.

kooth

Kooth offers free, confidential and anonymous online support and counselling for 11-23 year olds. Their team will be available to provide mental wellbeing support over the festive period.

NHS

Call 111 or visit NHS 111 online for advice if you experience a significant change in your mental health and are not already receiving care from mental health services.

Beat Eating disorders

Beat provide support to help young people who may be struggling with an eating problem or an eating disorder. Call 0808 801 0677.

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Childline provides a confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem. Call: 0800 1111 anytime

PAPYRUS

PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE

Papyrus provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person. Call: 0800 068 3131 or text: 07860 039967 (9am-midnight, 365 days a year).

THE MIX

The Mix provides free, confidential support for young people under 25. Call: 0808 808 4994 (3pm-midnight every day) or email.

NHS

Urgent Mental Health Helpline

Call 0808 196 4501 for free, 24/7 advice, support, and triage from a mental health professional for all ages.

Bee

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

you can call the 24/7 urgent mental health helpline at 0808 196 4501.

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School Lunch Menu:

We will return back to school on **week 2** of our school lunch menu.

Afterschool clubs:

Club grids for Spring term 2026 have been shared this week.

Bookings will go live on Arbor Monday 5th January 2026.

Clubs will start WC Monday 12th January 2025.

Wraparound registers for Spring term 2026 are now live on Arbor.

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.

Year 5 and 6 Bikeability:

Please ensure you have completed the form for Bikeability if you would like your year 5 and 6 child to take part in the course in January 2026.

Year 4 TTRS competition:

Year 4 have been taking part in a TTRS competition between some other trust schools. During our trial Autumn competition, Oakmeadow were the top school! Hedgehogs class was the top class overall(average class score 9143 points) , and Elitzia Bonnici was the child with the most points across the whole of the trust (27,791) !

We have our Spring competition up and running where year 3 have also been invited! We would love to keep up our winning streak as more schools have now joined the competition.

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm
 Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support. For all Shropshire families, including those whose children have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

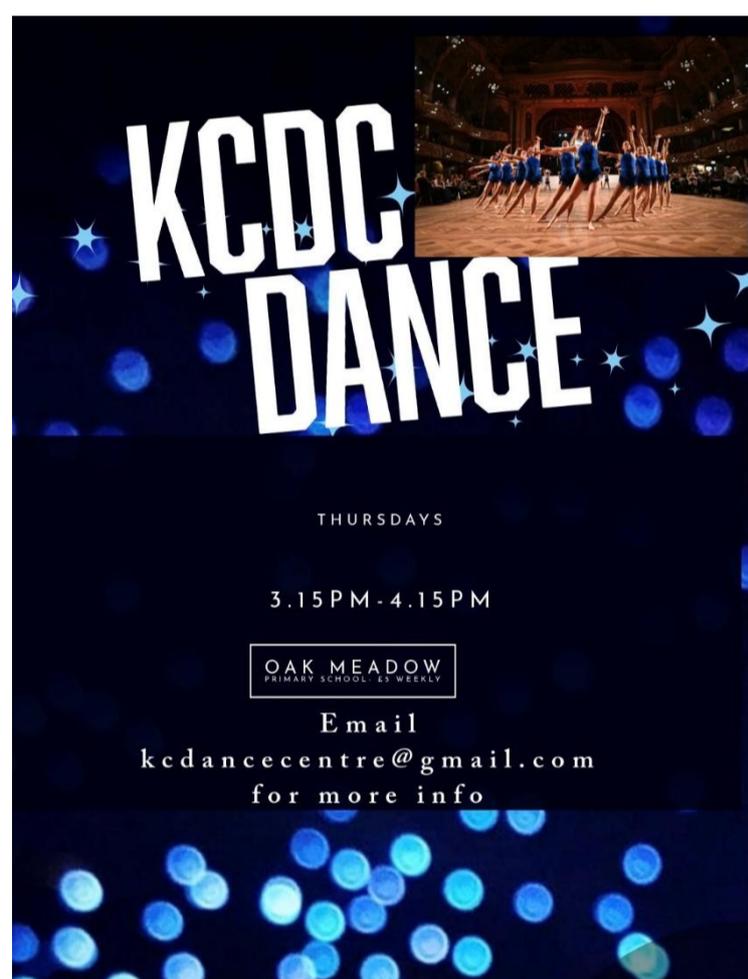


IMPORTANT DIARY DATES:

January 2026

Monday 5th January	Children back in school
Thursday 8th January	Open Event 2pm
Friday 9th January	Young Voices Concert
Monday 12th January	Foxes swimming
Monday 12th January- Friday 16th January	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 19th January	Foxes swimming
Monday 19th January- Friday 23rd January	Y6 Bikeability

COMMUNITY NEWS:



KCDC DANCE

THURSDAYS

3.15 PM - 4.15 PM

OAK MEADOW
PRIMARY SCHOOL £3 WEEKLY

Email
kcdancecentre@gmail.com
for more info



Winter Holiday Programme December 2025

4All FOUNDATION

Sports, arts and crafts, quizzes, dance, games, drama and more

Grange Primary School, Shrewsbury: 22nd, 29th, 30th and 31st, 9am - 1pm

Harlescott Grange Community Hub, Shrewsbury: Winter Party Day, Monday 22nd, 9am - 4pm

Longlands Primary School, Market Drayton: 22nd, 29th, 30th and 31st, 9am - 1pm

Lower Heath CE Primary School, Whitchurch: 30th and 31st, 9am - 1pm

Pontesbury Public Hall: 22nd and 29th, 8.30am - 4.30pm

Sir John Talbot's School, Whitchurch: 22nd, 29th, 30th and 31st, 9am - 1pm

Tilstock CE Primary School CE, Whitchurch: 22nd and 29th, 9am - 1pm

Bushcraft trips: foraging, shelter building, fire-craft and navigation

For primary school children, leaving from Longlands Primary School: 23rd and 30th, 9am - 5pm

For secondary school children, leaving from Sir John Talbot's School: 22nd and 29th, 9am - 5pm

Book a place now at
4-all-foundation.classforkids.io

Please email HAF@4all.foundation to enquire about eligibility for free places (including for children who are eligible for Free School Meals).

Non-funded places are £8 for half-day sessions, including lunch, and £16 for full-day sessions, including breakfast and lunch

HAF Shropshire Department for Education



Join us for a festive junior parkrun – fancy dress encouraged!

When: **Sunday 21 December, 9am** start
Where: Doctor's Monument, Victoria Avenue, Quarry Park
www.parkrun.org.uk/register if a first timer




JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER
or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

Heading to Shrewsbury town centre this Christmas?

Avoid the hassle of finding and paying for parking by using the Shrewsbury Park and Ride service.

Buses run **up to every 12 minutes** at peak times, and **children under 16 travel free** with a fare-paying adult.

The buses are **fully accessible** for wheelchairs, pushchairs, and mobility aids, and it's fantastic value at **only £2 return**.

It really is the easy way into town!

You can find lots of useful information about Park and Ride, including route maps, bus stop locations and how to find the Park and Ride sites (Meole Brace, Oxon and Harlescott) at the Shropshire Council website."



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