



Oakwood PTA News



Oakfest 2022

Thank you to everyone who came to this year's Oakest. This is such an important event for both the school and the local community and it was amazing to see so many people attending since the last Oakfest took place three years ago. There was plenty of activities and entertainment this year, enjoyed by over 600 people!

Although our street dance teacher could not attend due to COVID, we were able to hold a fun, interactive dance session thanks to wonderful Sienna Hossack and Bella Seager who kept both the kids and the parents moving! The inflatable obstacle course was a big hit, along with a bouncy castle for the little ones. There was also the very British Welly Wanging which brought out the competitive spirit of the older children and adults. A big thank you to Peter Templeman who provided the wooden games in the hall, and well done to the Year 5 & 6 pupils who ran the face painting and tattoo sessions. There were plenty of activities in the crafts area, and the photo tent proved a big hit. Please feel free to share your photos on the [PTA Facebook page](#)!

The fire engine once again made its annual appearance soaking children and parents alike. There was also an opportunity for many of the children to get wet earlier with the inaugural sOakfest! A big thank you to Dave Roberts and Steve Fry for keeping the annual quiz going. Despite the heavy rain in the early evening everyone had an amazing time and the band Blonde Rebel were able to smash out an hour of hits and well known anthems to keep everyone dancing late into the day.

After such a long break we are delighted that Oakfest made a return. A huge thank you to all of those that helped make it happen. The planning team, the set up team, the food teams, the bar and tuck shop teams, and those that helped clear up on Saturday night and Sunday morning. It really is a team effort and we can't thank the volunteers enough! Though the biggest thank you should go to Andrew Harvey for making the whole event happen in the first place!

We raised £5,755! for the school and hopefully even more people will get involved next year to make 2023 an even bigger success.

Dates for your diary...

September

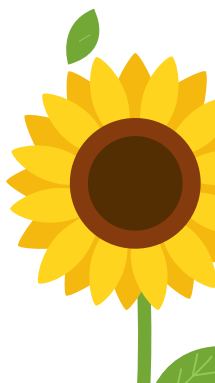
- 3-6** 2nd Hand Uniform Drop Off
- 6** 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
- 10** New Acorns Picnic
- 16** New Acorns Coffee Morning
- 20** PTA Meeting
- 24** Oakwood Olympics
- 30** Sip & Paint

October

- 18** AGM & PTA Meeting

December

- 03** Xmas Fair TBC
- 10** Parent's Xmas Party
- 14 15** Panto Alban Arena



Past Events

Ice Lolly sales

Another welcome return to the school gates was our popular lolly sales during the warmest part of the summer term.

We raised £608 over the course of the three lolly sales – thank you to all helpers, and to the parents for purchasing.

Karaoke Evening

On a hot summer's day, we held our first Oakwood Karaoke night at The Barn – thankfully air conditioned! 'Doin' it for the Kids' had the intention of bringing something fresh, fun and silly for the parents following such a hiatus post lockdown! The night was a success, with some amazing acts, singing and lots and lots of laughs! Awards went to Best Solo, Best Duet and Best Band.

We raised £742 and are planning this as an annual event so don't miss out on the next one!

Sip & Paint

We had a lovely evening with artist Amy Meime creating our own versions of Van Gogh's Starry Night. Following great attendance, a very generous host and lots of Prosecco,

We raised £434

We are planning another parent's art event for Friday 30th September so please keep the date free and follow our social media for more information on the theme!



Golf Day

We are as always grateful to ex Oakwood Parent Pip Cowen for organising his annual Golf Day. He was joined by many current Oakwood parents last Friday 15th July some of whom took away winner's trophies!

We raised £480 an amazing amount! Thank you to all who took part.

Gardening

Key stage 1 gardening sessions have continued with enthusiasm this term. The children have enjoyed tasting the fruits (and veg) of their labour, learned about the importance of pollinators and have been doing some serious watering in the absence of much rain. Connecting children with nature is more important than ever but to continue these sessions next term, we still need more volunteers to help lead them so please do let us know if you'd like to help. Timings are fairly flexible and the PTA will continue to fund materials.

We need you!



Upcoming Events

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2nd Hand Uniform Amnesty and Sale

We will be holding our uniform sale in the first week of September. This will ensure we get as many donations as possible from Leavers and also the newer style uniforms from Acorns for the next school year.

Please drop off age 4-7 clothes at 66 Woodland Drive and age 8-11 clothes at 58 Woodland Drive between Saturday 3rd to Tuesday 6th September. The same age clothes will be available at the same addresses for sale on Tuesday 6th September. We suggest a donation of £2 per branded item and £1 for any other item.



