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Dear Parents

I hope you enjoyed the May Bank Holiday. We are always very busy and the Summer Term is no exception! Already some of our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils enjoyed a couple of nights away at a PGL Centre in Wiltshire and Year 6 visited Battle Abbey – look out for the reports in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Many parents have downloaded the free Oaklands App for Apple and Android tablets and mobile devices. We are hoping that a version for Windows will be available shortly. If you have not yet had a chance to look, I recommend it as a useful tool to check on a number of important things including menus, events and the school calendar, and to keep up to date with school news. It also provides a quick link to the parents' portal and website. Feedback from parents so far has been extremely positive. We also tweet 'headline' news several times each week so do follow us: [@OaklandsSch](https://twitter.com/OaklandsSch).

Summer uniform

Please note that all pupils should be wearing summer uniform. A full list of uniform items can be found on our website. For a complete list of the summer uniform click on the link to Forest Casualwear, the school's uniform supplier. They are open from 9am to 5.30pm from Monday to Saturday, but also operate a website for direct mail order at forestcasualwear.co.uk/acatalog/Oaklands.html. It is important that the pupils are looking smart wearing the correct uniform every day!

Photographs

The children will be having class and team photographs taken on Monday 18 May and a whole school photograph on Tuesday 19 May on the school field.

Multi-Sports Club

The new Saturday morning Multi-Sports Club for children from Garden Room to Year 2 at Oaklands, Coopersale Hall and Normanhurst held at Coopersale Hall School is going well. There are a few spaces available – contact Emma Curtis on bookings@oaktreeschools.co.uk for more details.

Living Eggs

Ten hens eggs have arrived in Transition and the children are very excited to see them hatch! I'm sure they will keep you informed and we'll be giving a full report in our next newsletter.

'Test' weeks

We are trialling new tests for Year 1 to Year 6. They will include online assessments for reading, comprehension, maths and mental maths. Results will be shared with you in the end of year reports, which will be sent to you via your parent portal on Monday 6 July. Tests for Year 2 to Year 5 will be held during the week beginning 11 May and those for Year 6 during the week of 18 May. Year 1 tests will take place after May half term. Please do not panic the children as they do not require intense revision, but will provide us with a snapshot of what the children can do on the day. I know they will all try their best.

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School Kitchen

After nearly three years as our Chef in the kitchen, James Perrin will be leaving us at the end of this half term to take up a position closer to home in a very large comprehensive school in Wickford. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well for the future and in thanking him for his hard work feeding us all.

Parking

Bright yellow zigzag lines have finally arrived! There should be no excuses now as to why you cannot respect the Highway Code as the lines and notice regarding parking restrictions are very clear. Please remember to park sensibly away from the immediate vicinity of the school and walk the last few metres – exercise is very good for everyone!

OPA

The OPA are currently busy organising the OPA Summer Fete for Saturday 6 June. The fete opens at 2pm after the Dance display which will start at about 1pm. Please do not hesitate to contact them on oaklandsparentsassociation@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

Dates

The following list provides an update of events planned for the term:

Thursday 7 May	Woodford Green Athletics League 3.30pm
Monday 11 May	TR Trip to Tropical Wings at 9.15pm – 3pm
Monday 11-Friday 15	Y6 Activity Week at Young Mariners Base
Thursday 14 May	Woodford Green Athletics League 3.30pm
Monday 18 May	Class Photographs
Tuesday 19 May	Whole School Photograph 9.30am Y2 – Y6 Music Concert in School Hall 6pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 20 May	LAMDA Exams 1S Play to Parents 2pm Y2 – Y6 Music Concert in School Hall 6pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 21 May	LAMDA Exams 1T Play to Parents 2pm Woodford Green Athletics League 3.30pm
Friday 22 May	Y6 British Museum

HALF TERM BREAK – MONDAY 25 MAY TO FRIDAY 29 MAY 2015

Monday 1 June	First day back to School
Saturday 6 June	TR – Y6 Dancing Display OPA Summer Fete
Friday 12 June	Y6 Crucial Crew at Gilwell
Tuesday 16 June	GR Dance Display on Playground 9.15am
Monday 22 June	GR – new Welcome meeting 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 23 June	LK Dance Display in Hall (Butterflies and Ladybirds) GR – new Welcome meeting 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 24 June	Y5 + Y6 Lopping Hall Rehearsals 1pm – 4pm
Thursday 25 June	Y5 + Y6 Lopping Hall Rehearsals 9am – 4pm
Friday 26 June	Y5 + Y6 Production at Lopping Hall 6.45pm

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I look forward to seeing many of you at the various events. If you do have any concerns or points you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or one of the SLT members.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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