Oldbury on Severn C of E Primary School

'Love One Another'...John 13

Love, Learn Flourish

Term 1 was a fantastic start to the year.

Staff finished the term with a really useful INSET day alongside colleagues from across the Bridge schools, led by Vicky Gordon from Thinking About Learning. The focus was on foundational knowledge and how we can continue to strengthen learning for all our children.

We look forward to a busy, fun-filled Term 2.
Welcome back all!



OLDBURYSCHOOL

Newsletter 4: Monday 2nd November 2026

Values Award Winners Term 1





Well done to all of our amazing Values Badge winners from Term 2. We are so proud of all of our children.



		VALUE					
		JOY	COMMUNITY	CARE	RESPECT	GROWTH	FRIENDSHIP
Class 1	*Term 1*	Freya	Remi Budd	Remi Bowers	Dotty	Ernie	Penny
Class 2	*Term 1*	Rosa	Lilly-Rose	Toby	Phoenix	Theo B	Lara
Class 3	*Term 1*	Jessie	Milo	Emma	Luke	Mikey	Otis

End of the day school pick up

As we continue to develop our KS1 outdoor area, collection at 3.30pm has become a little cramped.



From today, Badger and Foxes children should be collected directly from outside their classrooms. Parents of children in these classes can enter through the green gates ready for teachers to dismiss children at 3.30pm. Hedgehog children will continue to be collected from the main fenced area at the front of the school.

When collecting from outside Badgers and Foxes, please supervise younger children carefully if they are using the playground equipment. Parents remain responsible for their own children at collection time and we would appreciate your support in encouraging toddlers to use our outdoor spaces respectfully and leave them tidy for everyone to enjoy.



A bell will ring at 3.40pm to signal that the gates are closing. All parents and children must leave the school site at this time. This is an important safeguarding measure and we thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping everyone safe.



Remember, Remember the 5th of November



In assembly this week we are recapping how to stay safe on Bonfire night. We will be watching the following video:

Bonfire Night: Top tips for staying safe - BBC Newsround

SCHOLASTIC

Dos and don'ts

- Do stand well back from the fire and fireworks
- Do keep a bucket of water ready for emergencies
- Do always ask an adult to light a firework
- Do hold a sparkler at arms length
- Do wear gloves when holding a sparkler
- Don't go back to a firework after it has been lit
- Don't give a sparkler to anyone who is under the age of five.
- Don't throw fireworks
- Don't carry fireworks in your pockets
- Don't light fireworks after 11pm – this is illegal





Next **Friday 13th November** children are invited to wear spots to school and bring £1 on support of the wonderful charity Children in Need.

Remembrance Day 2026

Our annual Remembrance Walk has become a special and important tradition at Oldbury, giving us time to come together as a school community to remember those who have served and sacrificed for others.

This year, we will walk to the Memorial Hall at **10.45am on Wednesday 11th November**, where we will observe a two minute silence and lay a wreath.

Families are warmly welcomed to join us for the walk and to share this important moment of remembrance with us.

We look forward to coming together as a community to remember.