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Oakwood Olympics

We are super excited to welcome back our popular sports event to kick off the Autumn Term. Come along and try out some new sports activities with support from expert coaches from local clubs. We still need parents to help plan and volunteer on the day so if you can help please text Marie on 07811 354244. Tickets available soon!

Thank you...

As I sit here in 37+ heat (!) I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the PTA this year.

Your support has helped raise **over £22,000** that will be very well spent enhancing the experiences our children have at Oakwood.

We have had some fantastic new events this year, as well as the return of many favourites, and we're looking forward to seeing how we may evolve going forward. Please contact any of the PTA or via our email on oakwoodptachair@gmail.com or join us at our next meeting on 20th September if you'd like to help us next year and be part of this really great team.

Finally, a big thank you to all the teachers and everyone in the school office for all your help this year - getting back onto the school premises and getting the community back together was our aim at the beginning of the year and I think we smashed it!

Have a fantastic summer, see you in September!
Clare, Oakwood PTA Chair

HAVE A QUESTION, SUGGESTION OR JUST WANT TO GET IN TOUCH?

Email us at oakwoodpta@gmail.com

Pay for events online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta>

Please 'like' our Facebook page www.facebook.com/OakwoodPrimarySchoolPtaStAlbans

Funding form available at: www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta/index.cfm?event=documents

How
the funds
are spent



(Cause name Oakwood Association)



What have we spent the money on?

Here's what all the money you've raised at our events has been spent on so far this year.

POT 1
50%
Central School Fund
Ms Buckley uses this pot to spend on items she feels will enhance the school.

POT 2
25%
Termly ad-hoc Fund
Split into 3 pots, one for each term.

POT 3
25%
PTA Fund
This pot is used to fund projects that the PTA feels passionately about. The committee and attendees discuss and decide upon how this will be spent in our regular meetings.

16 Chromebooks and a trolley
£5,152

New Hall Projector
£1,989

Defibrillator
£714

Annual regular contributions:

- Trips and workshops £2,625
- Classroom donations £825
- Lend a Hand/Gardening Up to £750
- School Council bid Up to £250
- Year 6 leavers fund £1,050
- Acorns Welcome £50
- Christmas Contribution (Tree, online panto, crackers) £200

Autumn Term:

- Mini Trampette for Acorns** £70
- 2 x toasters for Acorns** £40
- Diversity Books for KS1** £200
- Hockey sticks and balls for KS1** £200
- Outdoor Chess Sets for KS2** £115
- Stacking Crates for KS2** £300
- Library Books for UKS2** £300

Spring Term:

- Netball/Football Kit for UKS2** £600
- Basketballs/Footballs for KS1 & KS2** £95
- Class Library Books for KS2** £200
- Mud Kitchen Improvements for Acorns** £400

Summer Term:

- Maths Rekenreks for KS1** £450
- Screen Language Tool Kits for EYFS** £500
- Reading Club Books for UKS2** up to £160
- Science Equipment for KS2** up to £100
- Tennis Balls for KS2** £30

Autumn Term:

- SEN Equipment for whole school** £1,300

Spring Term:

- Laughology Workshop for LKS2** £591
- Productive Behaviours Workshop for staff training** £500

Summer Term:

- MUGA - Multi Use Games Arena for whole school** £1,300
- Build scheduled for February 2023

Who can apply for Pot 2?

ANYONE! (teachers, parents, children) can apply for funds from this pot by submitting a **PTA Funding Request Form**. We welcome and encourage requests from all areas of the school community. Requests can be submitted at any time but we vote once per term on the requests received. This is usually around each half term.

How do I get a PTA Funding Request Form?

Send an email to oakwoodptachair@gmail.com to request a form. This is also the email address that your completed form should be submitted to. You can also find the form in the files section of the PTA Events page.

www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta/index.cfm?event=documents



SUGGESTED DONATION £5 PER CHILD (AGE 4-11)

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER - 1-4PM

OAKWOOD OLYMPICS

**YOU
CAN
TRY...**

**MARTIAL ARTS • HOCKEY •
RUGBY • ATHLETICS •
NETBALL & CRICKET
...PLUS MORE!**

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS TO COME ALONG
AND TRY OUT SOME NEW SPORTS, WITH
SUPPORT FROM EXPERT COACHES FROM LOCAL
CLUBS. THERE WILL BE A MIX OF 20-30 MINUTE
TASTER SESSIONS AS WELL AS SOME "TURN UP
AND PLAY" ACTIVITIES**

- **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT**
- **SIBLINGS WELCOME (UNDER 4S FREE)**
- **REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
DURING THE AFTERNOON**

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO HELP ORGANISE
PLEASE CONTACT MARIE 07811 354244**

BOOK ONLINE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER