

MAY HALF TERM



Oldbury Wells Journal

May 2025



Welcome Happy Half Term

As we approach the halfway point of the summer term, we reflect on the last 4 weeks which mark a short term in school with lots that has taken place. This time of year is always a moment for reflection as we look back on the achievements of the past few months and look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead during the remainder of the summer period.

For our students, this term has already been filled with hard work, determination and moments of celebration. Whether it's through academic progress, extracurricular activity or personal growth, we are so proud of what has been accomplished so far. Our Year 11 and 13 students are now within their final exam period and have started their flexible study period. I want to take this opportunity to wish them a final good luck and remind everyone to maintain their focus and to support each other in the weeks ahead to ensure everyone achieves their very best.



This half term has also been a busy one for our staff who continue to go above and beyond to provide the best possible learning experiences for our students. From engaging lessons to enriching activities, their commitment and passion, alongside students' positive response in school are truly inspiring.

At this time, we say goodbye to Miss Andrews (Cover Officer) who is relocating, we thank her for all her work in school and wish her all the very best for the future. Mrs Perks also now starts her maternity leave, we wish her all the very best in the weeks ahead and look forward to meeting her new arrival; thank you to her for all the amazing work she does to support so many students and colleagues across the school

I would also like to thank our families for their continued support and we look forward to further celebrating all our students' success as we navigate through the remainder of the academic year.

As we enter the next few weeks, I encourage everyone to take time to recharge during the break, reflect on the hard work that has already been put in and return ready to finish the term strong; we look forward to continued success for all across our community.

Finally, may I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half-term and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Monday, 2nd June**.

Mr Tristham (Headteacher)

Amazing response by students and staff in response to challenges set.

Year 7 Read the Rainbow competition

Year 7 have been taking part in an ongoing reading challenge called 'Read The Rainbow'. Some of our amazing students have already completed the challenge, winning themselves some reading related goodies for their amazing efforts. The challenge is still ongoing so be sure to keep signing off each book with your English teacher for 10 achievement points and a little prize from Miss Silverstone!



Miss Silverstone's Half-Marathon for MNDA

Miss Silverstone has been raising funds with our students for the charity MNDA in memory of a loved one. Since October last year students have been involved with raising money through cake sales and creating sunflower badges for the charity. Overall, an amazing £1,288 has been raised!

Keep an eye out for future fundraising events.

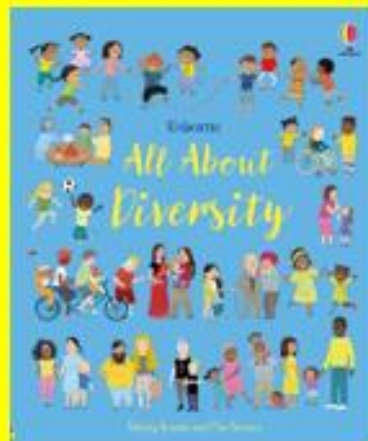


Pride Month Big Read

KS3

Book recommendations:

- **Kiss** by Jacqueline Wilson
- **The Pants Project** by Cat Clarke
- **The boy in the dress** by David Walliams
- **Starring Kitty** by Keris Stainton
- **All about diversity** by Felicity Brooks



Instructions:

Once you have read a text, write a short book review.
(Hand in your review to Miss Silverstone E10)

Is there anything you have learnt?
What did you like about the text?
Would you recommend it? Why?

Pride Month Big Read

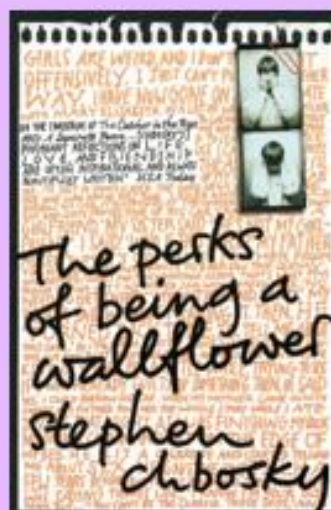
KS4

Book recommendations:

- **Girl Woman Other** by Bernadine Evaristo
- **The Perks of Being a Wallflower** by Stephen Chbosky
- **Heart Stopper** by Alice Oseman
- **Trumpet** by Jackie Kay

Poetry: Poet suggestions

- Carol Ann Duffy
- Jackie Kay
- Emily Dickenson



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(Hand in your review to Miss Silverstone E10)

Is there anything you have learnt?

