



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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A new arrival

Congratulations to Miss Lodge and her family on the arrival of their new baby girl, Harriett



Congratulations to our Golden Ticket winners

Rec - Ava M-R, Zach D, Grayson H, Lily C, **Year 1** - Annabelle H, Millie D, Andre N, Riley,
Year 2 - Danielius A, Isla F, Alfie S, Ollie E, **Year 3** - Erin C, Poppy S, Olivia B, Abigail M,
Year 4 - George M, Jessica-Anne W, Thea S, Freya A, **Year 5** - Billy H, Mickey M, Freya B,
Lucas H, **Year 6** - Maisie L, Liam B, Jacob M, Hameeda W

School Council



For Children's Mental Health Week, the School Council organised opportunities for each class to focus on the message 'My Voice Matters'. The School Council did a fantastic job planning an activity where each class thought about what was important to them in their lives and were given the opportunity to talk about this.



General messages

Please can we remind all parents and carers that dogs are not permitted on the school site. We also ask that children are not sent into school with toys or pencil cases.

E-safety

There is an online dating site called MyLOL that is specifically aimed at teenagers and claims to have more than a million users. This site has been highlighted as a serious concern as in some countries police forces and schools have warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site. More information is available in the attached pdf file, including specific advice for parents on the issue.

Eco-Council

Please scroll down to see this week's Eco-council poster. This week's Eco-council tip: Please remember to recycle or re-use plastic where possible.

Acorns

We currently have vacancies at Acorns, our before and after school club. If you are interested in the role or know of anyone who may be, please follow [Breakfast and Afterschool Club Assistant](https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk) ([essexschoolsjobs.co.uk](https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk)) All applications must be made online.

Celebration certificates

A big congratulations to all the children that were awarded with a certificate in Friday's celebration assembly.

Achievement Certificates	Maths
Adam E, Lucy S, Kathleen M, Jake A, Jacob W, Callie K, Stanley M, William C, Connall M, Lewis C, Teddy A, Noah S	Luca T, Isla G, Janaya Y, Matthew B, Alfie T, Charlotte C, William D, Seth G, Max F, Marie D, Hudson H, Cloe C

Attendance awards

Each week we celebrate the attendance of each class and announce the two classes in each key stage with the highest attendance.

KS1	KS2	Whole School
Classes 2, 4, 5, 6 - 95%	Class 7 - 98%	95.5%

House points

This week's house point totals are below. A big well done to all the children earning house points this week.

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
30	45	31	36

Dates for your diary

WC 19/2/24
Half term

1/3/24
Uniform sale

1/3/24
Bingo FOO Event

7/3/24
World Book Day

Lunch Menu

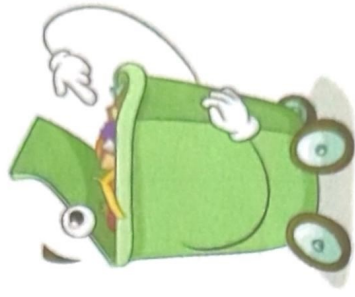
Week 2

Click on the link to view our weekly menus:

[Menu](#)

School dinners need to be paid at the beginning of the week or daily when ordered.

Calling all students we need your help to
stop people from littering. So, put litter in the
bins and if you see someone litter tell them
to stop and pick it up!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



The National College

NOS
National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

**Diary dates for the year**

Spring Term (4th January – 28th March)		
Date	Event	Details
Friday 16 th February 2024	INSET DAY	
W/C 19/02/2024	Half Term	
Friday 1 st March 2024	Uniform Sale	FOO Details to follow
Friday 1 st March 2024	Bingo	FOO event Details to follow
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day	Pre loved book sale in Tree-house
Friday 8 th March 2024	Mother's Day Wish Room	FOO Event – Small Hall
Wednesday 20 th March 2024	Parents Consultations	4:00pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 21 st March 2024	Parents Consultations	4:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Oakfield's got Talent	In school activity
Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Rocksteady Performance	9:00am
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Easter Eggstravaganser	FOO Event - TBC Details to follow
Friday 29 th March 2024	GOOD FRIDAY	Bank Holiday

Summer Term (15th April – 23rd July)

Date	Event	Details
Friday 19th April	Spring School Disco	Details to follow
Monday 6 th May 2024	MAY BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 7th May 2024	Beauchamps visit to school year 6 children and parents	2.15pm Large Hall
Wednesday 8th May 2024	Year 2 Journey Around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large hall
Thursday 9th May 2024	Reception Journey Around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large hall
Friday 10th May	Year 5 Journey Around	2.30pm Large hall
Friday 10th May	Doughnut Day	
W/C 13/05/2024	YEAR 6 SATS WEEK	
Monday 20th May	Year 4 Journey Around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large hall
Tuesday 21st May	Year 3 Journey Around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large hall
Wednesday 22nd May	Year 1 Journey Around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large hall
Wednesday 22nd May	EYFS Trip to Barleylands	Letter to parents to follow
Thursday 23rd May	Year 6 Journey Around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large hall
W/C 27/05/2024	MAY HALF TERM	
Saturday 8 th June 2024	Summer Fete	12:00—3:00pm
Friday 14 th June 2024	Father's Day Wish Room	FOO Event – Small Hall
Wednesday 19 th June 2024	Uniform Sale	Treehouse Further details to follow
Friday 21 st June 2024	Sports Day and Picnic	3/4/5/6 – 9:00 -11:30am Whole school picnic 11:45-12:45pm R/1/2 – 1:00 - 3:00pm
Tuesday 25 th June 2024	Contingency date - Sports day	3/4/5/6 – 9:00 -11:30am Whole school picnic 11:45-12:45pm R/1/2 – 1:00 - 3:00pm
Thursday 27th June 2024 Friday 28th June 2024	Bromfords Year 6 Transition Day	All day

Friday 28 th June 2024	Beauchamps Year 6 Transition Day	All day
	Talk and Share and Meet the new teacher	3:30 -4:45pm
Friday 5 th July 2024	Rainbow Run	FOO Event Details to follow
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	Rocksteady Performance	9:00am
Thursday 11 th July 2024	Beauchamps Taster Day Year 5	Details to follow
	Year 6 performance	2:00pm 5:30pm
Friday 12 th July 2024	Reception celebration assembly	Year R Parents – 9:00am
	Ice-cream Fridays	FOO – after school
Monday 15 th July 2024	Year 1 Celebration assembly	Year 1 Parents – 9:00am
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	Year 2 Celebration assembly	Year 2 Parents – 9:00am
Wednesday 17 th July 2024	Year 3 Celebration assembly	Year 3 Parents – 9:00am
Thursday 18 th July 2024	Year 4 Celebration assembly	Year 4 Parents – 9:00am
Friday 19 th July 2024	Year 5 celebration assembly	Year 5 Parents – 9:00am
	Ice-cream Fridays	FOO – after school
Monday 22 nd July 2024	Year 6 leavers assembly	Year 6 Parents – 9:00am
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	LAST DAY OF TERM	