



Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,

I hope this message finds you well as we approach the midpoint of the term. It's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown, and I am thrilled to share some highlights and updates on your child's academic journey at King's

Oak Academy. Children have been actively engaged in their learning, and we are delighted to witness their growth and progress. Their **emerald power** has been shining brightly this term as they approach new academic challenges, new and exciting topics across the wider curriculum and preparations for their upcoming festive performances across the Lower School.

We've had a fantastic time participating in various special events and activities, such as Progressive Sport enrichment sessions and this year's Children in Need day. These experiences not only enhance the learning process but also contribute to the vibrant and supportive community we are proud to be part of at King's Oak.

As we move into the second half of the term, we have many exciting festive activities and learning opportunities planned. I trust that you have received the festive update letter and a brief summary is included in this newsletter today for your convenience.

Your involvement is crucial to your child's success, and we appreciate the support you've shown so far.

Wishing you a wonderful rest of the term!


Kind regards,  
Miss Cerepanova

## Gem Power and Value of Term

This term we will be learning about the Emerald Gem Power. This gem helps us think about *the ability to manage emotions, bounce back and show resilience*. Our termly value is 'Work Hard'.


**Learning Gem Power of the Term:** Emerald Power  
**Value of the Term:** Work Hard

**Emerald Power**  
*The ability to manage emotions, bounce back and show resilience*



- I am brave enough to have a go
- I know mistakes are opportunities to learn
- I have bouncebackability
- I control my own emotions
- I am resilient
- I can manage disappointment
- I am able to label my emotions

**Core Value: Work Hard**  
*We work hard when...*



- We are 'Ready to Learn'
- We persevere
- We manage disappointments
- We can do hard things
- We give 100% every day

## Important Upcoming Dates

<b>Friday 1 December</b>	Fresh Air Friday Welly Walk – Local Area – YR only
<b>Monday 11 Dec and Thursday 14 Dec</b>	Reception Christmas Carol Performance
<b>Tuesday 5 and 6 December</b>	Year 1&2 Nativity
<b>Thursday 7 December</b>	Year 3&4 festive performance
<b>Thursday 7 December</b>	Festive Jumper or Cultural Dress Day
<b>Thursday 7 December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Friday 15 December</b>	End of Term – Half Day
<b>Monday 1 January</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 2 January</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Wednesday 3 January</b>	First Day for Term 3

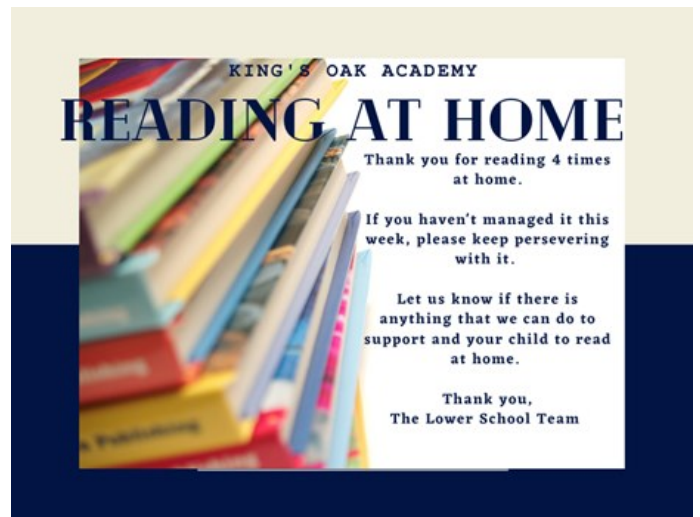
## Parent Led Anxiety Therapeutic Workshop – Starting in Term 3 – More info to follow

Bea, one of King's Oak Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHP) is running a 6 session Parent Led Anxiety Therapeutic group for parents with young people in Year 1-8 in Term 2. They will be co-facilitated by another EMHP we have in the school, Beth. They are offering this for up to 8 young people who are struggling with anxiety such as phobias, school worries or worries they are struggling to identify. This causes them to not want to attend school on certain days, stopping them going to hobbies or events, or separating from parents.

Over the 6 sessions, we will work through Cognitive Behavioural skills that can encourage your child to talk about their worries, steps on how to overcome them and problem solving. It is based on a self-help book, guided by both EMHPs and research has found that this is a high success rate.

We encourage both parents/carers to attend every session as we aim to form a community, so you do not feel like you are going through these struggles on your own.

