

'From Small Acorns to Mighty Oaks'



*Welcome to the Mulberry Class
Parent Welcome Meeting and
Coffee Afternoon*



Mulberry Class Team



Mulberry Class *Manager/Teacher:*

Mrs Goby:
Assessment
and Progression

Mrs Venables:
Operations and
Communications

Speech and Language Team:

Mrs Abreu
Mrs Aubrey

SEN Administrator

Natasha
Brennan -
Jesson

Mulberry Class *Teaching Support Staff:*

Mrs Carlisle
Miss May
Mrs Newton
Mrs Hawkes
Mrs Long
Mrs Anstey
Mrs Sukosd

Communication



- At the door, at drop-off or pick up if you are collecting
- Planner – for daily, two-way communication
- Email

Mulberry Class Manager/Teachers:

[Gill Venables@oakfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Gill_Venables@oakfield.surrey.sch.uk)

[Dagmar Goby@oakfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Dagmar_Goby@oakfield.surrey.sch.uk)

- School Office parent@oakfield.surrey.sch.uk
- Headteacher head@oakfield.surrey.sch.uk

*Phone the school office if a message is important and needs to be actioned that day.
Emails to teachers are not read during the school day as they will be teaching.*

Our Oakfield Vision



For all learners to have **courage** to embrace new experiences with **confidence**; work **co-operatively**, whilst respecting and **caring** for others; be **curious** about the whole world and enjoy learning for life.

Our Mulberry Class Vision



In Mulberry Class, we believe every child has the right to feel safe, understood and inspired.

We aim to build a calm, structured and joyful learning environment where children can thrive at their own pace, emotionally, socially and academically.

Mulberry Class Vision (cont.)



We are committed to:

- Promoting emotional wellbeing as the foundation for progress
- Scaffolding independence and confidence for every child
- Delivering inclusive, accessible and high-quality teaching
- Working together as a consistent, nurturing team
- Supporting one another through clear communication, shared routines and mutual respect



Buds and Blossoms

These are the groups that we organise the children into for maths and English. This allows learning to be tailored to best suit each child. Within each group, children work at different levels, so there is further differentiation so that learning is bespoke.

Topic Web



English: In English, Mulberry Class is divided into two main groups: Buds and Blossoms, to allow our learning to best suit all learners. Further differentiation then allows for individual needs to be met. Children are taught phonics using the Read, Write Inc scheme, in ability groups. This includes speed sounds sessions; storybook activities using the sounds they are learning; writing sessions to build confidence in spelling; and handwriting for neatness and fluency. Our topic, Amazing Authors is an inspiring delve into books written by some of the most outstanding authors of children's books. The Buds will launch the term by exploring some of the stories written by William Shakespeare. The Blossoms are diving into animal stories written by Jill Tomlinson. SPaG (spelling/punctuation/ grammar) is taught within our English sessions every week. In addition to this, the children have the opportunity to read daily in a 1:1 setting and choose books with adult guidance.	Science: In Autumn 1 we are exploring different kinds of forces such as push, pull and twist through practical activities. In Autumn 2 we are learning about electricity and we will make a circuit. There are useful resources on the BBC website. http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science/	Maths: In maths, Mulberry Class is organised into two main groups: Buds and Blossoms. We learn new skills and consolidate our knowledge daily in these groups. This term, we will focus on a secure knowledge of the number system including calculations, solving problems and handling data. We will also extend our understanding of measurement and shape.
History & Geography: In Geography in Autumn 1 we are learning about different countries in the world, starting with the UK, then Europe and then further afield in the world. We are learning about the continents and the oceans. In Autumn 2 we explore our History and learn about the Stone and Iron age and what it must have felt like to live in those times. We learn about the developments in this era.	 Mulberry Class Autumn Topic Web Mulberry Class (MLD Centre) Managers and Teachers: Gill Venables@oakfield.surrey.sch.uk Dagmar Goby@oakfield.surrey.sch.uk The Oakfield 5Cs: Curiosity Confidence Caring Co-operation Courage School clothing rules: small plain stud earrings may be worn. Long hair tied back with a plain small band and correct socks should be worn. No nail polish. School black shoes and not trainers to be worn. Uniform must be clearly named and worn correctly.	Music: The children have a weekly music session to explore music from different times and places, and to practise the skills of listening, composing, playing instruments and singing. We link our music-making to our English topic from time to time, singing relevant songs, for example. We play various tuned (e.g. glockenspiels and boomhackers) and untuned (e.g. claves and Indian bells) musical instruments and learn about orchestral instruments and musical rhythms, playing along to the beat of a variety of music. We listen to each other and take turns. PE: Pupils should come dressed in their PE kits on Tuesday for Mulberry PE and also for OT sessions on a Friday. Some children also access mainstream PE lessons: YEAR 3 TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY YEAR 4 MONDAY & THURSDAY YEAR 5 WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY YEAR 6 MONDAY & THURSDAY Navy tracksuits can be worn during colder months. Watches and earrings must be removed by the children for PE and OT lessons.
RE and PSHE: RE: Throughout Autumn we are exploring the different religions in the world and learning about the big festivals in religions, for example Diwali and Christmas. PSHE: Throughout Autumn we are exploring what we are good at and what makes us unique. We are looking at ways to improve what we enjoy and are good at.	Homework: Children should read at least 3 times a week and this should be recorded in their planner. We celebrate their reading achievements weekly in a Mulberry Class Celebration. We encourage parents to support their child with their learning as much as possible. A discussion about what they have been learning is often a great way to discover what your child has enjoyed and to expand their understanding through conversation. Equally, after a long day at school, a break in the evening can be the most important way to maximise learning at school. Thank you for all your support.	Art & DT: In Art the children will be working with a range of media including pencil sketching, painting, clay modelling, pastels and 3D model making. In DT the children are introduced to paper structures. In Autumn 2 we are focussing on moving pictures and cards. Daily Kit/Planner: Homework Planners are to be in school each day and will be checked daily for your messages from home. Please sign the planner at the end of each week.