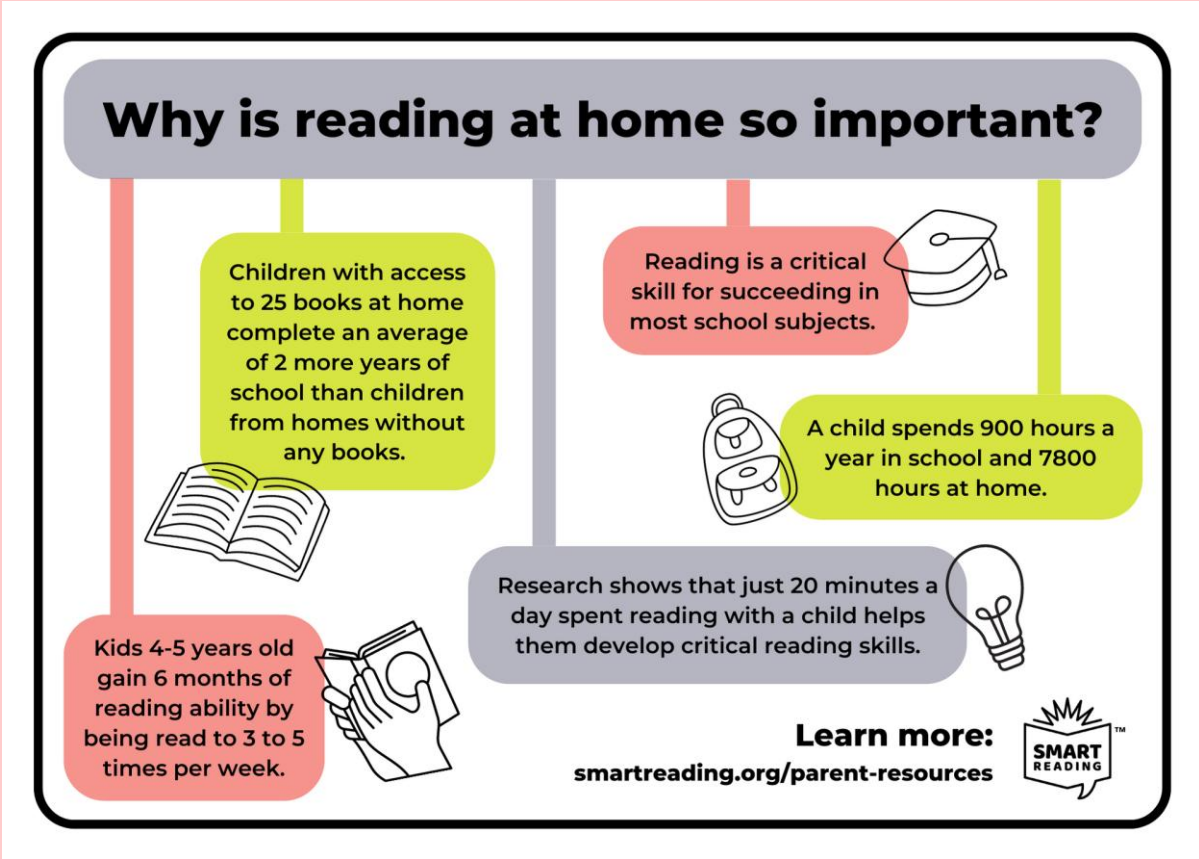
We will be selling **poppies and poppy reflector tags only this year, in exchange for a donation**. We have decided to keep things simple by focusing on poppies, helping children to understand their meaning and ensuring that the important message of remembrance remains. These will be available to buy before and after school over the next few days.





