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Attendance Matters



YOU BELONG HERE!
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

15 minutes late everyday
↓
2 whole weeks of lost learning

Friday 28th November 2025

Hello everyone and Happy Friday!

We started the week with an assembly to introduce our new PSHE programme, *Jigsaw*. The children are looking forward to learning more about the techniques they can use to relax their bodies and calm their minds.

Our EYFS children enjoyed an autumn stroll through the woods. They noticed the trees beginning to lose their leaves, collected foliage for artwork, searched for bugs on a fallen log and listened carefully to the sounds around them — a wonderful day full of curiosity and discovery!

We are pleased to share that we will soon be introducing **our updated Behaviour Policy**. This will provide clearer expectations and help continue to raise the culture and attitude to behaviour in our school. More information will be shared with you next week.

Christmas dates and event information have already been sent out, so please do check your emails for this correspondence. Children have also begun rehearsals for the upcoming festive performances, and we are very much looking forward to sharing these with you.

We would like to remind parents and carers to be mindful of parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Please refrain from parking on the double yellow lines and pavements on Butler Close and Pendeen Crescent, as this creates safety concerns for our children and families. We appreciate your support in keeping everyone safe.

Have a great weekend and see you all Monday
Mrs Chubb and the Oakwood team

Diary Dates to Remember

Tuesday 16th December 2025

KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
2:45PM
PTFA GIFT SHOP & BOARD GAME NIGHT 3:30PM—5PM

Weds 17th December 2025

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/JUMBOER DAY
ROCKSTEADY CONCERT 14:30
KS2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
4PM

Friday 19th December 2025

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Mon 22nd Dec 25-Fri 2nd Jan 2026

