

# Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024



## New Headteacher announcement

Following the letter that I sent out last week announcing that I am retiring from my current role of Headteacher at Great Oaks School at the end of August 2025 interviews have been held for my replacement. Our Trustees, Governors and pupils have been involved in the process this week.

I am delighted to announce that Geraldine Lindsay has been appointed as the new Headteacher from September 2025. Geraldine joined Great Oaks in 2009 as a Teacher and has held a range of

positions during her time with us, most recently as Head of School.

I know that you will want to join me in congratulating Geraldine and will give her the support that I have been lucky enough to have during the past 19 years.

Andy Evans



## Coming up

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
10.15am on West site -  
School Christmas Show -  
Cinderella (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

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

**Tonight**



## Match report

Great Oaks won against Yarrow Heights with a final score of 8-5 in an exciting football match.

Our team played brilliantly, with strong teamwork and skill, scoring eight goals. Yarrow Heights were a tough opponent, managing to score five goals.

Both teams showed great sportsmanship and respect throughout, making it a thoroughly enjoyable game. It was a fantastic display of fair play and teamwork from everyone involved.



## Christmas is coming...



Our Christmas decorations went up across Great Oaks on Wednesday. Staff worked hard after school to get the buildings looking festive for pupils on Thursday morning.

## Certificates Presentation

Many of our Year 11s from last year came back to school on Thursday to receive the certificates that they had worked hard for in their last few years. It was good to catch-up and give them an opportunity to meet up with old friends.



## Max's Attendance Challenge



This week's attendance for the school was 90.43%

For the college it was 86.53%- Well done on the improvement from last week

This week a whopping 271 Students achieved Pawfect (100% Attendance)..

A huge congratulations also for the following Classes who achieved 100% Attendance - 3GH, 4CR and 3GO

Well done to the following Classes who achieved more than 96% Attendance- 3IG, A16, 3CR, 4JD, 4PP, 4JS and 3CA.

As we only have 10 days left of school, Max has decided to launch a Special Christmas Attendance Countdown. Students who are in for all 10 days will be entered into a special prize draw on Friday 20th December. 10 students will win a special Christmas Prize.

## Safeguarding Awareness from England Football Learning

Safeguarding is about creating safe environments and preventing children from experiencing harm or abuse. Its core mission is comprised of the measures institutions take to protect young people and children. Football is by far the most popular sport in the country, particularly among teenagers and children. England Football's learning faculty has designed a short safeguarding course for parents. The course is designed to help parents make an informed choice, about the footballing infrastructure in which children are enrolled. The course explains the vital role of safeguarding within the sporting sphere, and is well worth a look. If interested in this e-seminar, please follow the link below:

<https://learn.englishfootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-awareness-for-parents-and-carers>