What did you like about the text?

Would you recommend it? Why?

Pride Month Big Read

KS5

Book recommendations:

- **Oranges are not the only fruit** by Janette Winterson
- **Naturally Tan** by Tan France
- **Girl Woman Other** by Bernadine Evaristo

Poetry: Poet suggestions

- Adrienne Rich
- James Baldwin
- Audre Lorde

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What did you like about the text?

Would you recommend it? Why?



A Concentrated Half Term for Science!

It's been a short but very busy half term in the Science Department

It's been a short but very busy half term in the Science Department — or as we like to say, a concentrated one! With lots going on across all year groups, there's a real buzz of curiosity, creativity and preparation in the air.

Year 11 – Exam Season in Full Swing. Our Year 11 students have been working hard preparing for their GCSE exams. We're incredibly proud of the journey they've been on, and we know how much effort they're putting in during this crucial time.

To support revision, a wide range of resources can be found in Student Out, on Satchel One and in students' school emails. Please encourage your child to check these regularly. It's vital they keep on top of their revision schedule and don't forget to review the required practicals — these are a key part of the exam!

Extra support sessions continue to run for students who have had supply staff, so please remind them to attend these if invited. We wish all Year 11 the very best for the rest of their exams — you've got this!

Year 10 – Mocks and More. Year 10 students should now begin revising for their end-of-year mock exams. They can use the same resources as Year 11 to guide their revision. Starting good habits now will make Year 11 much more manageable!

Our Science Club members have been exploring how electronic toys work, sparking lots of great questions and hands-on learning. After half term, we'll be launching STEM Club in earnest — with an exciting project to design and build a Scalextric-style racetrack! It's a fantastic opportunity to combine engineering, electronics and problem-solving, and we can't wait to get started.

Tabletop Club – Your Move!

We're considering starting a Tabletop Club for students who enjoy board games, card games or tabletop role-playing games. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please let Mr Cox know — we'd love to hear from you.



Academic Competitions

We're also delighted to share that many Year 10s recently took part in the Biology Challenge and achieved some excellent scores. We were delighted to receive the following results from the Royal Society of Biology:

Commended (>70%)	Highly Commended (>76%)	Bronze medal (>81%)
Lizzie Dower Aimee Fox Flossi Geyton Anna Pelc	Charlie Blakey Max Ward	Alex Foster Evie Prosser William Harman

A bronze medal represents a place in the top 15% of the 45,000 students that took part. We are very proud of all the students who took part and look forward to reporting on further academic success in the future. Well done to all involved!



Academic competitions are important to stretch and challenge our most able scientists and we will continue expanding the range of opportunities available.

We hope you all have a restful and refreshing half term break. See you soon for an exciting final stretch of the year!

The Science Team

SPOTLIGHT ON....

An amazing opportunity for music or drama students from Year 7 upwards who are interested in musical theatre

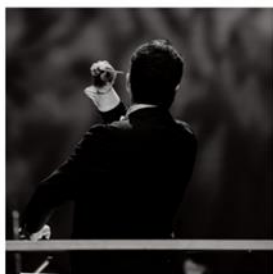
For any student who might be interested in taking part in an AMAZING one-week Musical Theatre Summer School at the end of July in Bridgnorth tutored and led by incredible current professional West End and Broadway musicians and actors. Please read below and access full details on www.casadohart.co.uk

This is a dream of an opportunity not to be missed!

Miss Dangerfield

CALLING ALL

CONDUCTORS SINGERS PERFORMERS MUSICIANS



MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL

WEST END AND BROADWAY PROFESSIONAL TUTORS:

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CASADO

LUCY
KEY

JESSIE
HART

JEREMY
ISAAC

CHRIS
KEY

BRIDGNORTH

28TH JULY TO 2ND AUGUST

SUITABLE FOR AGE 11 UPWARDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE,
VISIT WWW.CASADOHART.CO.UK OR
CALL 07974 442956 | 07798 801882



Monday 6th – Tuesday 20th May

MERCI ET BRAVO
to everyone who took part!

The school reached the 230th place in the
whole of the UK against over a thousand of
other schools!

