



Oakwood Primary Academy Newsletter

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What a week it has been at Oakwood!

Despite the extreme temperatures, I have been incredibly proud of the dedication, resilience and teamwork shown by our Oakwood staff. Their commitment to ensuring that every child remained safe, well and able to continue learning in school has been exceptional. Through careful planning, regular hydration, adapting activities and making the most of cooler spaces, we successfully maintained face-to-face education throughout the heatwave.

The children particularly enjoyed the thoughtful ice lolly treats kindly provided by our PTFA, which were a firm favourite! Water-based activities also brought plenty of smiles while helping everyone stay cool and comfortable.

We were also delighted to welcome colleagues from the Local Authority on Thursday afternoon. The visit was a great success, with the SEND Team Manager commenting positively on our inclusive approach and recognising the improvements we have made in ensuring learning is accessible for all pupils. It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback about the calm, purposeful atmosphere throughout the school, which is something our staff and children should be incredibly proud of.

This afternoon, we were pleased to welcome our local MP, Fred Thomas, to Oakwood. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our wonderful school, celebrate the progress we have made, discuss our areas for further development and share my vision for Oakwood as we continue on our journey of improvement.

Following the recent road traffic accident involving a member of our school community, I was also grateful for the opportunity to discuss road safety with Mr Thomas. We will be joining forces to put forward a strong case for a zebra crossing to be installed opposite ALDI. This is something I know would make a real difference to the safety of our children, families and wider community. When the petition is launched, I hope our entire school community will come together to support it by adding their names. Together, we can help make this much-needed safety improvement a reality.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff, PTFA, pupils and families for their continued support. Your resilience, kindness and commitment to our school community never cease to amaze me. I hope you all have a wonderful, restful weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 29th June - Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 30th June - New Families Reception Information Meeting 4:30pm.
 PHSG Presentation YR4/5 Girls at Beechwood 3:30pm
Thursday 2nd - Fri day 3rd July - YR6 London Trip
Wednesday 8th July - YR6 Mount Edgcumbe Trip
Thursday 9th July—Summer Fair
W/C Monday 13th July—YR5 Bikeability
Tuesday 14th July - Singing Club Rock Bottom Performance
Wednesday 15th July - Rock Steady Concert 2:30pm
Tuesday 21st July - SPORTS DAY
Thursday 23rd July - Yr 6 Leavers Bus
Friday 24th July— SUMMER HOLIDAYS

COMMUNICATIONS THIS WEEK:

ALL: Class/Teacher Allocations
 ALL: Busy Bees Afterschool Club

WORD COUNT WINNERS

YEARS 1/2 – Mayflower - 22,732 words
YEARS 3/4 – Mount Batten - 263,519 words
YEARS 5/6 – Raleigh - 38,141 words

ATTENDANCE

The UK Government expectation is **96%+**. We are striving for children to achieve this, as there is a direct link between attendance and achievement.

This week, our whole school attendance is **91.14%**

Top class attendance FIRESTONE — 96.92%

SAFEGUARDING & SUPPORT

If you are worried about a child in danger, please contact:

- * Children’s social care on 01752 668000
- * Children’s social care at familiesfirst@plymouth.gov.uk
- * The police

For more information please go to: Worried about a child? | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK



PE Days Remember that pupils wear PE kits these days:

Smeaton	Monday
Firestone	Monday and Wednesday
Mayflower	Monday and Wednesday
Mount Batten	Wednesday and Friday
Mount Edgcumbe	Wednesday and Friday

Saltram	Wednesday and Friday
Dockyard	Monday and Friday
Burrator	Monday and Friday
Raleigh	Monday and Friday

TERM DATES 2025/26



Teaching days (statutory)	190
BWD and OAK INSET Days	2
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
Sub-total	200
School holidays	53
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	104
Total	365

Term	Start	End	Days
1	03-Sep-25	24-Oct-25	39
2	03-Nov-25	19-Dec-25	35
3	05-Jan-26	13-Feb-26	30
4	23-Feb-26	02-Apr-26	30
5	20-Apr-26	22-May-26	23
6	01-Jun-26	23-Jul-26	38
Total			195

SEPTEMBER					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	

OCTOBER				
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31

NOVEMBER				
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

DECEMBER					
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		

JANUARY					
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30

FEBRUARY				
2	9	16	23	
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	

MARCH				
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	

APRIL					
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		

MAY					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29

JUNE				
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	

JULY				
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31

AUGUST					
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		

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						
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29						
December 2026						January 2027						February 2027													
M			7	14	21	28	M			4	11	18	25	M			1	8	15	22					
Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu			2	9	16	23					
W		2	9	16	23	30	W			6	13	20	27	W			3	10	17	24					
Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th			7	14	21	28	Th			4	11	18	25					
F		4	11	18	25		F		1	8	15	22	29	F			5	12	19	26					
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa			6	13	20	27					
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su			7	14	21	28					
March 2027						April 2027						May 2027													
M			1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26	M			3	10	17	24	31			
Tu			2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu			4	11	18	25				
W			3	10	17	24	31	W			7	14	21	28	W			5	12	19	26				
Th			4	11	18	25		Th			1	8	15	22	29	Th			6	13	20	27			
F			5	12	19	26		F			2	9	16	23	30	F			7	14	21	28			
Sa			6	13	20	27		Sa			3	10	17	24		Sa			1	8	15	22	29		
Su			7	14	21	28		Su			4	11	18	25		Su			2	9	16	23	30		
June 2027						July 2027						August 2027													
M				7	14	21	28	M				5	12	19	26	M			2	9	16	23	30		
Tu			1	8	15	22	29	Tu				6	13	20	27	Tu			3	10	17	24	31		
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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