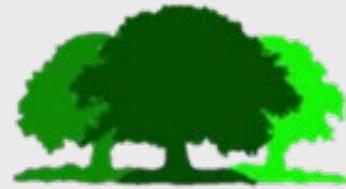


Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 23rd January 2026



International Week Learning

During International Week, pupils explored how different religions and cultures express shared human values. Through activities focused on **kindness, helping others, respect, and courage**, learners saw how these universal values connect belief systems worldwide and link directly to British Values. Across pathways, pupils engaged in creative, reflective, and sensory learning that celebrated diversity while highlighting what unites us all.



Joy brought a variety of dishes from her Zimbabwean heritage for South Site to sample! One of those was a type of caterpillar that is fried and eaten in a sauce. Lots of staff and students were very brave in trying something new.



4SG collage of respect and kindness

Display Corner...

Pathway 3 students created a striking cubist display, using guitar imagery to explore shape, perspective, and bold artistic expression.



Alice and Karen enjoying bubble tea!



Phoenix students Alice and Karen enjoyed a visit for bubble tea, sharing smiles, conversation, and a fun social experience together.



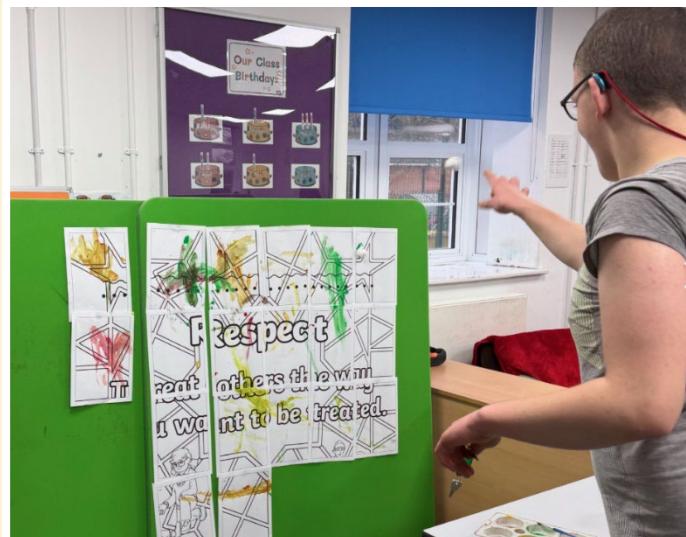
Jess Starts Work!

Year 11 pupil Jess has successfully started her first shift at Edison's Café, where she now works every Wednesday morning. She has settled in well and is really enjoying her new role and responsibilities.



South Site News

By our regular columnist **Mike Bull**



Students in E16 learned about British Values including the most important one of all, eating cakes. They tucked into Victoria sponge and scones with jam and cream after a lively discussion on mutual respect, rule of law, democracy and toleration of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Students in J16 created a work of art on the theme of respect and then splatted it with painted cotton balls. Respectfully, of course.

A16 have started a literacy unit to read and discuss a range of different texts. Students read the book *Mama Africa!* and created creatures from the story out of clay.

Great Oaks Gazette

Students are preparing reports on things that matter to them - Coming next week...



MAXimum Attendance



A huge round of apaws from Max for everyone in the Great Oaks Community this week. Our attendance was 91.6% which is 2% up from last week. A particular well done to all of our 280 students who have achieved Pawfect attendance this week. Let's see if we can reach 93% next week! Woof.

Coming up...



Next week is **Connections Week**, where activities will link our whole-school theme of Connections with World LEGO Day on 28 January.

January 30th – Inset Day

February 23rd – Inset Day