



Headmistress's Talk Highlights

- Oaklands School is a warm, friendly and safe environment with a thriving, caring and mutually respectful community of staff, pupils and their families.
- The children are happy and therefore learn and make excellent progress.
- We pride ourselves on developing 'the whole child': at the forefront is obviously their academic progress, but equally important is their development as a person, as an individual whose level of self-esteem and self-confidence and awareness of the importance of their own physical and mental well-being prepares them for their later life in an adult world.
- The school is divided into three Key Stages: Early Years, KS1 and KS2.
- In Early Years, Lower Kindergarten and Upper Kindergarten, your child is placed in a group of approximately 8/9 children with a keyworker.
- From Reception to Year 6, each class has a fully qualified teacher, and most have a full time TA.
- Small class sizes offer excellent pupil to teacher ratios enabling teachers to really know their pupils and plan for their individual needs.
- We track each child's progress and step in quickly if there are any causes for concern. Similarly, we aim to extend our able and more-able pupils, giving further breadth to their learning.
- We have a robust assessment structure in place throughout the school to enable us to provide continual, detailed information to parents about the achievement and progress of their child.
- Our outstanding pastoral system nurtures and supports each child's personal development.
- We work consistently hard to establish and maintain excellent lines of communication with our parents, ensuring a caring and educational 'bubble' around each child as they progress through the school.
- We offer a broad and balanced curriculum and throughout the school, all pupils benefit from our specialist teaching in science, music, PE/Games, Computing and French.
- Our curriculum is further boosted by the huge range of extra-curricular clubs which successfully cater for developing each pupil's individual interests and talents.
- Trips and workshops in school are organised in all age groups to enhance the children's learning.
- We encourage the children to participate in many drama and music events, as well as a variety of sporting activities.



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- We offer wrap-around care. Breakfast Club starts at 7.30am and Teatime Club runs until 6pm. There are also Holiday clubs both here at Oaklands and at the other Oak-Tree Schools.
- We endeavour to play a part in the wider community and we enter various competitions, both locally and nationally, in a range of activities to cater and develop the talents of all the pupils.
- We support local, national and global charities by participating in a number of fundraising events. This raises the children's awareness of those less fortunate than themselves and develops their understanding and empathy for people across the world.
- By the time the children reach Year 6, they become very responsible young people, and take on extra responsibilities such as being prefects, house captains, games captains and subject monitors.
- There are many schools to choose from at 11+ and we are proud of our consistent success rate of most children obtaining places at their first choice schools.