Top 3 Year 7		
1	Jayden Moothien	7SF
2	Grace Willetts	7CHA
3	Eva Siegl	7CHA

Top 3 Year 8		
1	Jake Hammett	8SHB
2	Anna Allcock	8DPE
3	Jesse Bowen	8EJW

Top 3 Year 9		
1	Alfie Proctor	9NWT
2	Jonathan Arinyedokiari	9MBR
3	Ellis Williams	9ASP

Top 3 Year 10		
1	Ruby Pillans	10CJ
2	Evie Prosser	10ZMG
3	Jodie Ansell	10ZMG

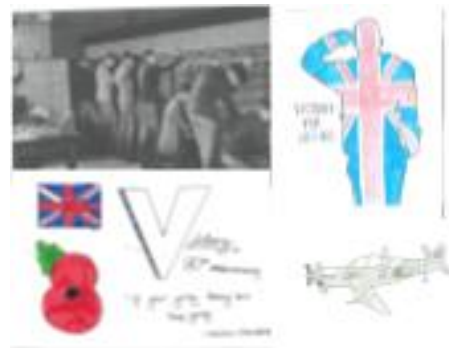
VE Day 80

To celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, History students were asked to reflect on what victory means to them in their own lives, the experience of the school community and our nation's past.

A wonderful variety of photos, writing, objects and artwork were submitted. The range of ideas was excellent and proved to be a real celebration of success. Here is a small selection of the incredible ideas and work submitted.



History



World War I Competition

History



World War I Poetry Competition

VE Day 80 Commemorations

During the VE Day 80 commemorations in school, the History department announced the winner of the KS3 World War I poetry competition launched earlier in the year. The standard of entries was very high and this year we found it hard to pick just one winner and instead chose three! Congratulations go to Harriet Connolly Evans 8EJW, Erin Wall 9MBR, Alex Bucknall 9ASP.

All three students' work will accompany the school Poppy Wreath that will be laid at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium during the Last Post Ceremony next half term.

Well done to all three of you!

In 2025 45 Year 10 History students will be visiting the World War I battlefields in Belgium. As part of their visit, at 8pm students will attend a very special ceremony at the **Menin Gate in Ypres**.



The Last Post Ceremony – A living memorial



World War I
Poetry
Competition



The History department would like to give you the opportunity to have your work seen **internationally** and for your work to represent the **school, local community and country** at the Menin Gate in Belgium!

We would like you to compose a **poem** that will be added to the label of our school poppy wreath.

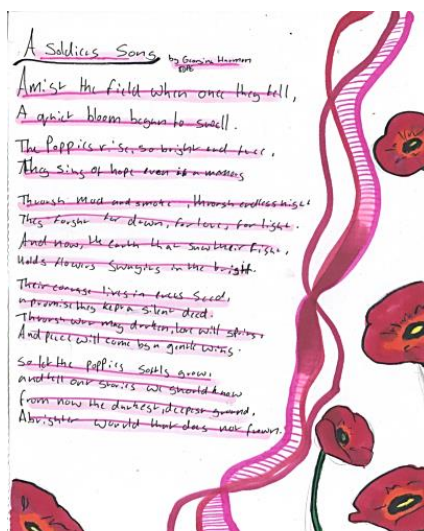


2025 – Remembrance Poem Winners

Harriet Connolly Evans 8EJW

Erin Wall 9MBR

Alex Bucknall 9ASP



Remembrance Day Poem

In fields they grow,
 All standing in a row,
 Red, bright and striking,
 Reminding us of all the fighting,
 Flourishing in the middle of chaos and madness,
 Filling us all with sadness.

Men and women volunteered for their nation,
 To make a change and fight for the population,
 To save the British children's future,
 To stand against the German ruler.

We wear our poppies with pride,
 To thank and celebrate the people who fought and died.
 On this day the poppy is a symbol,
 It is an act that is so simple,
 The poppy is a sign of peace in this land,
 And we remember and understand.

By Megan Scott



Remembrance Day Poem - WWII

On the 1st September 1939 it all began,
 Soldiers fought men beside men.
 We will always remember those who fought,
 And on important for future generations they fought.

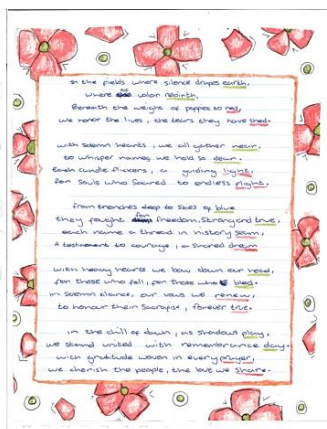
A planned invasion on the beaches of France,
 This helped the allied forces to advance.
 So we wear our poppies to reflect,
 These that made the ultimate sacrifice by
 Saving our country and the rest of the world.