Reading at home

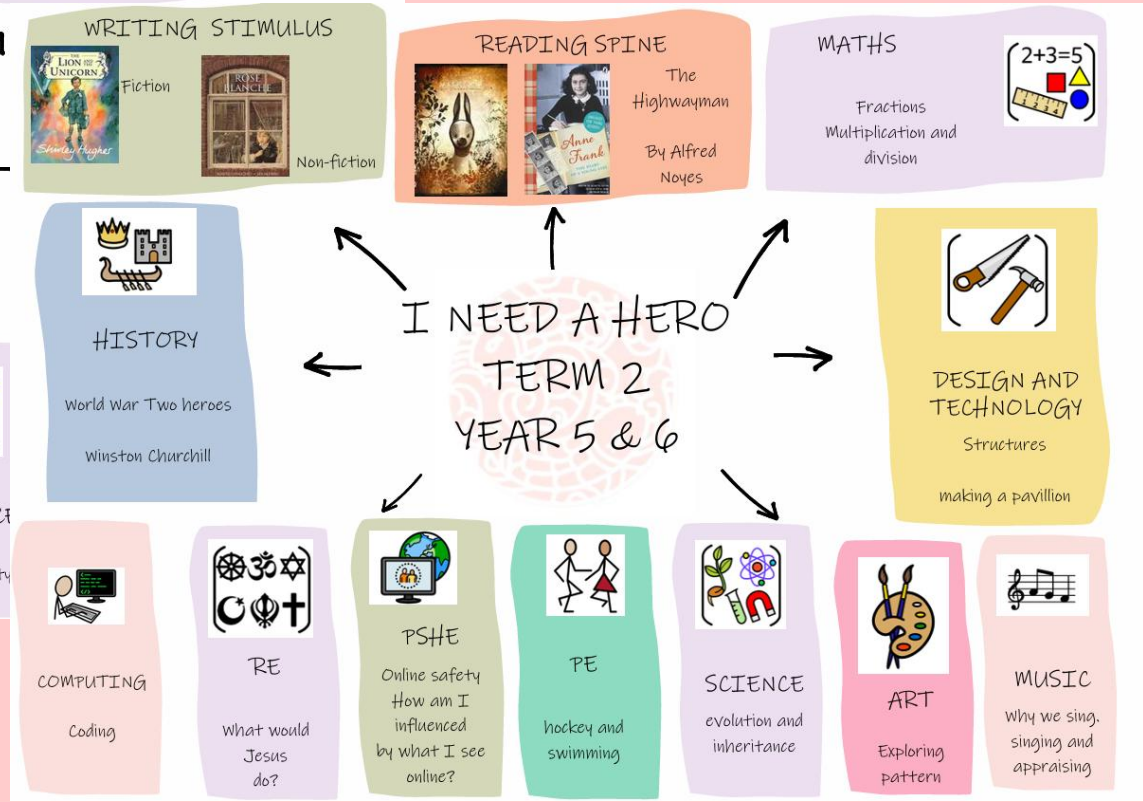
Reading regularly makes an enormous difference to your child's progress, confidence and enjoyment of learning. At Oldbury, we ask that every child reads at home **at least five times a week**. Please take a few seconds to record each read in their reading journal so that we can celebrate and monitor their progress. Just as importantly, please try to read *to* your child every day too. Sharing stories, enjoying books together and talking about what you read has a huge impact on vocabulary, comprehension and a lifelong love of reading. We really cannot overstate how much difference this makes. Please help us by making reading part of your daily routine!



Termly Curriculum Overviews







These can be found on our school website and are designed to give you a little more insight into the curriculum learning that your children will be covering this term.

Forest School Clothing



Dressing appropriately for Forest School helps children stay warm, dry and comfortable so they can fully enjoy exploring and learning outdoors in all weathers. Layers are key, as children can add or remove clothing depending on the temperature and how active they are. Please send children in wearing their Forest School clothes, with extra layers and spare socks in their bags. Hats and gloves are essential in colder weather and bibs and all in one waterproof overalls are highly recommended to keep children warm, dry and ready for outdoor adventures!



Forest School

- Black leggings or joggers
- Red T-shirt
- Red hoodie/jumper
- Waterproof trousers
- Waterproof jacket
- Wellngton boots
- Layers for underneath in winter

Attendance

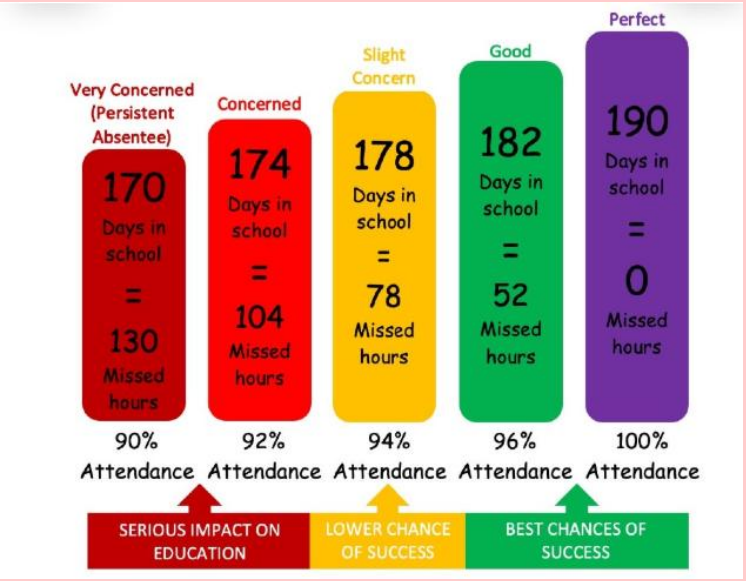
We would like to remind all families that if you are planning for your child to be absent from school during term time for any reason other than illness or emergency, **you must submit a written request to the Headteacher at least two weeks in advance**.

