

We are delighted to be able to share with families the result from our recent Ofsted inspection where Ofsted graded Oakway Academy as **'Good' in all areas.**

Securing a 'good' Ofsted rating for the first time as Oakway Academy is a significant achievement for the school and the wider community. It is testament to the hard work and commitment of our wonderful children, parents, staff and directors. I hope this provides parents and carers with confidence that the steps taken and measures implemented by the leadership team and Hatton Academies Trust are leading to improved educational provision for our children.

Ofsted inspectors judged the academy to be 'good' in all five areas of the inspection framework, and praised all school leaders for being *'resolute in improving the school.'* I am particularly pleased that Ofsted have recognised the journey of improvements made by the academy over the last 4 years since the previous inspection and I would like to thank all of the parents who have supported the academy during this time.

The report noted that *Pupils enjoy their time at the school. One pupil said: "This school is great because the teachers are kind and we learn interesting things."*

The inspection team were highly complimentary about the culture and ethos of the academy pointing out that *'Pupils are highly respectful of one another and of difference. Pupils learn to debate tricky issues in a mature manner. One pupil stated: "Our school is very welcoming, and our differences are what make our school unique.'"*

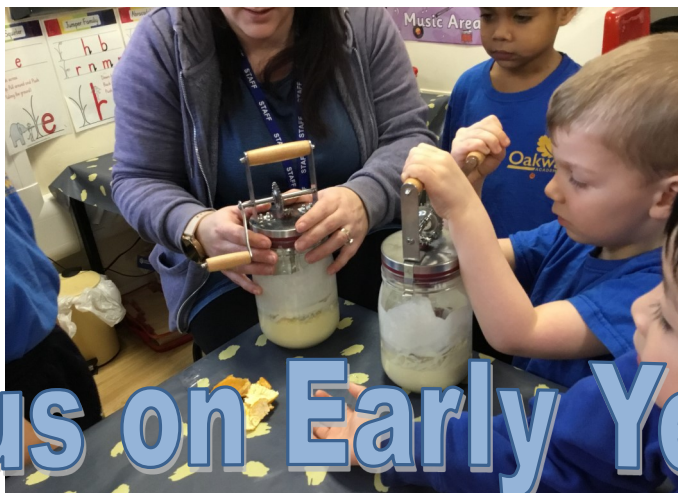
Whilst we rightly celebrate and recognise the importance of this milestone, we remain focused, determined and ambitious in our pursuit to achieve an exceptional level of education for our children. Improving children's rates of absence, by ensuring recently introduced strategies have the desired impact has been identified as an area we still need to focus on. All leaders and staff at the Academy are committed to working relentlessly to ensure these improvements are secured.

A full copy of the report can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

Mrs Claire Byron

Principal





Focus on Early Years



Our children in Early Years have been really busy this week as they started their new topic of Ready steady grow and the Signs of spring. They have learnt how to make butter via butter churns and have been on a Spring walk around school grounds to see what signs of Spring they could find. Next week the children will be planting potato seeds in the Blue Peter Garden.

Watch this space for home grown vegetables!



Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th February—Year 5 Bikeability level 2

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day : Dress up as your favourite book character

Tues 7th & Weds 8th March—Parents evening Years R—5

Thurs 9th March—Choir perform at The Big Sing @ The Derngate Theatre, Northampton

Tuesday 14th March—Pi Day : Parents are invited to join their children from 9-10am in a variety of maths activities

Wednesday 15th March—Year 6 dental checks (random sample)

Friday 17th March—Comic Relief

Tuesday 21st March—Year 1 & Aspen class trip to Woburn Safari Park

Friday 23rd March—Year 5 Netball tournament

Monday 27th March—Year 2 & Birch class trip to West Lodge Farm

Tuesday 28th March—Online safety parent workshop—6-7pm

Friday 31st March—Class photographs

Friday 31st March—Children break up for Easter holidays

Tuesday 18th April—Children return to school after Easter holidays

Just a reminder that all term dates can be found on our website including those for the 2023-2024 academic year at

[Term Dates – Oakway Academy \(wpengine.com\)](http://Term Dates – Oakway Academy (wpengine.com))