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Fri 30th January 2026

NON PUPIL DAY

Mon 16th- Fri 20th February 2026

HALF TERM

Mon 23rd February—Fri 13th March 2026

YEAR 5 SWIMMING

Fri 13th March 2026

NON PUPIL DAY

Mon 16th –Fri 20th March

NETHERCOTT TRIP YR4

Fri 3rd– 17th April 2026

EASTER BREAK

Wed 22nd April 2026

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Mon 27th-29th April 2026

PGL TRIP YR5

Mon 4th May 2026

BANK HOLIDAY

Mon 25th –29th May 2026

HALF TERM

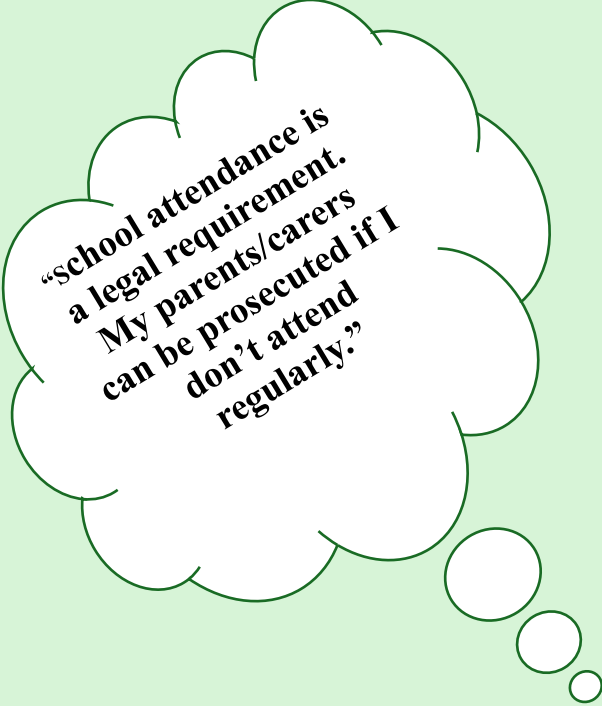
Mon 29th June 2026

NON PUPIL DAY

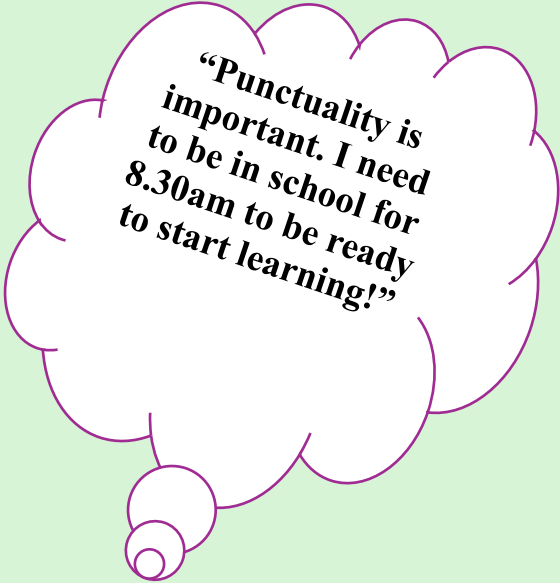
Thurs 2nd-Fri 3rd July 2026

YR6 LONDON TRIP

Fri 24th July 2026 SUMMER HOLIDAYS



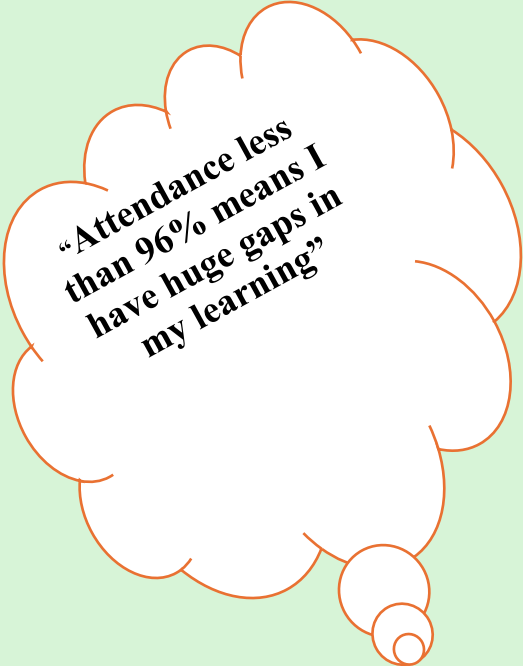
**“school attendance is
a legal requirement.
My parents/carers
can be prosecuted if I
don’t attend
regularly.”**



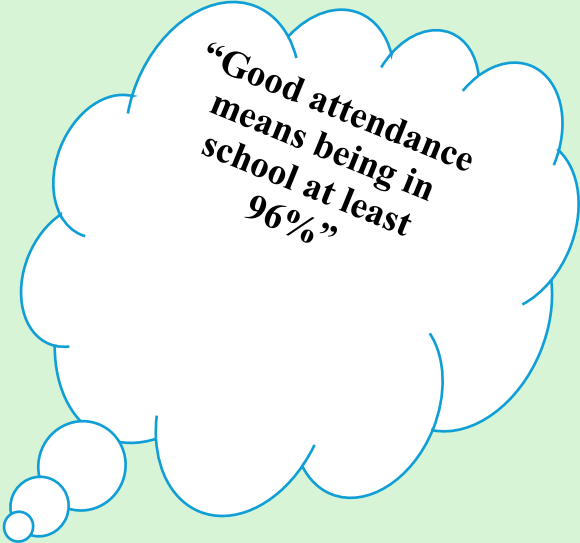
**“Punctuality is
important. I need
to be in school for
8.30am to be ready
to start learning!”**



