

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 16th January 2026



Spring Connections

As we enter the Spring Term, we look forward to lighter days, warmer weather, and new growth across the school. We continue with our whole-school theme of Connections, sharing regular updates in the weekly newsletter. The Autumn Term successfully focused on sensory-rich learning, twinned class links, positive in-person engagement, and whole-school live performances. This spring, we aim to build on this strong foundation and are excited about the learning and experiences ahead!



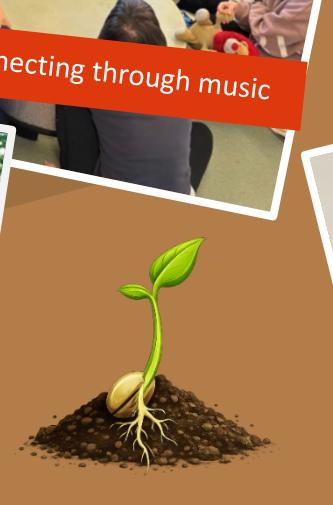
Connection without screens in 3IG



4EC Connecting through music

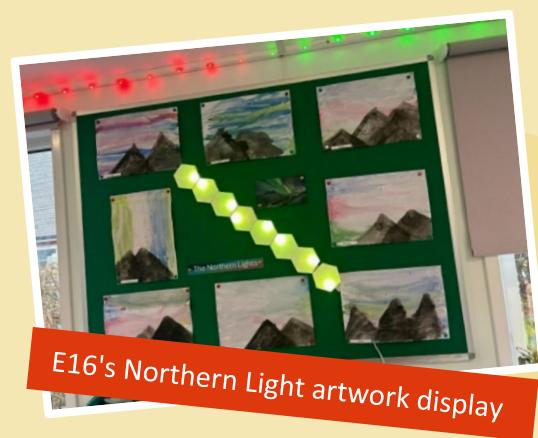


4SJ Connecting through teamwork



Oakley's fantastic fashion designs

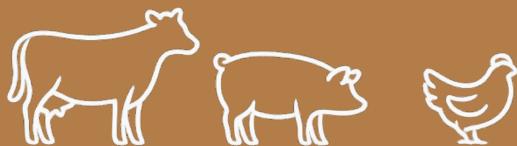
Oakley's GCSE Art project - bold designs inspired by Lady Gaga that demonstrate his creativity, focus, and artistic talent.



E16's Northern Light artwork display

New Spring Feature! Display Corner...

Our school looks fantastic every day, but parents do not always get the chance to see the displays and learning taking place across our sites. Each week in the Spring Term, we will share displays from around the school, celebrating creativity and the learning experiences happening in our classrooms.



South Site News

By our regular columnist **Mike Bull**



Even the goats are wearing winter coats at City Farm. "The trouble is" said manager Tom, "they've been eating them."

Turkeys saved from Christmas dinner have been named: Rosemary, Thyme and Saffron. Names were chosen from ideas by Great Oaks students and

friends of the farm. The birds, which like to stand on the students' laps, are now used to the sound of voices. Here's a picture from Harry in 4HC.

Students are preparing to be pampered* at South Site's new Friday Pamper Club. Sonia in J16 will offer foot spas, pedicures and manicures. Dell has organised another new club - Dog Walking.

*Ed's note: What even more?

Did you hear about the guy addicted to the hokey cokey?

He turned himself around.
Connor, 4HC

HA HA
HA HA
HO HO



Ex Year 11 students collected their exam certificates



MAXimum Attendance

This week our attendance was **89.8%** – we're so close to hitting our goal of **90% and above every week!** Let's make excellent attendance our New Year's resolution and work together to achieve it. Every day counts – thank you for your support in helping our students succeed! **Woof!**

New Spring Feature!

Great Oaks Gazette

We are excited to launch a new Friday Club where pupils will work together to create a student newspaper called *The Great Oaks Gazette*.

Each week, students will also produce a column to be shared in the school newsletter, reporting on school life, events, and stories that matter to them.



Coming up...

Coffee Morning

Friday 23rd Jan at West Site. 10am-11am

Agenda: Dates for year / Moving on

Next week is **International Week**, where pupils will explore different cultures and beliefs through activities linked to our theme of Connections and International Religion Day.