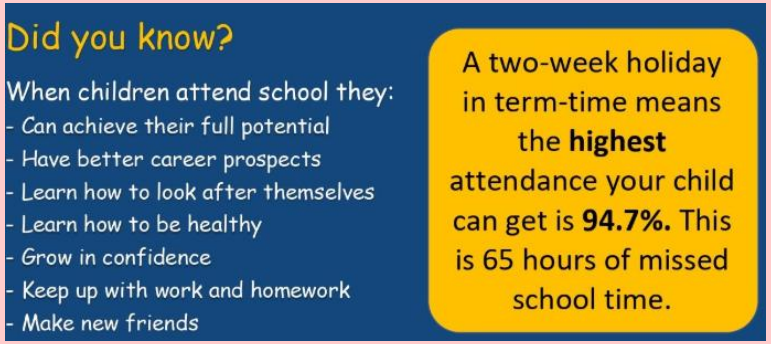
Please note that, under current school attendance law in England, parents do not have an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Under the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024, leave of absence may only be granted where the school considers that there are exceptional circumstances.

Unauthorised absences may result in a penalty notice or further legal action, so it is vital that all requests are made in writing to the Headteacher with sufficient notice.

We would like to remind parents that the national penalty notice framework takes into account unauthorised leave of absence over a 3 year period. For example, PN issued in a first year would double if parents removed their child in a second year. In a third year this could result in the local authority taking the parents to court.

Thank you for your support in ensuring high attendance and continuity in your child's education.







PLAY IT SAFE



-no ads
-no suggested videos
-no comments

YOUTUBE KIDS

Privacy Settings on Social Media Sites

YouTube Kids is available for children under 13, providing family-friendly content using a mix of automated filters, human review and feedback from parents. Only videos listed as 'For Children' will appear on this filtered version of the main site. YouTube Kids provides tools for parents to customise their children's experience in the app, from choosing what content they can watch, to limiting screen time, to blocking videos.

There are also resources available to help develop healthy digital habits.

Parental Settings:

1. Click the padlock icon at the top right of the page
2. Answer the question to unlock
3. Use the options to age-restrict the app further, set a password and turn off the search function
4. Scroll down for privacy options





12 WAYS To Make YouTube Safer For Children

1. Monitor: Watch what they watch while they're watching
2. Help children self-monitor
3. Disable Search
4. Adjust the content level
5. Pause Watch History
6. Add a custom passcode
7. Block inappropriate content
8. Use Restricted Mode
9. Remove distractions
10. Create custom playlists
11. Use content filtering
12. Have children keep an access or usage reflection journal

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CHILD SAFE VPN

PDSC bsi. DIGITAL SECURITY INNOVATOR

PDSC POLICE DIGITAL SECURITY CENTRE



School Nursing Service parent drop-in

If you are a parent or carer and would like to speak to a member of the School Nursing Team to get information and advice for your child, then please come along to one of our parent drop-ins.

This will also be an opportunity for you to meet with other parents and ask the School Nursing Team any questions you may have.

When: Every Friday including school holidays, 10:30am -12pm

Where: Martin's House, opposite Kings Oak Academy.

You can contact: School Nursing team 0300 125 5151.

Use the QR code to view our web page and find out more about our service.

Service provided by Sirona care & health

Friends of Oldbury presents a

Christmas WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

£40 per person



Get creative, learn a new skill and share the Christmas spirit!

30th November 2026

19.30 - 22.00

At the Oldbury-on-Severn Memorial Hall

Buy your tickets from the Oldbury Village Shop



Included in the price is Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

All materials and foliage provided & All funds raised go to the school