**I NEED TO AIM TO ATTEND SCHOOL
100% OF THE TIME!**



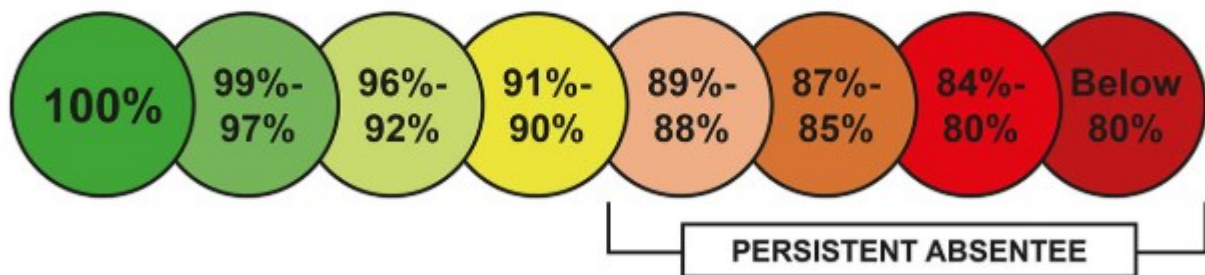
**“Attendance less
than 96% means I
have huge gaps in
my learning”**



**“Good attendance
means being in
school at least
96%”**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE MATTERS WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN? BE SMART BE THERE! <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS

Weekly Attendance for 24th- 27th Nov 2025

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 **90.89%**
FAB Friday for children attending 100%
GOLDEN TICKET for never late never away

SMEATON	86.84%
FIRESTONE	95.98%
MAYFLOWER	94.64%
MT EDGCUMBE	88.36%
MOUNTBATTEN	90%



SALTRAM	97.08%
DOCKYARD	90.38%
BURRATOR	77.50%
RALEIGH	91.67%

A gentle reminder to parents that contact must be made with school on your child's first day of absence **and each day** until they return to school. If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could result in a penalty notice being issued by Plymouth City Council.

Arriving late for school after 9am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Please remember to label your child's jumpers and please send your child in with a water bottle every day. Thank you

School Trip payment reminders

Year 4 - Nethercott Farm

Third instalment of £50 due by Sunday 30th November. Please pay using your child's ParentPay account. Thank you.

Year 5 - PGL Trip

Second instalment of £27 due by Friday 28th November. Please pay using your child's ParentPay account. Thank you.

Year 6 - London Trip

Second instalment of £50 due by 30th November. Please pay using your child's ParentPay account. Thank you

PTFA

Christmas Decoration Competition

Pupils are invited to hand make a decoration which they can hang on the school Christmas tree.

There are no rules, just use your imagination and have fun!

**Closing Date :
Wednesday 3rd Dec**

**There will be a prize
given for 1st, 2nd and
3rd place, chosen in
assembly on
Thursday 4th Dec**



PTFA Christmas Gift Shop & Games Evening

Tuesday 16th December 3:30-5pm

We would like to invite the children to attend our gift shop so they can purchase their loved ones a little gift and wrap it themselves, before taking it home to pop under their Christmas tree.

Parents / carers can patiently wait in the main hall (so the children can keep their gifts a surprise for you) and make the most of being able to purchase hot drinks and treats.

The hall will also be set up with board games for everyone to enjoy some quality time together.

Please note that all children must have a supervising adult on site for this event.





Fantastic news - **Oakwood Primary Academy PTFA - Plymouth** has received **£200.70** this Donation Day.

This puts your cause in the top 5% of causes on easyfundraising!

For a limited time, your cause will get a **£2 bonus** for every new supporter who joins via the **easyfundraising app***. Share the good news with your community to help your cause raise even more!

Amazing news! **Oakwood Primary Academy PTFA - Plymouth** has received **£200.70** this Donation Day - putting us in the **top 5% of causes on easyfundraising!**

A huge thank you to everyone supporting us. If you haven't joined yet, your Christmas shopping could raise **free donations for us - at no extra cost to you.**

Right now, when you sign up through the **easyfundraising app**, we'll get an **extra £2 donation** for our cause!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?causeId=385536&utm_term=Q3254



JINGLE BELLS...

...JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO CHRISTMAS LUNCH!