The war ended in 1945,
 Twenty five million soldiers lost their lives.
 The war lasted for six years and one day,
 To remember the fallen poppies are day.

Wear your poppies with pride,
 And think about all those who died.
 Now forget, always remember,
 Remembrance day on the 11th November.

Fallen Heroes

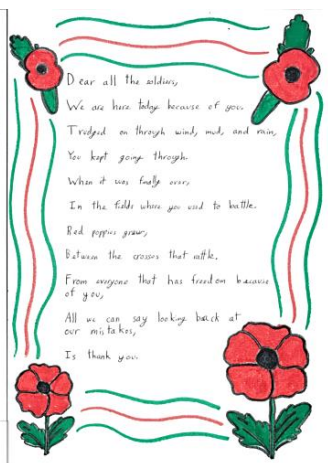
As I wander through sad fields of silent tears,
 Where rays of sunlight find the rising poppies,
 Glimmering from the souls of fallen heroes,
 Which saved their nation for all time.
 So wear YOUR poppies with honour and pride,
 Now we remember our fallen comrades,
 Let's forget their selfless sacrifice,
 So show your poppy in memory of those that died.



A Poppy For Hope

With a poppy in hand,
 We reflect on their fight,
 Their sacrifices made for our future
 So bright.

Let us carry their legacy,
 Their stories we share.
 In our hearts,
 They live on,
 Forever we care.



Well done to all
 Year 8 and 9
 students who
 produced
 excellent work!

The 2025 Winners!

Beneath the skies, where battle roared
The tales of valour, forever stored.
With courage fierce, they faced the night,
In search of dawn, in search of light.

The whispers of history, in every breeze,
Remind us of sacrifice, of fallen leaves.
Through pain and loss, a bond was made,
A legacy of hope that will never fade.

So let us honour, with hearts so bold,
The stories of heroes, forever told.
In every tear, a promise lies,

To seek a world where peace can rise.

Harriet Connolly Evans 8EJW



The 2025 Winners!

In fields where poppies gently sway brave
souls once walked, now far away.
With courage forged in fire and strife, they
gave their all, they gave their life.

Through mud and rain, through fear and
pain, their spirits scared, through bodies
lain. In silence now, their stories told, of
sacrifice, both brave and bold.

Let us remember with hearts sincere, the
heroes lost, still ever near.
In every tear, in every prayer, their legacy
lives forever there.

Erin Wall 9MBR



The 2025 Winners!

In the quiet fields, the poppies grow,
A bright red sea, a gentle glow,
With colours so bright against the
green.
A symbol of courage, forever seen.

Each petal a memory,
Each stem a tale of sacrifice made
when hope seemed frail.
With every poppy, we honour their
name and keep their spirit alive,
forever the same.

Alex Bucknall 9ASP



Top Performances in PE

Shropshire County Schools Swimming Gala

On Thursday, 15th May, four students from Oldbury Wells competed in the County Swimming Gala at Thomas Telford School. They were competing against the best swimmers in their age group in the county, with students representing 19 different schools including Bridgnorth Endowed, Lacon Childe, Newport High, Shrewsbury High and Wrekin Collage. There were strict entry times required by our competitors to even make it into the event. Lydia Parsons started the whole competition in the first event which was 100m backstroke, quickly followed by Charlotte Smith in heat 3 and Arabella Szostek in heat 4.



Lydia held her nerve and swam confidently against other performers who were a year above her.

Arabella clocked the fastest time for OWS finishing in 7th overall, Charlotte 10th and Lydia 18th out of 24 competitors in that event.

Myla Rasmussen was next up in event 13, which was the 100m butterfly. She again was competing against girls who were in the year above her. Myla swam brilliantly to finish in 2nd position for OWS, she was impressively 6 seconds ahead of the swimmer in 3rd place.

In our final event of the gala Charlotte and Arabella were back in the pool for the 100m freestyle. This time Charlotte taking the fastest time for OWS and finishing in 11th overall and Arabella in 14th out of 24 competitors in the event.

Well done to the 4 Oldbury swimmers and I look forward to seeing them compete again soon.