Mulberry Class Timetable 2026-2027



	8.35	8.55	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.35	10.50	12.10	1.00-3.00
Monday	Circle and Register	Maths	Movement	Snack	Circle	Playtime	English and Phonics	Lunchtime	ICT and RE
Tuesday	Circle and Register	Maths	Movement	Snack	Circle		English and Phonics		PSHE and PE
Wednesday	Circle and Register	Maths	Movement	Snack	Assembly		English and Phonics		Art / Language Games
Thursday	Circle and Register	English and Phonics	Movement	Snack	Singing Assembly		Music Mulberry Class Reading Celebration		History / Geography Language Games
Friday	Circle and Register	Occupational Therapy		Snack	Celebration Assembly		Maths rotation		Science



Information

- Amazing Authors – current topic
- Rewards – whole class jar, cards for hole punches leading to the goody box, house points from mainstream
- Swimming for Y3 – summer term
- Coats – needed every day please
- Please name everything, especially jumpers.
- Reading – we celebrate home reading in a weekly Mulberry Celebration. 3x a week recorded in planner moves your child towards the goody box.



Educational Websites

Mainstream homework and logins etc – only use these if they are helpful. Some sites such as TT Rock Stars can have their timers turned off (by playing in Jamming Mode) to make them less stressful for Mulberry Class children.

Here are a few additional suggestions:

Top Marks

Doodle English, Maths and Spelling

BBC Maths and English Games

ICT Games

Karate Cats

We will be sharing a link for phonics too.

Afternoons

Mainstream and Mulberry learning



PE and OT



PE: PE Kit should be worn on PE days. Plimsolls for indoor PE sessions and trainers for outdoors are expected. Navy tracksuits are allowed in colder months. Watches and earrings must be removed by the children for PE and OT lessons.

Pupils should come dressed in their PE kits on Tuesday for Mulberry PE and Friday for OT and also for mainstream PE lessons on the following days, if applicable:

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- YEAR 5 WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
- YEAR 6 MONDAY & THURSDAY



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Healthy Eating



From time to time, the children take part in healthy eating sessions in school. We are so lucky that these are run by Ruth Berchowicz, who is a Mulberry Class parent and an expert in healthy eating and is experienced in running school assemblies and workshops.

Children learn about the importance of a balanced diet as well as lots of fun, hands-on experiences!

Equipment



Essentials/Daily Kit/Planner: Children in Year 6 need a blue handwriting pen, lead pencils, a rubber, green biro/pen, sharpener, 30cm clear ruler, green highlighter, black whiteboard pens, coloured pencils (felt tips and gel pens are not necessary) and a glue stick in **one small** pencil case (to fit into a tray under the desk). They need a named shirt for art and DT classes. The centre provide pupils with essential stationery and in return ask parents to **donate £15** on wisePAY towards this per year.

Children may wear watches and only **small gold or silver, stud earrings**. Hair must be tied back away from the face with a plain blue/black band. No nail varnish may be worn.

REMINDER - inhalers should be kept in pupils bags in lockers. All medicines should be handed into the school office. They will then be passed to the Mulberry Class managers to be kept in our office.



September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

Extra support is available. These FACE sessions are emailed out regularly.

Whole School Highlights

Enrichment



Oakfield Community



Governors: Governing Boards are the strategic decision makers and vision setters in every school. They ensure that the best possible education is given for every child at Oakfield. *Associate Governor positions available, contact: tess_trewinnard@oakfield.surrey.sch.uk*



Friends: Aim is to organise a number of enjoyable school community events and to raise as much money as possible to assist the school with financing great projects. All families are warmly encouraged to join the committee and support events. *Contact: friends@oakfield.surrey.sch.uk. Friends meeting Monday 14th September 2026 at school 3:15pm*

Helpers: Many hands make light work. All help is greatly appreciated so please contact the office or your child's class teacher if you are able to offer support.

Skills: We would love to hear from you if you have any specialist skills, qualifications or contacts etc. that if shared could benefit the school.

