

## Welcome Back to Autumn Term 2025

A very warm welcome back to a whole new school year to all our children and parents/carers. We hope that you all had an amazing summer and that you enjoyed some of the lovely warm weather.

It is fabulous to have a full school once again and must congratulate the children on how happy and settled they are.

We would like to welcome all our new children to Oakfield and wish all our children starting secondary school this week the very best of luck in their next learning adventure.

### Staffing:

Reception - Miss Vessey

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Nursery - Mrs Foster

Year 1 - Miss Altoft

Year 2 - Mrs Hamlett

Year 3 - Mrs Summerland

Year 4 - Mrs Thompson & Mrs Lowry

Year 4 - Miss O'Grady

Year 5 - Miss Quibell

Year 6 - Mrs Abrams, Mrs Herrick & Mr Nicholson

We say goodbye & thank you to:

Miss Stephenson

Miss Selby

Mrs Jordan

Mrs Houghton

And Hello and welcome to Miss O'Grady, Mr Nicholson and Miss Salmon who have joined our team.

Thank you for sending the children back to school looking so smart in their uniform. Please can you ensure that all uniforms are clearly labelled to avoid any missing items. Could children please bring their PE kits into school on a Monday morning and stay in school until Friday. Please also ensure that children come to school with a water bottle on a daily basis.

Communication - Much of our school communication is accessed through our Dojo app. This is a really useful method of passing messages and keeping you informed of what is happening in school, please check whole school & class pages daily.

Please can you make sure that you are all signed up - any problems, please contact the school office who will help you.

New contact sheets will be sent out next week - please remember to update our admin team with any amendments throughout the school year.

We're thrilled to share some wonderful news with you!

Some of you may have spotted a few friendly faces helping out during our Sports Day and Summer Fayre — these were volunteers from Canpack, a fantastic local company that manufactures beverage packaging and actively supports schools in our area.

We're incredibly grateful to announce that Canpack has kindly offered to contribute towards transport costs for school trips this academic year. Even more excitingly, they will be funding our annual Christmas pantomime trip — a magical experience that our children look forward to every year!

This generous support is absolutely incredible for our school, and we cannot thank Canpack enough for their kindness and commitment to our community.

### **Birthday Cakes in School - Important Reminder**

We love celebrating birthdays in school and understand how special it is for children to share their day with classmates. Over the years, many of you have kindly sent in cakes to mark the occasion — thank you!

In line with **Natasha's Law** and our commitment to keeping all children safe, especially those with allergies or medical needs, we kindly ask that:

**Any birthday cakes brought into school must be shop-bought and remain in their original packaging.**

This allows us to clearly check the ingredients and allergen information before sharing with the class.

We really appreciate your continued support in helping us keep celebrations safe and inclusive for everyone.

Term Dates:

### **Holiday Dates 2025 - 2026**

Re-Open - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2025

Close - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Re-Open - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Close - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Re-Open - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Close - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Re-Open Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Close - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Re-Open - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

May Day - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Close - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Re-Open - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Close - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Thank you.