



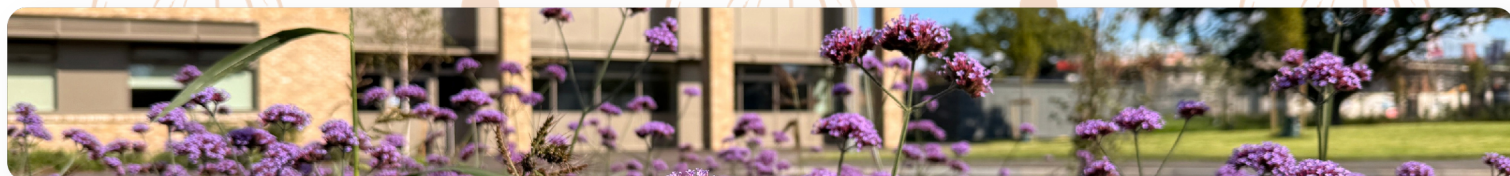
Weekly Newsletter

SOLENT
Academies Trust



DATE: 16TH OCTOBER 2026

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Our vision

At Luminous Oak Academy our pupils grow strong roots, find their voice and learn to believe that they can achieve great things.

Key Dates

Autumn Half-Term

19th October – 30th October 26

Christmas Holiday

21st December – 1st January 27

February Half-Term

15th February – 19th February 27

Easter Holiday

26th March – 9th April 27

May Day

3rd May 27

Summer Half-Term

31st May – 4th June 27

Summer Holiday

23rd July – 1st September 27

Inset Days 2026/2027

4th January 2027
12th February 2027
12th April 2027
7th June 2027

Welcome to Luminous Oak Academy

As we reach the end of our first half term at Luminous Oak Academy, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly positive and memorable start to our journey together.

Since opening our doors in September, it has been wonderful to see our school community begin to grow and flourish. Our pupils have shown tremendous resilience, curiosity and enthusiasm as they have settled into a brand-new environment, built relationships with staff and peers, and embraced new routines and opportunities.

Over the past few weeks, we have celebrated many achievements, both big and small. From engaging learning experiences in the classroom to developing practical life skills through cooking activities, our pupils have demonstrated determination and a willingness to challenge themselves. It has been a pleasure to watch their confidence grow as they begin to make the academy their own.

We are also delighted to see more areas of our new building gradually coming into use. The school continues to evolve week by week, creating exciting opportunities for learning and enrichment. We remain incredibly proud of how our pupils have adapted to these changes and shown such respect for their new surroundings.

I would like to thank all of our families for their support during this important first term. Starting a new school is a significant milestone, and your partnership has been invaluable in helping us establish a positive and nurturing environment for every young person.

As we look ahead to the half-term break, I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy some well-earned rest and quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back refreshed and ready for another exciting chapter at Luminous Oak Academy. We look forward to seeing you on 2nd November.

With best wishes,
Louisa



October Half Term

Half term is finally here!

The next two weeks are half term, and we'd like to wish all our pupils and families a happy and relaxing break!

We hope everyone enjoys the opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with family and friends. Thank you for all your hard work this term.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holiday, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term full of learning, fun, and achievement.



Pupil Absence

A reminder to families: the latest guidance on pupil absence can be found on **page 6** of this newsletter.



Staying Safe Online at Home

The internet is a fantastic place to learn, play and connect with others, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. We encourage families to regularly check the websites, games and apps their children are accessing at home and ensure all content is age-appropriate. Remind children never to share personal information online and to speak to a trusted adult if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. Working together helps create positive and safe online experiences for everyone.

Book Donations

A huge thank you to all the families who have generously donated books to our school library. Your donations are helping us to build a wonderful collection of stories and resources for our pupils to enjoy.

We are incredibly grateful for your support and look forward to seeing our library continue to grow as a welcoming space that inspires a love of reading. Every book makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.

Autumn Activities



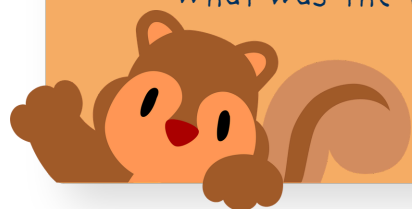
Can you create an autumn picture using leaves, conkers, or other natural materials?

