

# Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024



## Great Oaks Expansion Update

Plans are progressing well for the extension to Great Oaks School with the designs for the new build being finalised.

The building which will be built where the current Vermont School is situated will enable us to take up to another 150 young people. It will include sensory rooms, specialist teaching rooms (including music, art, food technology and science), a drama studio and sports hall.

Building on the site is due to start in July / August 2025 with the first stage complete for us move in September 2026.

We will keep you updated on plans and progress.

Some artist impressions of the external parts of the school pictured



## Coming up

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November –  
Non uniform Day for  
Christmas Fayre. Please  
bring in item for the  
tombola, soft toys a  
bottle or chocolates.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December –  
Non uniform Day for  
Christmas Fayre. Cakes  
Please

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
6.00pm – 7.45pm  
Christmas Fayre

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
10.15am on West site -  
School Christmas Show  
(please check with your  
tutor to see if your son /  
daughter is involved)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
December – Christmas  
Lunch on South site

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December –  
Festive Fun Day. Dress in  
Christmas Jumpers

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December –  
Christmas Dinner on West  
site  
End of Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January –  
start of Spring Term

**Great Oaks Christmas Fayre**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**(on West site) 6- 7.45pm**

*Donations welcome for the cake sale  
from Thursday*

**Hope to see you there**

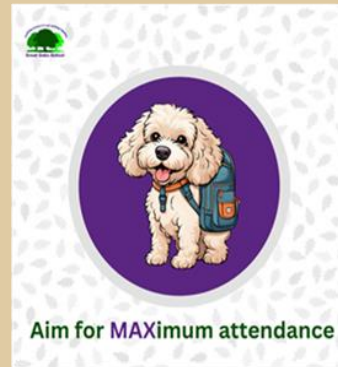


## Cinderella Rehearsals

Rehearsals are well underway for our production of Cinderella that is being performed to the school and parents in two weeks time. It promises to be a great show with comedy, music and drama!



## Max's Attendance Challenge



This Week's Attendance for the School was 91.05% The attendance for Great Oaks College was 82.92% Our Challenge was to see which Year Group had the best attendance. A huge congratulations to Year 9 who achieved a brilliant 95.24%.

A huge congratulations also to our 250 students who achieved Pawfect (100%) attendance this week

## Sumdog Winners

Well done to all the pupils who competed in the recent National Sumdog Maths Challenge. Sumdog is an online Maths programme that our pupils in Pathways 2 and 3 use to support their learning and they held a national competition between 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Over 2 million questions were answered by pupils up and down the country. The class that came first at Great Oaks and amazingly 14<sup>th</sup> in the whole Country was 4BP. Below is Giisbert collecting certificate and prize for the class. Gisbert was the top scorer in 4BP.



## Anti-bullying week

Following our anti-bullying week a couple of weeks ago our Pathway 1 classes on South site have made this great poster highlighting the theme that they focussed on – One Kind word.



## Roles and Responsibilities

This week as part of our theme of 'It takes a village..' we have been looking at roles and responsibilities in school. In Assembly on Monday we talked to a range of different people who contribute to make our school a success to find out what they do, including our site manager, office staff and our SEN officer.

Pathways and Classes have been carrying on this theme talking to a range of different staff throughout the week.