

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 2nd May 2025



The Opera comes to Great Oaks

Pupils at Great Oaks have been involved in projects with both the English National Opera and Welsh National Opera this term.

On Thursday 10 musicians from the Welsh National Opera who are putting on shows at the Mayflower this week came to give a performance to pupils in Year 7 and 11. It was a fantastic show really sensory and interactive, involving the pupils in an art form they may not have had much experience of before.



Pupils in Year 7 have been involved in a project with the English National Opera, composing unique pieces to complete unfinished operas. 3AK composed a piece called 'Grapetastic' which selected as one of 40 from the 100s entered to be turned into an animation and put on their YouTube site. Well done 3AK. It can be viewed here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6unn_NPlws

Sports Days

Wednesday 7th May 2025 – 9.30am – 12.00 for all pupils in Pathway 2 and 3 (including 4HC from South Oaks) Sports Centre athletics track behind Great Oaks West

Thursday 8th May 2025 – 1:15 – 2.15 for all pupils in Pathway 1 including 4KW from South Oaks at Great Oaks West School playground

Parents and carers are very welcome to attend. Please note there is no parking on site for either event. For Wednesday's Sports Day you can use the Sports Centre Car parks off Hill Lane, for Thursday there is some 2 hour parking on roads around school. If wet we will send messages out early.

Great Oaks Parent / Carers Coffee Morning Roadshow!

We know that not all parents can easily get to our school sites, so this term we have been trialling coffee mornings in different venues. Our next one is on

Friday 16th May 10 -11.00am

Young Peoples Hub in Civic centre (come to the main front entrance to the Civic and we will meet you)



Important information about Road Closure

We have been informed that upcoming Southern Water works are due to take place along Winchester Road at the Hollybrook roundabout and on its junction with Wilton Road.

These works are planned to start from Saturday 10 May 2025 and are expected to take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

At the roundabout, the northbound lane of Winchester Road will be closed to traffic from 10th – 18th May, with a diversion route in operation via Burgess Road and Bassett Avenue. This means that access to Vermont Close will only be from the North end of the Winchester Road.

We have made transport aware but there is inevitably going to be some delay to traffic coming from and going to school.

We have also been informed that there is a slight chance of some disruption to water supply during this time but at least 48hrs notice will be given. We will let you know if there are any implications for school as soon as we are able.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Pictured below students practising putting up their tents in preparation for the Duke of Edinburgh expedition at the end of May.

Students have been preparing for this all year and have completed sections in Volunteering projects, Physical activity, Skills and Expedition practice.

The expedition is being held over 2 days in the Wilverley area of the New Forest with an overnight camp.



You should have seen the ones that got away....



Six pupils from across the school had the opportunity learn skills involved in fishing last Friday. They all had some great catches which were taken home for their tea!