We'd love to see photos after half term!

Conversation Starter

Try asking your child:

What was the best part of your week and why?



SEMH Focus of the Week

Self-Regulation

Learning to recognise emotions and use strategies to stay calm and focused.

Family Tip: Try practising "Pause, Breathe, Respond" together when challenges arise.

A MESSAGE FROM YEAR 8

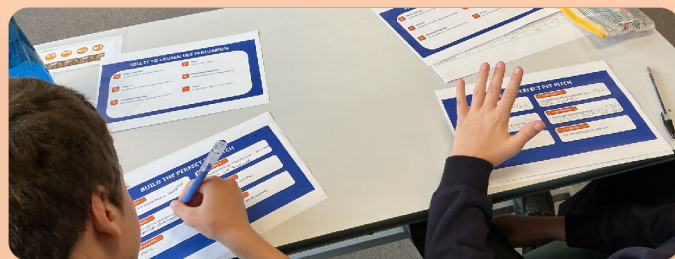
Year 8 have had a successful week, focusing on developing positive relationships and strengthening their classroom community. Throughout the week, pupils have worked hard on building supportive friendships, practising turn-taking, and learning how to share resources and ideas respectfully with one another. It has been wonderful to see pupils encouraging their peers, working collaboratively, and demonstrating increasing kindness and maturity in their interactions.

Alongside this, all pupils have completed their baseline Maths and English assessments. These assessments required a great deal of concentration, resilience, and determination, and every pupil should be extremely proud of the effort they have shown. The class approached each challenge with ambition and perseverance, demonstrating a positive attitude even when tasks felt difficult.

In English, pupils also enjoyed working together on persuasive writing activities, sharing ideas and supporting one another to create convincing arguments. Across all areas of learning, Year 8 have shown a growing confidence in expressing their thoughts and listening to the views of others.

We are incredibly proud of the progress Year 8 have made this half term and look forward to building on these successes as we continue our learning journey together. An enormous thank you to my fantastic team - Liv, Mariette and Paityn – for all their hard work too!

Jess



School Timings

Monday -	08:45 - 15:00
Tuesday -	08:45 - 15:00
Wednesday -	09:45 - 15:00
Thursday -	08:45 - 14:00
Friday -	08:45 - 15:00



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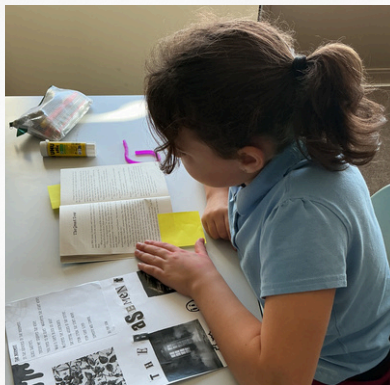


IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Take a look at some of the highlights from this week across the school. Below is a selection of photographs from each class, showcasing the fantastic learning, creativity, and achievements of our pupils. We hope you enjoy seeing what everyone has been up to!



Year 5 - Harri's Class



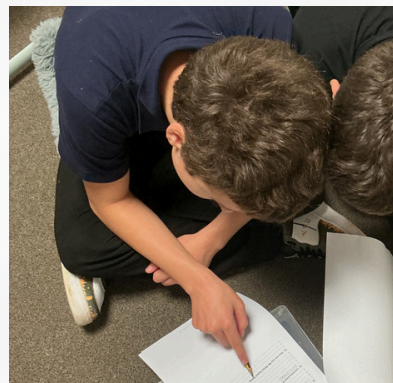
Year 6 - Beth's Class



Year 7 - Charlie's Class



Year 7 - Amy's Class



Year 8 - Jess's Class



BONFIRE

Food Menu

MAINS

'THE BIG BANGER'

(Hot Dogs in a roll)

'CATHERINE WHEELS'

(Pizza pinwheels)

'WHIZZY WEDGES'

(Potato Wedges)

