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WEEKLY BULLETIN: Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3 rd November 2025	
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	<p>Year 1 P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit</p> <p>BCP Road crossing team visiting to carry out workshops with all year groups across the school.</p> <p>PTFA Scavenger hut after school (please see flyer below)</p> <p>Football Club after school – bookings (now available up to Christmas) made via Arbor. <i>Children to be dismissed from the hall.</i></p> <p>Oakdale Junior School Open Evening for Year 2 (please see previous letter for further information).</p>
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Reception and Year 2 P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit
Thursday 6 th November 2025	Nursery and Year 2 P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit
Friday 7 th November 2025	Reception and Year 1 P.E day – children to attend school in their P.E kit

Spellings for week commencing 03.11.25	
Year 1	No Spellings this week
Year 2	<p>Group A: born, storm, yawn, claws, haunt, applaud, improve</p> <p>Group B: hair, keep, boil, skip, frog, crab, she, he</p>

Headlines

- HUGE thanks to everyone who donated an item of food to our Harvest Festival last Tuesday. These donations were collected by the local foodbank and will be used to support local families in need.
- A big WELL DONE to all of the children who attended our new drama club over the past half term. They were super in the showcase and did a great performance of 'Thriller' to their families and friends. Can I take this opportunity to thank Nicole (one of our parents) for her efforts in the development and introduction of this club, as well as Miss Burchell for supporting. Drama club has had great feedback and will return in the new year 😊.
- Can I also thank the PTFA for their efforts on the Halloween disco that also took place last week. The disco was incredibly well attended and supports the PTFA in raising additional funds to assist the school. Thanks to the parents, staff and 'Get up and Groove Disco' for giving up their time and making sure that the children had a time to remember. The next PTFA event is the Scavenger Hunt and this takes place on 4th November directly after school (details below).
- On Tuesday our Year 2 children visited the United Reformed Church for a Harvest Celebration. Here, the children completed a variety of activities including a Treasure Hunt and

learnt about the importance of harvest from Sally and her term. The children were superbly behaved. Thanks to the parents who assisted on this trip.

- This week our attendance from Monday – Friday was 92.2%.
- Every two years, Coastal Learning Partnership (CLP) runs a parent survey. This is so that every parent has a chance to share their views about their child's school. It provides each school with really useful information to help them keep improving. It also allows CLP to think about any 'themes' which can be seen across the family of schools. We would be grateful if every parent could complete the online survey for their child's school – just click the link [here](#). The survey is not very long and each question can be answered by a single click (with an option to respond more fully if you wish). Parents can respond anonymously if they would like. We value the openness which comes with named responses as schools can then respond to specific queries. To encourage as many parents as possible to respond, we will put all named responses into a draw and send a £30 Amazon gift voucher to four lucky winners! I do apologise for those families who recently completed this piece of work for our Ofsted Inspection back in March – however as always, your feedback is greatly appreciated.
- WELL DONE to Rio, Amelia and Madalina who all won the breakfast club Halloween colouring competition.
- Year 1 and 2 Art Club begins again following the half term break. Here, the children will have the opportunity to complete a range of different arts/crafts activities. Limited spaces are available on a first come, first serve basis and bookings are live now on Arbor.
- I hate to end on a negative, but over recent weeks, there have been issues involving conflicts between parents being brought into the school. Please can I remind everyone that our value of respect counts for everyone – we should treat each other how we wish to be treated ourselves. It is not appropriate for our young people to observe such behaviours. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Key dates *Please check as new dates/events added*

- Tuesday 4th November BCP Road Crossing Team working with all year groups in school.
- Tuesday 4th November PTFA Fireworks Scavenger Hunt after school
- Oakdale Junior School Open Evening Tuesday 4th November at 1700
- Monday 10th November Angelfish class phonics lesson/parent workshop in the school hall at 0900
- Tuesday 11th November Seahorse class phonics lesson/parent workshop in the school hall at 0900
- Thursday 13th November – PINS Parent Group Coffee and Connect forum 0900-1030
- Tuesday 18th November Year 1 Parents Phonic meeting/workshop in the school hall at 0900
- Parents Evenings: Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th November 2025
- Wednesday 19th November - Year 1 walk to Baiter/Poole Quay
- Friday 21st November 2025 Non-uniform day
- Christmas Fayre: Saturday 29th November 2025. Time TBC
- Wednesday 3rd December 2025 Year 2 visit to The Spire for Christingle workshop
- Monday 8th December 2025 Reception to visit United Reformed Church for Christmas Experience.
- Reception Nativity: Monday 15th December 2025, 0915am
- Year 1 and 2, 'An Old Town Christmas' at St James' Church: Tuesday 16th December 2025
- Trip to Lighthouse Pantomime: Wednesday 17th December 2025
- Visit from Santa: Thursday 18th December 2025
- End of Term at 1315: Friday 19th December 2025 – Nursery is open as normal.
- Health Week: Week commencing 14th April 2026
- Sports Day: Friday 17th April 2026: Nursery and Reception (am), Year 1 and 2 (pm)
- Old Town Community Picnic: Friday 1st May 2026, 1200-1400



FIREWORKS SCAVENGER HUNT

**Tuesday 4th November
3.15-4.15pm**

**Trail sheets cost £1.50 each - find all
twelve clues to win a prize**

**Purchase online at
www.pta-events.co.uk/oldtownptfa
or CASH ONLY in the playground
at the event**



Autumn **COMMUNITY GARDEN EVENT**



FRI 7TH NOV 3.30–4.30
SPARKLERS, TRAILS, CRAFT

**Join us in the URC Skinner Street community
Garden for an afternoon of fun, chat, and
activities!**

Companies House Number:
09628750

Neurodiversity in Schools

Old Town Infants

AUTISM

Down Syndrome

FASD

ADHD

Dyscalculia

Acquired Brain Injury

Dyslexia

Tourettes Syndrome

OCD

Anxiety



Coffee & Connect



Your school is part of the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS). We want to hear from you.



**JOIN US ON
THURSDAY
13TH NOVEMBER
9.00 - 10.30AM**



PINS Parent Group (BCP)



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