TSA Cup Quad Athletics

In the next instalment of the TSA Cup for Y7s we took a team of athletes to Belvidere School on Monday, 19th May to compete in 4 events with participants from other schools in the Trust. The TSA Cup runs throughout the academic year and schools collate points for each half termly event that takes place. The schools competing include OWS, Belvidere, Mary Webb, Church Stretton and Meole Brace.

The 8 OWS students took part in a sprint, middle distance run, throw and a jump to try to earn as many points as they could for their teams. This involved a standing long jump, followed by a vortex throw. Sheraaz Ahmed and Florrie Hughes leapt into action straight away with fantastic jumps to start the competition off. There were some amazing throws, Cora Prosser threw really well and Eddie Gibbons managed to clear the throwing area with his vortex landing just beyond the measuring area! Then they moved onto the sprint event with strong performances from Eve Siegl, Abigail Etten and Oscar Wilson-Dooley, despite Eve losing her trainer midway through!

Then finally onto the 600m race to finish the event, with strong performances and determination shown by all 8 members of the team to finish on a high. Well done to all 8 competitors, they worked hard, encouraged each other and represented OWS proudly.

The teams were Eva Siegl, Florrie Hughes, Cora Prosser and Abigail Etten. Eddie Gibbons, Oli Broster, Oscar Wilson-Dooley and Sheraaz Ahmed.

Sports Leadership

Year 7 sports leaders

On Tuesday, 20th May thirteen Y7 sports leaders supported a Y3/4 cricket and archery festival at Bridgnorth Cricket Club. Over 150 pupils took part in the festival from 10 schools!

Sports leaders ran warm up practices and skill drills before umpiring/scoring for both cricket and archery games. Mr Bennett said "Year 7 sports leaders performed very well, especially considering it was one of the first large scale events they have helped with this year!"



Oldbury Wells School hosted Jewellery Quarter academy Multi-year sports competition

This half term on the 8th May, Oldbury Wells School hosted Jewellery Quarter Academy in a multi-year sports competition. This Academy brought two football teams and a mixed year netball team. The school, based in the heart of Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter, brought a fierce competitive group of students who gave OWS students a run for their money. The day was a great experience for our students facing new opponents and JQA commented on how impressed they were with our students and school.

The afternoon was very successful with JQA coming away with two wins to one after some mix ups and all students getting new experiences.

Civic Awards

An inspirational young person

This week at Bridgnorth's Annual Mayor Making evening, Eden Tudge 9MBR was awarded the Davies Shield. This is a civic award given annually to a young person who has made an outstanding contribution in the community to help and benefit others.

Eden is an inspirational young person; she has been a member of Spartan's football club since she was 9 and currently plays in the Spartan's U15 girl's team. Eden volunteers her time to help other young girls play football, working with manager, Charlotte Beaman, to support the U8s girl's team.

Eden is an inspiration to many. Kelly Woodcock, Co-Chair of Spartan's said 'Eden has made the most of the opportunity to volunteer for Spartan's; her support and hard work has helped the U8 team reach the cup final and win!'

Congratulations Eden on your well deserved award and good luck for the future.



Trust Cake Decorating A Storybook Spectacle

First thing in the morning on Tuesday, 6th May entries into the Trust Cake Decorating competition came flooding into the Food Technology classroom and it was soon very clear that we would have a tough job ahead of us judging the winners.

The theme for this year's Trust competition was 'A Storybook Spectacle'. Students across the Trust were invited to enter 3 decorated cupcakes. The cakes themselves could be shop-bought, but the choice of Storybook and decoration was entirely down to the students.

The competition was judged by Miss Short (Food Technology teacher) and Mrs Lawson (Head of English), with entries being scored on creativity, visual impact and originality, as well as relevance to the overall theme.

The skill and talent demonstrated by all entrants was phenomenal, which made judging incredibly difficult however, after much deliberation three winners were chosen, along with three runners up.

By the time you read this issue of the newsletter, the three winning OWS students will have competed in the Grand Final at Church Stretton school, along with the other finalists from each of the schools within the Trust. Watch out on social media for the results!

Winners



Xanthia T (8DPE) – Peter Rabbit



Annabelle F (7SDI) - The Gruffalo



Grace W (7CHA) – Harry Potter

Runners Up



Rory C (7JXD) - Harry Potter



Jessica D (7SF) - The Hunger Games



Lydia P (7SDI) – Alice in Wonderland

Mathematician of the Term: Spring 2025

Huge congratulations

During the Spring term, the maths department continued the popular Student of the Term awards. There were a plethora of stand-out mathematicians, making it difficult to narrow down the list. Huge congratulations to every student at Oldbury Wells who showed amazing commitment and fantastic work ethic in their maths lessons!