SIDES

BBQ BEANS

CORN ON THE COB

DESERTS

BONFIRE CUPCAKES

5th November





UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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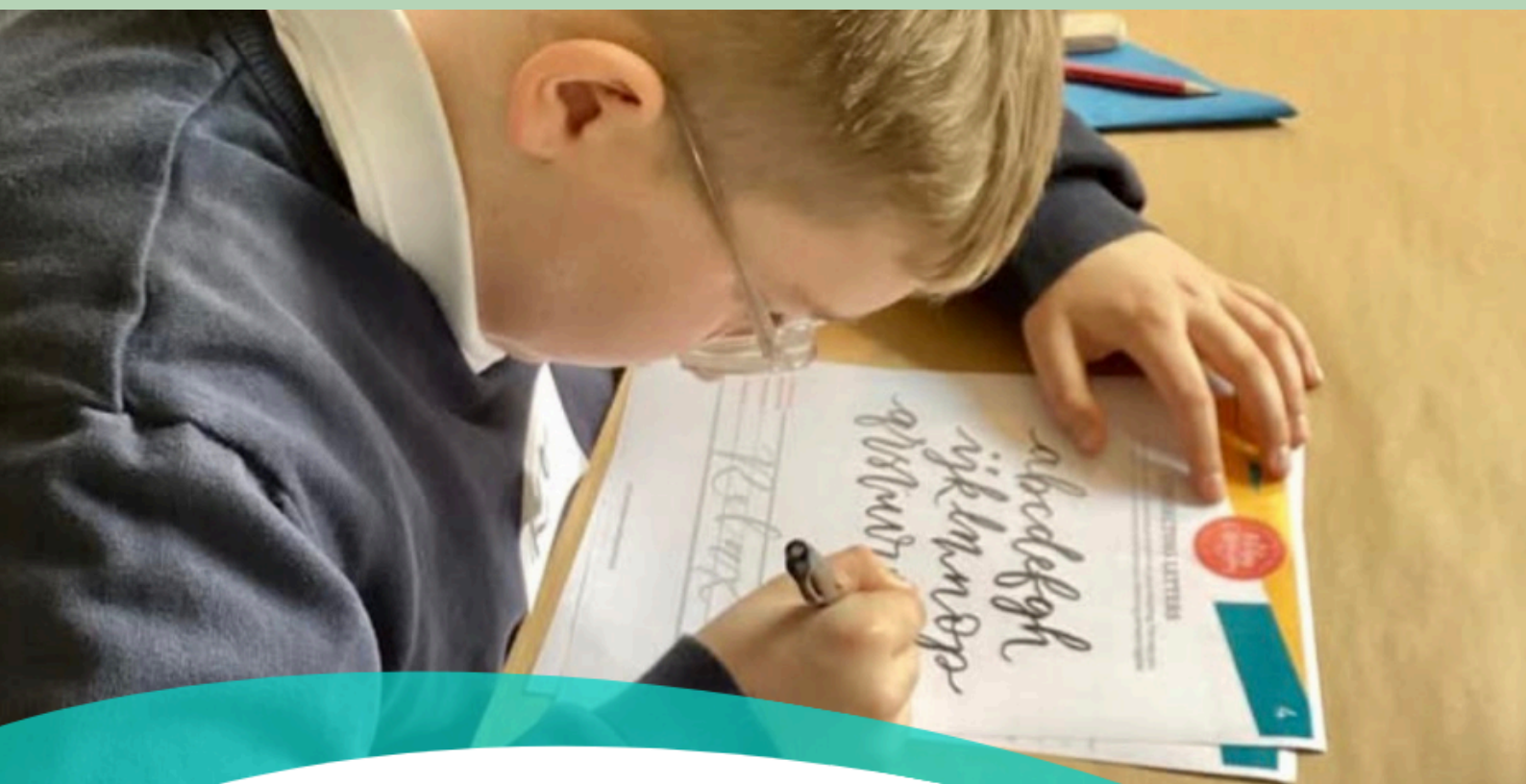
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Staff at Luminous Oak Academy



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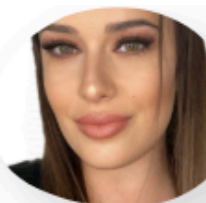
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Year 5 Teacher



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Year 6 Teacher



Charlie
Year 7 Teacher



Amy
Year 7 Teacher



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Year 8 Teacher



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