## Reading at Home



Thank you to each one of you for your commitment to nurturing a love for reading at home with your children. Your dedication to incorporating reading into your daily routines not only enhances their academic skills but also fosters a lifelong appreciation for literature. The impact of your efforts extends far beyond the pages of a book, shaping their imaginations, broadening their horizons, and creating lasting memories. Your involvement is a crucial part of our shared journey in fostering a passion for reading that will undoubtedly benefit them for years to come.

Here are just a couple of our recent Reading Raffle proud winners:



## Miss Baber's Maths Challenge - November

Below is Miss Baber's next challenge for Lower School pupils. You can record your thinking in any format you like and hand to your class teacher or Miss Baber directly when you are in school by the end of November! Class teachers will celebrate entries in class and Miss Baber will share her favourite entries in assembly.

# MATHS IN PICTURES



**WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?**

**WHAT DO YOU SEE?**

**WHAT SHAPES, ANGLES, LINES?**

**HOW TALL, HOW LONG, HOW WIDE -**

**WHAT ELSE?**

**WHAT STAYS THE SAME AND WHAT**

**CHANGES?**

**PLEASE SHARE YOUR THINKING WITH YOUR CLASS  
TEACHERS AND MISS BABER**

## Progressive Sports Enrichment

This year's enrichment sessions for Y1-Y4 are going to be slightly different. Rather than a whole day once a term the sessions are going to be every Monday afternoon for the term. This means that each week a different year group will participate in an enrichment session. This term children will participate in box fit sessions! Many of our classes have already enjoyed their sessions this term and have practised their co-ordination, balance and agility skills alongside their peers and teachers.

See below for each year group and when their enrichment session will be for Term 2.



Year Group	Date
3	Week 4: Monday 20 November 2023
4	Week 5: Monday 27 November 2023

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on their enrichment day.



## Reception Fresh Air Friday Welly Walk

We have been incredibly excited and fortunate to complete our first Welly Walk of the year! Reception learners had an opportunity to show their curiosity, explore their surroundings, establish or reaffirm their sense of place and simply enjoy the fresh air and our lovely local environment. It has been wonderful to welcome all family members who supported us on the walk – thank you!



All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to join in on our next walk on Friday 1st December when we will be exploring the local area again. Please get in touch with the office or Reception team if you'd like to join us.



## Lower School Student Council and Parliament Week

Last week, King's Oak Lower School pupils engaged in this year's Parliament Week by learning about our Parliament and the Modern British Value of democracy.

They completed KOA student council application forms, presented their cases and engaged in a democratic vote for their class student council candidates across the school. It has been wonderful to see all student council candidates so enthusiastic and committed to the process along with all the Lower School children who carefully considered their votes.

We'd like to thank Miss Palmer-Turk, who not only leads our Lower School student council, but also organised the application and voting process, recorded a special instructional video, lead an informative assembly about democracy and counted the votes.



Congratulations to all of our new student council members and deputies who have now been announced in assembly!



## Festive Events 2023

### Christmas Jumper and Cultural Dress Day - Thursday 07 December



Christmas Jumper Day is a time for the community at King's Oak Academy to celebrate Christmas. Some of our students within our academy

will not celebrate the festive season, so we want to give all students the opportunity to celebrate their culture in an inclusive manner. On 7 December, children across the all-through are invited to wear either a Christmas Jumper, or their own cultural dress for the day. To support the event in as inclusive way as possible, you can choose whether your child will donate £1.00 towards Save The Children, or donate an item (e.g., non-perishable food, or toiletries) that will go into care packages for families within the King's Oak Academy.



### End of Term Arrangements



To help parents and carers make appropriate arrangements for the final day of term on Friday 15 December 2023, please see below for confirmation of the timings for this shortened school day.

**Lower School:** 08:25 start as usual

Lessons and breaktime will take place as normal

End of term celebration activities organised from mid-morning until the end of the school day

11:30 – 12:30 Lunchtime

**12.30** Gates & classroom doors open for collection

**12:40** Gates closed

**Teddy Bears After School Care on 15 December:**

Cathryn and the Teddy Bears team are offering afterschool childcare, on site at King's Oak Academy on the final day of term from 12:30 until 3:30pm. Please call 07760237663 or email [info@teddybearschildcare.uk](mailto:info@teddybearschildcare.uk) if you would like to book this wrap around childcare for this day.

