

THE OAKS CE LEARNING FEDERATION

NEWSLETTER

July 2025

Our School Vision

Connected through the values of love, respect and compassion. Three separate schools, we journey together to grow physically, spiritually, emotionally and intellectually, so that everyone can fulfil their potential. We strive to preserve the wonder of childhood, whilst ensuring our children are future ready.

A Message from Mr Bowen

And just like that – it's the end of the school year, and what a lot has happened this half term! There have been school trips, visits to schools, sporting events, art week, phonics testing, lots of learning, and a huge number of reports written up to reflect all the learning from the year!

As always, our children have done us really proud! We have the highest number of children reaching age-related expectations and GDS at the end of Year Two that we have had for many years. We have been thrilled with this, following on from the success of our recent Ofsted and SIAMS inspections within the Federation.

Staffing Changes

I would like to welcome Mr Warren, who will be taking the baton from Mr Noble at Netley Marsh and acting as the Federation's Year Two lead. Mr Warren is currently employed in Salisbury and will be starting after October half term.

In the interim, Mrs Maclaurin (our current Year 1 lead, working alongside Mrs Maddams – an experienced school senior leader) will be teaching in Butterfly Class for the first half term. Mrs Maclaurin, as Year One lead, is already familiar with the work of the children within this class, and both teachers have a history of excellent practice and high outcomes.

In Year R at Copythorne, I would also like to welcome Miss Campone, who some of you will already know, having undertaken previous training at Copythorne. Miss Campone will be taking over from Mr Cooper, who is off on the adventure of a lifetime around the world.

It is a fond farewell to Mrs Thomas, who is retiring after a long and successful career. She will be greatly missed. Mrs Maclaurin (our current Year One lead) will be stepping up for the year as interim SENCO for the Federation, working across the schools for three days a week and eventually teaching alongside our newest teacher, Mrs Langton, in Hedgehog Class at Copythorne. Mrs Langton will be teaching full time until October half term, when Mrs Maclaurin will return to Copythorne and teach alongside Mrs Langton.

Mrs Steen, who has also been working in Butterfly Class at Netley Marsh, will be moving schools to support learning at Copythorne. We know she will continue to be great in her new school!

Mrs Pickering will also be leaving the Federation. Mrs Pickering has worked across all three of our schools, supporting teaching and learning, and I know she will be very much missed.

We have also employed a new site manager! We are thrilled to welcome Mr Dunn to the team!

And – as you will know – I would also like to bid a final farewell, as I move to my new Federation of Burley Primary School and Sopley Primary School. Mrs Flynn will be stepping into the role of interim headteacher, while the governors continue to work with the local authority to ensure that the Federation moves forward in the best direction.



“Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid nor be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” Joshua 1:9

Next Year

As always, we have spent a considerable amount of time this year reflecting on our practice—celebrating what is going well and identifying areas for growth. Looking ahead, we are excited to be embarking on an ambitious new project next year. Our focus will be on supporting children to better understand their own brains, while also developing a deeper awareness of the many reasons people behave in the ways they do. This work will shape not only our approach to teaching but also inform the future direction of our behaviour policy.

This initiative is already underway at Hounslow and Testwood, and next year Bartley and The Oaks will be working closely together to develop a shared, collaborative approach that enhances both pupil behaviour and adult understanding of behaviour.

We've already begun working with Kit Messenger to build expertise within our school systems, and we're looking forward to continuing this journey. As part of this, we will be launching whole-school training during our October INSET day, with further updates to follow after this next stage of development.

In the meantime, for those of you who enjoy some light educational reading, I recommend *Curious Not Furious* by Alison Rendle and Kit Messenger, which is helping to guide and influence our thinking and practice.

Summer School

Please don't panic at the thought of no school over the summer! We know that for many of our children, the summer break provides a great opportunity to rest and reconnect with friends and family. For others, it can leave a yearning for study.

The Oaks National Academy will continue to post online learning (including short videos) over the summer break. For those who feel that your child would enjoy the routine or would benefit from a little extra input, have a look at the games on our website: [Here](#). There is also a fab app called White Rose 1 Minute App, which can help keep maths skills ticking over.

Equally, for those of you who are planning to spend six weeks at the beach – this sounds like a good plan as well!

**We pray that this summer holiday will be full of new experiences.
We pray that God will be with all our children in whatever
they do and wherever they go.**

Amen

Autumn Diary Dates – St Michael and All Angels

Wednesday 3 rd September	Inset Day – Staff Training
Thursday 4 th September	Start of Autumn Term KS1 Return to school
4 th 5 th 8 th or 9 th September	Year R Home Visits
Wednesday 10 th September	Year R Group A 8:30am–12pm Year R Group B 1pm–3:15pm
Thursday 11 th September	Year R Group B 8:30am–12pm Year R Group A 1pm–3:15pm
Friday 12 th September	All of Year R 8:30am–1pm
Friday 12 th September, 2:45pm	KS1 Parent Information Talk
Monday 15 th September	First Full Day for Year R Year R join us full time from this date
Wednesday 17 th September	Individual Portrait Photos
Wednesday 24 th September, 2:30pm	Year R Welcome Church Service Family members are welcome to join us in St Michael and All Angels Church
Thursday 25 th September	KS1 Testwood Lakes
Thursday 2 nd October	KS1 Testwood Lakes
Friday 3 rd October, 2pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 9 th October, 2:45pm	Year R Parent Information Talk
Thursday 16 th October, 2:30pm	Harvest Service Family members are welcome to join us in St Michael and All Angels Church
Monday 20 th October, 9:30am–11:30am	Year 2 Hockey Competition Bartley School – Families are welcome
Tuesday 21 st October, 9:30am–11:30am	Year 1 Hockey Competition Bartley School – Families are welcome
Tuesday 21 st October	Parent Consultations
Thursday 23 rd October	Parent Consultations
Friday 24 th October	Inset Day – Staff Training
Half Term – Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October	
Monday 3 rd November	Inset Day – Staff Training
Tuesday 16 th December, 2pm	Christmas Service Family members are welcome to join us in St Michael and All Angels Church
Christmas Break – Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January	
Monday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term



2025-2026 Term Dates

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Hampshire School Holidays

Bank/National Holidays

Oaks Federation Inset Days

Wednesday 3rd September

Friday 24th October

Monday 3rd November

Friday 13th February

Monday 1st June