Roast turkey or Quorn fillet
roast potatoes,
trimmings and gravy

Christmas custard biscuits,
rudolf muffins, Krispmas pudding

(For allergy info, please speak to the kitchen or school)

ON
Wednesday
17th December
2025

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
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Friday	2	9	16	23	30

	FEBRUARY				
2	9	16	23		
3	10	17	24		
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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		

Oakwood Primary PE Timetable - Autumn Term 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Raleigh (Y6) Indoors	Mount Edgecumbe (Y3/4) Indoors	Firestone (Y1/2) Indoors	Smeaton (YR) Indoors
Burrator (Y5/6) Indoors	Saltram (Y3/4) Indoors	Mayflower (Y1/2) Indoors	Mountbatten (Y3/4) Indoors
Firestone (Y1/2) Outdoors	Mountbatten (Y3/4) Outdoors	Raleigh (Y6) Outdoors	Mount Edgecumbe (Y3/4) Outdoors
Mayflower (Y1/2) Outdoors		Burrator (Y5/6) Outdoors	Saltram (Y3/4) Outdoors
		Dockyard (Y5) Outdoors	

Children may come to school dressed in their PE kits if they have P.E that day.

PE uniform at Oakwood Primary is:

Yellow t-shirt, trainers, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a school jumper can be worn over your P.E top if you wish.

Please do not wear hoodies as part of the PE kit or school uniform

LUNCH MENU

Ham and Cheese paninis are on the menu again replacing wraps week commencing 3rd November 2025, this will run alongside the new menu as a daily choice.

We have colour choices on parent pay
Purple -cheese and tomato
orange -ham and tomato



WEEK 1

W/C: MONDAY 3RD NOV, 24TH NOV, 15TH DEC, 19TH JAN, 9TH FEB, 9TH MARCH, 30TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, V Macaroni cheese with garlic bread and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, Mu, Mi m/c Se	CHOICE 1 - H Potato topped chicken pie served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Ce Mi m/c Bar	CHOICE 1 - H Sausage and mashed potato served with veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	CHOICE 1 - W Youngs fish fingers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh F
CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegan chilli with rice and veg Allergens: So	CHOICE 2 - H, V Broccoli and potato bake served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegan meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh So	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Homemade bean cottage pie served with roast potatoes and veg	CHOICE 2 - H, V, W Cheese and tomato quiche with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E) HOT PANINI: CHOOSE FROM CHEESE & TOMATO OR HAM & TOMATO SERVED WITH TORTILLA CHIPS AND VEG (For the full allergy information, please refer to our webpage or check with your school)				
DESSERT - H, V Pear flapjack Allergens: Glu, O	DESSERT - H, V Chocolate shortbread Allergens: Glu Wh Mi m/c Bar	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter	DESSERT - H, V, VE Custard biscuit and fruit slices Allergens: Glu Wh	DESSERT - H, V Apple crumble and custard Allergens: Glu Wh O Mi m/c Bar

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT

Fresh fruit, local Westcountry yoghurt available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day. H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DISH, V = VEGETARIAN.

Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Cereals (Ce), Soy (So), Soya (Soy), Substitutes (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (Nu), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (Cr), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c May Contain.

Climate Friendly

DID YOU KNOW
You can have mixed or brown rice instead of potatoes!
Tilda

WEEK 2

W/C: MONDAY 10TH NOV, 1ST DEC, 5TH JAN, 26TH JAN, 23RD FEB, 16TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H Crispy chicken served with seasoned wedges and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Bar E m/c So Mi	CHOICE 1 - H, W Creamy chicken and tomato pasta bake served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi	CHOICE 1 - H, W, V Cheese and tomato pizza served with potato wedges and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, So, Mi	CHOICE 1 - H Roast gammon with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	CHOICE 1 - W Salmon bites served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, F
CHOICE 2 - H, V Homemade vegetable moussaka served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Ce Mu So	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegetable curry served with veg	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Mexican vegan cheese and bean quesadilla served with wedges and veg Allergens: Glu Wh O	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Vegetarian sausage with vegetable casserole and roast potatoes Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Bar	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Cheese wheels with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Mu
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DESSERT - H, V, W Blueberry cake Allergens: Glu Wh E Bar	DESSERT - H, V, VE Cornish fairings biscuit with fruit Allergens: Glu Wh	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter	DESSERT - H, V, W Banana cookies Allergens: Glu Wh E	DESSERT - H, V, W Vanilla and chocolate marble cake with custard Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi m/c Bar