## Festive Lunches – Thursday 07 December

Following last year's success, we would like to hold another festive lunch for all children and staff across the all-through academy.

Lower School: Children will be sitting in year groups in the Lower School Hall, served by their Class Teachers and Senior Leaders alongside our SMSA's.

Booking and ordering for YR-Y11: All children across the Academy will be invited to pre-book the following festive meal (menu below). We know that some children would prefer to bring in their own packed lunch for this event, which they are welcome to do so, please be assured that your child will still be able to sit with their tutor group/class friends and teachers throughout the event. Booking, payment and meal selection for all students will be available on Scopay (listed under trips and events) from today until 08:00 am on Monday 27 November. The cost of the festive lunch is the same price of a standard meal deal (£2.40).

### What if I am unable to pay for the meal using Scopay?

Please contact your child's school office so that we can help you with your booking and arrange a system so that you can pay for the meal.

### My child receives Free School Meals. What do I need to do?

You will be able to book your child's meal preference under 'trips and events' on Scopay, there will be no payment requested.

### My child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and doesn't normally pay for their meals. What do I need to do?

You will be able to book your child's meal preference under 'trips and events' on Scopay, there will be no payment requested.



## Christmas Nativity and Festive Performances

### Information



Tickets are limited to 2 per family and can be booked via ScoPay from today under Trips and Events. Bookings will close one day before the performance is due to take place.

#### Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Performance – Tuesday 05 and Wednesday 06 December

We are excited to be able to invite families into school to watch our KS1 Nativity performance in the Hexagon on the Upper School site on:

Tuesday 5 December at 09:30am –  
Please arrive from 09:15am

Wednesday 6 December at 2:00pm –  
Please arrive from 1:45pm

You will be able to enter the Hexagon from the main reception area where the office team will sign you in.

#### Year 3 and Year 4 Festive Performance – Thursday 07 December

We would like to invite you into school to enjoy some Christmas songs that Year 3 and 4 have been practicing. The performance will take place in the Hexagon on the Upper School site on:

Thursday 7 December at 9:30am –  
Please arrive from 09:15am.

You will be able to enter the Hexagon from the main reception area where the office team will sign you in.

#### Reception Christmas Carol Performance – Monday 11 and Thursday 14 December

We would love to invite you into school to enjoy our Reception classes singing a selection of Christmas Carols in the hall. This will take place in the Lower School Hall on:

Monday 11 December at 2.20pm -  
Please arrive from 2:05pm

Thursday 14 December at 8.50am -  
Please arrive from 08:35am

Please arrive at the Lower School office 15 minutes prior to the concert start time in order to be signed in ready for the performance to start. Staff will use the child's name you have provided on the form to allow people into the performance, therefore there will not be a physical ticket provided.



# CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

This year the Friends of King's Oak are running a Christmas Gift shop. We are offering all children from Reception up to and including Year 6, the chance to buy a gift for a member of their family.

On Thursday 14th December, all children who have pre-ordered, will have the opportunity to come to the lower school hall and pick a gift for their chosen recipient. They will write out a tag and then be able to bring the gift home at the end of the day.

Gifts are just £2.50 and available to book online.

All orders **MUST** be placed by 9pm on Friday 8th December to allow us to buy in the stock.

We are unable to accept payments on the day. Please get in touch if you have any issues regarding pre-ordering online.



To pay, simply scan the QR code or go to  
<https://www.pta-events.com/friendsofkoabristol/index.cfm?event=shop>



## NEVER PARK ON THE ZIG - ZAGS!

Please help to keep ALL our children safe - never park on our Zig Zags

SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR

# SHOW YOU CARE

## DON'T PARK ON THE ZIG ZAGS

### YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE



Friends of king's oak

# FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

BOOK HERE



- Music from DJ Bridge'o'
- Snow machine
- Raffle
- Licensed Bar
- Tuck Shop



**FRIDAY  
8TH DEC**

**6-8PM**

The Canteen, King's Oak  
Academy, Brook Rd,  
Kingswood, BS15 4JT

**TICKETS JUST £2.50 EACH**

CHILDREN AGED 3 & UNDER GO FREE BUT MUST  
HAVE A TICKET

**(ALL CHILDREN MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)**

Due to limited capacity tickets are ONLY available to buy online and will NOT be available on the door.. Anyone turning up without a ticket will be refused entry. Scan the QR code above to book. Please get in touch if you have any difficulties booking online.



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