

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 28th February 2025



Volunteering in our local community

As part of our whole school theme for 2024/5 we are looking this term at our local community. We have had visitors from Southampton such as our local MP and Saints players and some classes have been out on trips discovering parts of the City they may not have been to before and learning about its history.

Between now and Easter each class in school will be carrying out a volunteering activity in the local community and this week they have been planning what they are going to do. These vary from picking up litter at the Sports Centre and car washing to visiting a local care home.

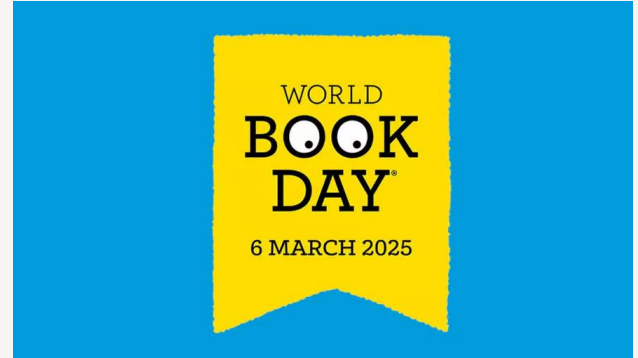
Reports and pictures from the different activities over the next few weeks



Coming up

INSET Day – **Next Friday 7th March.** School closed to pupils

Comic Relief – Red Nose day. Friday 21st March details to follow



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March! **Students are welcome to come to school in non-uniform or dressed as a character or identity from their favourite book.**

As part of the celebration, next week we will be asking students to take a photo of themselves reading in a strange or funny place.



We would love your support in helping them take this photo and sending it to their class teacher via Class Dojo. Mr King has already accepted the challenge and even Max has caught the reading bug.

Our College students will be looking at Reading in the Community on World Book Day.



School gets new roof... and ducks get a new home



After many years of leaking classrooms we have been successful in securing funding for a new Roof on West site. Work has already started and will be going on until June or July

It does however mean parking is even more limited on site than previously. It has also meant that due to the scaffolding we have had to temporarily rehouse our ducks – they are having a holiday at our Site Managers House!



Max's Easter Attendance Challenge



Welcome back to the first week of Spring 2. This week, Attendance for the school was 90%

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Well done to students in Post 16, this is a huge improvement on previous weeks ! A huge well done also to the 270 students who achieved 100% Attendance.

This half term, we are continuing with a focus on promoting excellent attendance for all students. We are having a special challenge for individual students to earn raffle tickets towards our Easter Extravaganza raffle on Friday 4th April. Further details will be shared with students by their tutors and will also be posted on Dojo.

Great Oaks School Pantry

Our School Pantry runs on South site every Tuesday morning .

If you are interested in using the pantry but are unable to visit our site on Tuesday mornings, please do get in touch with Jo Goodrich, Welfare Officer and she will do her best to support you.



Internet Safety

As well as passing on relevant internet safety information to our pupils we are also committed to helping parents and carers navigate and understand the potential dangers and pitfalls.

Children's online activities and experiences are increasingly at risk from potential financial and psychological threats. Manipulative marketing tactics are commonly employed in digital platforms, games, and apps that target children.

Understanding these tactics is crucial for us all to safeguard our young people, as they can lead to unauthorised spending, privacy breaches, and impacts on mental wellbeing.

There are three important areas to consider: persuasive features such as 'dark patterns' and variable rewards, subscription traps, and product placement. As digital safeguarding becomes increasingly complex, children need support from us all to recognise and respond to manipulative online marketing strategies.

To read more about how manipulative marketing affects children and young people, go to: <https://better-internet-for-kids.europa.eu/en/learning-corner/parents-and-caregivers/marketing-games>