The following students have displayed hard work, problem-solving abilities, and a passion for the subject. We commend their perseverance and curiosity within mathematics. Well done to the Student of the Term winners!



UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

National Competition

Earlier in May, many of our year 7 and 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. The Challenge is a national competition run every year, comprising of 60-minute, 25 multiple choice challenge questions. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think.

We are very proud of everyone who took part in the competition – well done!

Some of our students managed to earn themselves a coveted Bronze or Silver award.





Student Parliament Recycling Launch

New Legislation

As from 31st March it became legislation that any establishment that has 10 or more employees **MUST** separate their waste products and recycle.

Our Student Parliament has been tirelessly investigating and working towards a solution for the Trust and its schools.

Each school will have 4 large recycling bins for the different waste:

- General waste
- Mixed Dry recycling
- Paper and cardboard
- Food waste

Thanks to the commitment of all involved each school will have smaller bins for the same separate waste that staff and students will be expected to use.

What to expect:

These bins will be in your corridors for you to separate your waste. Everyone has the responsibility to use the appropriate bin for their waste and **NO** contamination is allowed.



To help you understand what is allowed in each bin the student Parliament will be placing the following posters or similar around your school. Please support the student Parliament and your school in making our environment healthy.

General waste

Yes please:

- ✓ Coffee cups
- ✓ Crisp packets
- ✓ Paper towels/ tissues
- ✓ Sweet wrappers
- ✓ Single use cutlery and plates
- ✓ Polystyrene containers and packaging

No thanks:

- ✗ Paper
- ✗ Cardboard
- ✗ Food and drink cans
- ✗ Plastic pots, tubs and trays
- ✗ Plastic bottles
- ✗ Food waste

Paper and cardboard recycling

Yes please:

- ✓ Office paper
- ✓ Newspapers & magazines
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Cardboard

No thanks:

- ✗ Paper towels/ tissues
- ✗ Sticky bags
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Coffee cups
- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Glass bottles and jars

Food waste

Yes please:

- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Coffee grounds
- ✓ Fruit and vegetable peelings
- ✓ Leftovers
- ✓ Inedible food

No thanks:

- ✗ Coffee cups
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Plastic film
- ✗ Paper towels/ tissues
- ✗ Food packaging
- ✗ Single use cutlery or plates

Mixed recycling

Yes please:

- ✓ Paper and cardboard
- ✓ Plastic pots, tubs and trays
- ✓ Food and drink cans
- ✓ Cartons
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Plastic bottles

No thanks:

- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Coffee cups
- ✗ Plastic film
- ✗ Crisp packets
- ✗ Paper towels/ tissues
- ✗ Polystyrene containers and packaging

The Student Parliament
would like to thank you in
advance for your support
in recycling.

Attendance Guide for Parents/Carers

What YOU must do:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Please contact your Head of Year if you want to discuss your child's attendance.
Tel no. 01746 765454

Year 7 Mr C Smith chris.smith2@oldburywells.com

Year 8 & 9 Mr J Walker joe.walker@oldburywells.com




Year 10 & 11 Mr T Cowburn terry.cowburn@oldburywells.com

Education Welfare Officer (EWO):

An Education Welfare Officer is a dedicated professional who plays a crucial role in promoting regular school attendance. EWOs visit schools to meticulously monitor attendance patterns. Their focus extends beyond mere numbers; they keenly observe signs that may indicate underlying challenges.

By collaborating closely with school staff, parents and students, EWOs provide invaluable support to enhance attendance. to recognize that improved school attendance not only impacts academic outcomes but also contributes significantly to social and emotional well-being. Should you have any inquiries regarding attendance or seek guidance, I encourage school, as they are well-equipped to assist you.

Our EWO is [Emma Chafer](#) and you can find her in school on Wednesdays.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS	
	95% Attendance 9 Days Missed 45 Lessons
	90% Attendance 19 Days Missed 95 Lessons
	85% Attendance 29 Days Missed 145 Lessons

Fantastic Friday Prize Draw

- Oldbury Wells Beanie Hats 
 - Adidas Boot Bags 
 - Beefy Boys Meal Voucher, Shrewsbury 
- Don't forget to enter your raffle tickets for Friday

Equipment

Be well equipped for the school day

We require students to be well equipped for the school day. Suggested equipment includes: pencil case, scientific calculator, French or Spanish dictionary (please see your MFL teacher), 2x black pens, 2x green pens, 1x highlighter pen, HB pencil, 150mm ruler, glue stick, colouring pencils, compass, protractor, pencil sharpener, rubber and earphones.

