



THIS WEEK AT OAKWOOD



We were delighted to receive a 5 Food Hygiene Rating this week – a fantastic result and a great reflection of the high standards within our school kitchen.

It was also wonderful to see so many of our families joining us for our Taste and Talk event with our new catering provider. Families had the opportunity to sample some of the food, meet the team and find out more about the meals being provided for our children.

Thank you to everyone who came along and shared their thoughts with us. It was lovely to see such a great turnout and to have our families involved as we begin this new chapter for school meals at Oakwood.



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been another busy and positive week at Oakwood, and this week I had the pleasure of welcoming our CEO, Mrs Doughty-Davis, into school for a monitoring visit.

I felt an enormous sense of pride showcasing our school and, most importantly, our wonderful children. During the visit, Oakwood was praised for the behaviour of our pupils, their attitudes and behaviours for learning, and the quality of teaching taking place across the school.

As you would expect, we continue to have areas that we are working to improve and develop across the school. What was particularly positive, however, was the recognition that this improvement is happening at pace. The quality of teaching and learning remains at the heart of every development point we are working on because, ultimately, everything we do must lead to the very best experiences and outcomes for our children.

I was incredibly proud to walk around our school, visit lessons and see our children demonstrating what it means to be part of Oakwood. I am also extremely proud of our staff, who continue to work hard, reflect on their practice and embrace the changes we are making together.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24th September

Year 6 Swimming Lessons begin

Week Commencing 28th September

Harvest Festival food bank donations

Re-Scheduled Friday 2nd October

Interhouse Orienteering 3:45-4:30pm

Friday 23rd October – last day of Term 1

PTFA Halloween Disco (Reception - Year 2 3:30-4:30 and Y3-6 4:45-5:45)

Friday 6th November

Flu Vaccinations

Monday 16th November

Interhouse mini cake decorating (entries to the Community Entrance)

Parent Events – Learn With Us

I have some exciting news about opportunities for our families to become even more involved in school life.

After the October half term, we will be introducing our new ‘Learn With Us’ sessions. Every class will host a session where parents and carers will be invited into school to learn alongside their child. We want to give you the opportunity to see what learning looks like in your child’s classroom, experience some of the approaches we use and, most importantly, enjoy learning together.

Dates for all of our ‘Learn With Us’ sessions will be shared with families next week.

Class Celebration Assemblies

We are also delighted to share another opportunity for parents and carers to join us in school. From January 2027, we will begin inviting families to our Friday afternoon whole-school celebration assemblies.

Each week, a different class will take its turn to share and celebrate some of the learning they have been doing. Parents and carers from that class will be invited to join us and be part of the celebration.

You will also be able to join us as we celebrate our Oakwood Legends and recognise the fantastic achievements our children have outside of school, including medals, trophies and other special accomplishments.

I am really excited about these opportunities. We want families to feel part of what happens at Oakwood and, wherever possible, to experience and celebrate their children’s learning alongside us.

More information, including dates for the ‘Learn With Us’ sessions and our class celebration assemblies, will be shared next week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. There is a great deal happening at Oakwood, and I am incredibly proud of the direction in which our school is moving and of everyone who is helping us on that journey.

**Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd
December**

Parents Evenings

**Friday 18th December – last day of
Term 2**

PTFA Christmas Event from 3:30pm
onwards

ATTENDANCE

94.1%

Whole-school attendance this
week

 **TOP CLASS**

Firestone— 98.8%

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT - Extra – Curricular Clubs

This week, our School Spotlight is on the fantastic range of extra-curricular clubs available to our children at Oakwood.

We are incredibly proud of the array of opportunities on offer and, even more importantly, of the high percentage of our children who are choosing to take part. It is wonderful to see so many pupils staying after school to try something new, develop their talents and interests, and spend time with children from across the school.



Our extra-curricular offer is an important part of school life at Oakwood. We want every child to have opportunities beyond the classroom that build confidence, develop new skills and, most importantly, are fun.



A huge thank you to the staff who give their time to make these opportunities possible and to our families for supporting and encouraging children to get involved.

It has been fantastic to see our clubs so well attended – Oakwood certainly continues to be a busy place after 3:30pm!

QUICK REMINDERS

Early Birds & Busy Bees – Wraparound Care

Don't forget that our wraparound care is available to support families before and after the school day. Early Birds runs from 7:00–8:40am, giving children a welcoming and positive start to their school day. Busy Bees runs from 3:30–5:30pm, providing after-school care in a safe and familiar environment.

School Lunches

Please order your child's school lunch through ParentPay by midnight the night before.

Free School Meals – Please Check!

Eligibility has changed, so all families are encouraged to check, even if you have applied before. This is important even for Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils who already receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. Registration can unlock additional Pupil Premium funding and reduce some costs for eligible families.

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

★ SHOUT-OUT - Year 6 Raleigh Class!

A huge shout-out to all of Year 6 Raleigh Class for completing their assessments this week!

Although this may seem early in the school year, it is a deliberate choice to help us gain a clear understanding of each child's strengths and identify any areas where additional support or challenge may be needed.

Completing these assessments now means we can ensure our teaching is carefully matched to the needs of the children and give every pupil the support they need to make strong progress as they work towards their SATs later in the year.

We have been incredibly impressed by the maturity, determination and positive attitude the children have shown throughout the week.

Congratulations, Raleigh Class – a fantastic effort from you all! ★



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School Terms and Holidays 2026/2027 Academic Year



September 2026							October 2026							November 2026						
M			7	14	21	28	Mo			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
T		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24	
W		2	9	16	23	30	We			7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		Fr		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	S		7	14	21	28	
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December 2026							January 2027							February 2027						
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March 2027							April 2027							May 2027						
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Term time	School holiday	Bank holiday	INSET day
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Term dates									
Term 1	03 September	-	23 October	37 days	Term 2	02 November	-	18 December	35 days
Term 3	04 January	-	12 February	30 days	Term 4	22 February	-	25 March	24 days
Term 5	12 April	-	28 May	34 days	Term 6	07 June	-	23 July	35 days
Total									195 days

Bank and public holidays			
Christmas Day	25 December	Easter Monday	29 March
Boxing Day	28 December	May Day	03 May
New Year's Day	01 January	Spring	31 May
Good Friday	26 March	Summer	30 August