



Welcome back



Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge warm welcome back to all of our children and parents/carers! I have been so pleased by how all of the children have settled back into school life over the last few weeks and how our New Year 3 children have adjusted to their new school. We have had a wonderful start and I am sure this is just the beginning of what will be a fantastic school year. In our first newsletter, I would like to share with you some important information, updates and upcoming events as well as dates for your diary.

Attendance

We are sure that like us, you as parents and carers realise the importance of attendance and punctuality. At Oakwood, we continue to work hard to try to raise attendance levels and to reduce instances of lateness. During the school term, we regularly have meetings with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) to discuss children’s attendance and closely monitor those who drop below 95%. Please ensure your child is on time for school and where possible non-urgent medical appointments are made after school or during school holidays.



School Timings

Please note that school starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm. The school gates will be open from 8.40am and will be locked at 8.55am. We ask that meals are chosen via the School Money app up to and including the day before having the meal. If your child arrives after this time they will need to go through to reception via the main gate on Holbrook road to book their school dinner and receive their registration mark. If you are running late, where possible please notify the school office so we can make your child’s teacher aware and we can book your child’s school dinner over the phone. This will reduce any disruption to your child’s class and the school kitchen.

School Uniform

Uniforms Children should be wearing full school uniforms every day for school and full PE kits on PE days. Uniforms do not have to have the school logo, and we recommend local supermarkets, with some uniform pieces starting at £3.00. Can we also ask that children do not wear false eyelashes, false nails and makeup to school. School has now got a full range of uniform options on offer in the foyer by the Office. Please help yourself to any items your child may need.



Car parking

We have received a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate parking and cars left for long periods of times with their engine running, during the first 2 weeks of term stating drives are being blocked and car abandoned in the middle of the road whilst children are dropped off/collected from school. Please can we ask that when dropping off/collecting your children that you are considerate of where you park your car. This can be extremely upsetting and frustrating for residents as well as safety concern for pedestrians. I hope together as a community this can be stopped.

Parent Communication and payments

We are now using Arbor as our MIS and payment system, replacing parent hub and school money. We currently have 50% of parent/carers signed up online or via the app and we hope to make this 100% in the coming weeks. As with all new things, teething problems are expected and we will do our utmost to ensure any queries regarding using Arbor are dealt with as quickly as possible. Thank you all again for you continued support and patience during this migration.



Please see our "Dates for your diary" section for a brief year overview of events/trips. As always if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01332 571231, you can also contact your child's class teacher direct, or myself, on Class Dojo.

Best Wishes
Mrs Atwal

SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

Keep in touch and keep updated –

Oakwood Junior School use Class Dojo and Arbor

Online and Social Media

Website - <https://oakwoodjuniorschool.co.uk/>

Twitter - https://twitter.com/Oakwood_Juniors

Twitter (sports) -

<https://twitter.com/oakwoodjderby>

Dinner Money

Daily Dinner money Charge - £2.70

Oakwood Junior School has a zero tolerance to dinner money debt and dinner money should be paid on the day or in advance.

No Nuts!

We now have multiple children with nut allergies in School. Please remember school is a nut free zone so please do not send your child to school with things like Nutella in their lunch box.

FLU VACCINE

Tuesday 14th October 2025

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/8d1b2e5e>

The vaccinations will take place at Oakwood Junior School on the 14/10/25. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 5 option 2.

SCHOOL TERM DATES – 2025/26

Autumn - 1

September 25 th	YR 6 Height and Weight
October 14 th	Flu Immunisations
October 17 th	INSET DAY
October 21 st	School Photos
October 24 th	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

Autumn – 2

November 3 rd	SCHOOL OPENS
November 13 th	Children in Need
November 28 th	INSET DAY
December 4 th	Christmas Fair
December 5 th	YR 6 Holocaust museum trip
December 10 th	Christmas Jumper Day
December 19 th	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

Spring – 1

January 5 th	SCHOOL OPENS
January 22 nd	YR3 Creswell Craggs trip
February 13 th	INSET DAY/SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

Spring – 2

February 23 rd	SCHOOL OPENS
March 2 nd – 6 th	WORLD BOOK WEEK
March 2 nd	Allie Lotte – Poet in school
March 5 th	World Book Day
March 27 th	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

Summer – 1

April 13 th	SCHOOL OPENS
May 11 th – 15 th	SATs Week
May 22 nd	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

Summer – 2

June 1 st	SCHOOL OPENS
June 19 th	INSET DAY
July 15 th – 17 th	YR 6 Residential
July 23 rd	SCHOOL CLOSSES – END OF SCHOOL YEAR

More dates to be added

ADMISSIONS

Primary and Secondary school admissions is now open to apply for a school place for September 2026.

Closing date – Secondary – 31st October 2025

Closing date – Primary – 15th January 2026