Please use this form to order any supplies from the school - Equipment Order Form

Once you have completed the form, your order will be processed and payment will be requested via ParentPay. Once we have received payment a text confirmation will be sent to you confirming that your order is ready for your child to collect from East Reception.

If you have any queries regarding the payment please email: finance.ows@oldburywells.com

The Complete Pencil Case



£14.00

A clear pencil case, 2 black pens, 2 blue pens, 2 green pens, compass, pencil & sharpener, ruler, protractor, eraser, pencil crayons, highlighter, glue stick, scientific calculator.

The Essential Pencil Case



£3.60

A clear pencil case, 2 black pens, 2 blue pens, 2 green pens, compass, pencil & sharpener, ruler, protractor, eraser, pencil crayons, highlighter, glue stick.

The Refill



£2.00

The basic equipment to refill a pencil case including: 2 black pens, 2 blue pens, 2 green pens, pencil & sharpener, ruler, eraser, highlighter and glue stick.

The Grab & Go



£1.00

The basic equipment needed for most lessons: 2 blue pens, 2 black pens, 2 green pens, 2 pencils, eraser and ruler.

Maths Equipment



£11.00

Casio FX - 83GT X Scientific Calculator

Creative Kit



£11.50

Pencil Crayons (water soluble), fine liner, 2b pencil, water colour set, brush, pencil sharpener and eraser.

Safeguarding Update

There has recently been lots in the media about young people, their phone usage and interaction with social media. Concerns were highlighted in the fictional programme Adolescence which revealed a secret online world and language that many parents may be unaware of. Whilst there are huge concerns about the use of social media by young people, many issues aired by youngsters have been around for generations. Many young people feel crushed by real-life pressures, they feel invalidated and misunderstood.

We cannot protect our young people from every threat or issue (there will always be another one) but we can focus on building resilience, confidence and a sense of belonging. Young people who feel seen, heard and valued are less likely to be drawn into the dark corners of the internet.

Communication is the key.

Hopefully the following advice for parents/guardians will help:

- Get curious, not combative. Ask questions and keep conversation light.
- Be judgement free. If a child thinks they will be punished they won't open up.
- Decode together. Ask them to explain what different emojis and symbols mean.
- Teach critical thinking. It is useful to question certain online groups, look for the positives and negatives.
- Make checking their online space the norm rather than a crisis move.
- Listen without judgement, they need to speak without the fear of criticism.
- Validate their feelings. You might not understand why they feel the way they do but tell them that their emotions matter.
- Focus on who they are and not what they do. Celebrate character as well as achievements.
- Let them fail. It's ok to get things wrong, that is how we learn.
- Cheer them on. Praise goes a long way, no matter how small the win.
- Lead with love and kindness.

Equipment Reminder

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| ✓ Black pens | ✓ Colouring Pencils |
| ✓ Green Pens | ✓ Compass |
| ✓ Red Pens | ✓ Protractor |
| ✓ HB Pencil | ✓ Earphones |
| ✓ Ruler | |
| ✓ Rubber | |
| ✓ Scientific calculator | |
| ✓ Spanish or French Dictionary | |
| ✓ Highlighter pens | |
| ✓ Glue Stick | |

Can we remind all students to bring a refillable water bottle to school.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2025

Half-term Monday, 26th May - Friday, 30th May

Return **Monday, 2nd June 2025**

End of Term Friday, 18th July 2025

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Community Opportunities at OWS

Martial Arts Club comes to Oldbury Wells School

Run by Mr. Luke, a Science Technician at Oldbury Wells School, Freestyle Martial Arts Oldbury is a contemporary blend of Karate, Taekwondo, Kung-Fu and Kickboxing.

The next Freestyle Martial Arts Oldbury free-of-charge taster class is on Thursday, June 5th

Classes run in the East Hall on Thursday at 5 pm (term time only).

For more information or to sign-up:

- Visit www.freestylemartialarts.com/oldbury
- Email: oldbury@freestylemartialarts.com
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