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WEEK 3

DATES: W/C: MONDAY 17TH NOV, 8TH DEC, 12TH JAN, 2ND FEB, 2ND MARCH, 23RD MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, W Sticky BBQ meatballs served with pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 1 - H Cheese and tomato French bread pizza served with wedges and veg Allergens: Glu W Mi m/c So	All day breakfast choose from: meat or plant based served with a hash brown, beans and veg Meat option - H Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi Plant based option - V, VE Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken served with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	CHOICE 1 - W Battered fish fillet with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh F
CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Cheesy courgette sausage with mash, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	CHOICE 2 - H, V Vegetable lasagne served with garlic bread and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mu Mi m/c E, Bar		CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Katsu vegetable curry bake with roast potatoes and veg Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 2 - W, V, VE Quorn dippers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh
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DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Date crispy crunch Allergens: Glu Wh Bar m/c Mi So	DESSERT - H, W, V Toffee and apple cake Allergens: Glu Wh E	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter	DESSERT - H, V Orange butter biscuits Allergens: Glu, Wh E	DESSERT - H, W, V Steamed jam sponge and custard Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi

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ED'S SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVEMBER

NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK

Monday 10th - Friday 14th

While the menu remains the same this week, we're taking this opportunity to highlight the importance of school meals and the vital role they play in supporting children's health, wellbeing, and learning every day.

LACA's theme days celebrate the five key pillars of school meals: environment, community, nutrition, social connections, and cooking together.

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Various dates

Roast turkey ^{Glu Wh}
 or Quorn fillet ^{Glu Bar Wh}
 roast potatoes,
 trimmings and gravy

Christmas custard
 biscuits ^{Glu Wh}
 rudiolf muffins ^{Glu Wh Mi E Su m/c So}
 Krispmas pudding ^{Glu Bar Mi Su}

JANUARY

INTERNATIONAL LEGO DAY

Wednesday 28th January

Lego pepperoni pizza
^{Glu Wh So Mi}

Everything Is Awesome! mediterranean vegetable tart ^{Glu Wh m/c Bar}

Crispy crunch brick bites
^{Glu Bar Mi Su}

FEBRUARY

PANCAKE DAY

Tuesday 13th February

Change of dessert:
 A selection of sweet pancakes
^{Glu Wh E Mi}

MARCH

GREAT BRITISH PIE WEEK

Tuesday 3rd March

Beef and vegetable pie ^{Glu Wh}

Creamy vegetable and bean pie ^{Glu Wh Mi So}
 both with broccoli and green beans

Cherry flapjack
^{Glu Wh Bar}



(For additional allergy information, please speak to the kitchen or school)

Free School Meals

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive the following benefits:-

- Universal Credit, Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance,
- Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance,
- Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to apply on-line through the Plymouth City Council website as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



KS2 REN reading word count

The winners of this weeks word count for is:-

Year 1/2 – Firestone - 2640 words

Year 3/4 - Mt Edgcumbe - 185,746 words

Year 5/6 – Dockyard – 409,260



Keeping in Touch

Can we please remind parents that the vast majority of contact between school and parents is done by telephone or email. Please could you ensure that we are kept updated with your current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

Parent Pay

Please activate your parent pay account as this allows us to send Newsletters, trip letters and other important information that we may need to convey to you. Please contact the school office if you need assistance.

Facebook and Website

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Oakwood Primary Academy.
Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.

Email Addresses to Remember

Year 6 - Raleigh Class - r.sherrell@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 5 - Dockyard Class – s.wieprecht@discoverymat.co.uk or a.blakeston@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 5/6 Burrator Class – l.crocker@discoverymat.co.uk or k.harvey@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3/4- Mountbatten Class – k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3/4 - Mt Edgcumbe Class - a.moore@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3/4 - Saltram Class – t.spencer@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Mayflower Class – g.chandler@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Firestone Class – j.kelleher@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Smeaton Class – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk