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15 minutes late everyday
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2 whole weeks of lost learning

Friday 14th March 2025

Hello everyone, hope you've all had a good week.

Bikeability and Balanceability

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What a fabulous night of music, poetry and biscuits!

RND 2025!

Our School Champions have decided that this year for Red Nose Day, that we can wear red themed mufti and rather than contribute a monetary donation to bring an item of food that we will donate to our local foodbank.
Thanks everyone!

Nearly Nethercott

On Monday next week, some of our year 5 pupils along with Mr Kelleher will be making their way to Nethercott farm for their weeks residential. We really hope that they have a wonderful time, I'll be seeing you there on Wednesday evening.

Have a wonderful weekend, see you on Monday.

Mr Arnold and the Oakwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

Friday 21st March

RED NOSE DAY—WEAR RED FOOD BANK DONATIONS PLEASE

Wednesday 26th March

**PTA School Disco 's
15.45-16.30 YR 1-3
16.45-17.30 YR 4-6**

Monday 31st March

MTC Meeting Year 4 3pm

7th April to 21st April

EASTER BREAK

Monday 5th May

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Sunday 11th May

SCHOOLS MARATHON CHALLENGE

26th May to 30th May

HALF TERM

Wednesday 4th June

EYFS AQUARIUM TRIP

Monday 30th June

NON PUPIL DAY

Monday 14th July

**YEAR 6 PRODUCTION TO PARENTS
13.30-15.00**

Wed 23rd July

SUMMER BREAK



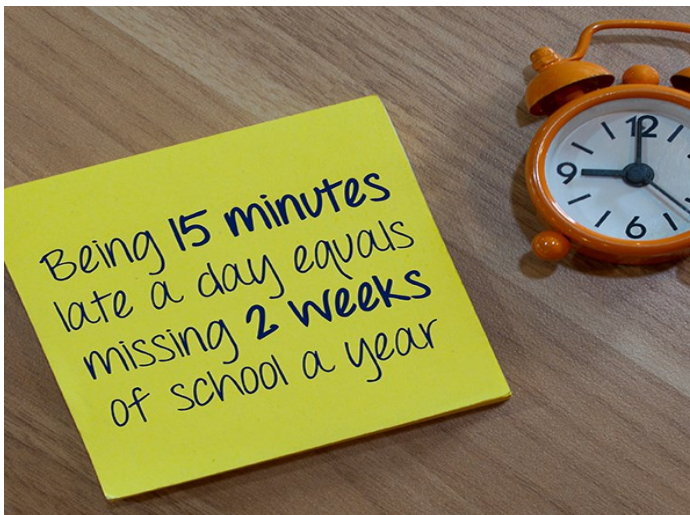
YOU BELONG HERE!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



90% attendance a year = 4 missed weeks of school

If you need help, support or guidance, speak to your child's teacher or visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/school-matters



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.

'Good Attendance' means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time



Did you know?

When children attend school they:

- Can achieve their potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

There are
365 days
in a calendar
year

175 days
are not
spent in
school

Weekly Attendance for 10th March to 14th March

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 %

This week's **WINNING** class is: **ELGAR Class**



BRAHMS	93.3 %
PRICE	91.3 %
VIVALDI	88 %
ZIMMER	72.4 %
WEBBER	96.6 %
BRITTEN	96.3 %

BERNSTEIN	93.5 %
DUN	90.3 %
HOLST	90.7 %
ELGAR	97.5 %
THCAIKOVSKY	95.3 %



Family Support Network

		
<p>Mrs J Chubb Assistant Head of School</p>	<p>Mrs Eliss Lock INCO</p>	<p>Mr P Arnold Senior Head of School</p>
<p>Deputy Designated Oakwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding</p>	<p>SEND Support</p>	<p>Designated Oakwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding</p>
<p>Safeguarding Education and Curriculum Behaviour Family Support Service Families</p>	<p>SEND and behaviour-support for parents School Nurse Referrals DLA Applications GP letters</p>	<p>Family Support</p>

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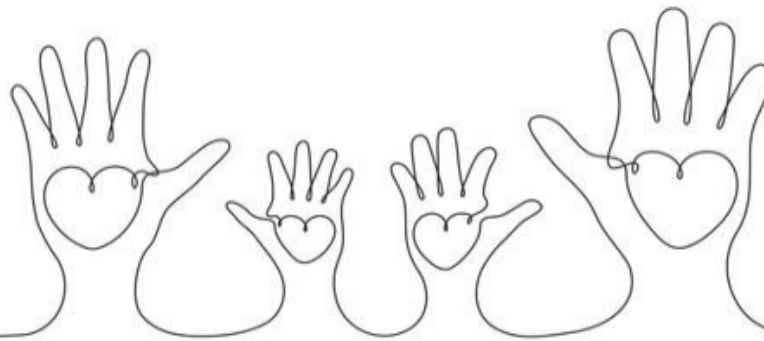


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At Oakwood Primary Academy, we work so hard at becoming fluent readers and this event not only supported our orators with this very important skill, but the event also demonstrated how poetry can be entertaining and enriching for every level of reader. All the children performed their chosen poems by heart and with such clarity and passion. It was a joy to witness. During the interval, whilst our fabulous school choir took to the stage once more, the children were treated to juice and freshly baked biscuits and cakes which were supplied by our super school cooks, thanks Susan!. What a fabulous night of music, poetry and biscuits!





“Let’s Talk about Children.....”

Therapeutic Parenting is a nurturing parenting style developed from consistent, empathic, and emotional based responses to your children as a response to their behaviours.

We believe that all children would benefit from experiencing therapeutic parenting and want to share this parenting style through the use of a ‘Therapeutic Toolbox’.

This programme is full to top tips and advice to support your journey of parenting and growing up.



Venue	Session 1	Session 2
Estover Youth centre	Friday 14 th June 9:30am-12:30pm	Friday 21 st June 9:30am-12:30pm
Keyham Green Places	Wed 18 th September 9:30am-12:30pm	Wed 25 th September 9:30-12:30pm
Efford Library	Thursday 21 st November 11:30am-2:30pm	Thursday 28 th November 11:30-2:30pm
Crownhill Library	Friday 7 th February 9:30-12:30pm	Friday 14 th February 9:30-12:30pm
Estover Youth centre	Tuesday 22 nd April 11-2pm	Tuesday 29 th April 11-2pm
Efford Library	Thursday 12 th June 11:30-2:30pm	Thursday 19 th June 11:30-2:30pm

This is a 2 week programme and topics include :

- what does it mean to be a therapeutic parent?
- Emotions
- Anger and aggression
- Managing tricky behaviours
- Play
- Parental self care

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/plymouth-city-council-targeted-help-60431670123>

LUNCH MENU

Ham and cheese paninis are on the menu week commencing 4/11/2024 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
It consists of half a panini with nachos.



ed's
**SUPER FANTASTIC
SCHOOL
MEALS**
October 2024 - March 2025

CATERed
FOOD AND DRINK WITH A DIFFERENCE
SUPPORTING LOCAL GROWERS

A cartoon illustration of a boy with blonde hair wearing a blue helmet and a red and white striped shirt, riding a red bicycle with a backpack. The background shows a park with a bench, a lamppost, and a city skyline under a blue sky with green leaves falling.



At CATER^{ed}, we pride ourselves that the majority of the food we serve is cooked from scratch every day, making Ed's lunchtime menu truly awesome! Because we use fresh, local, seasonal and organic ingredients we're also supporting local growers, farmers and the regional economy whilst we keep an eye on our eco-footprint.

We use:-

- Locally caught and landed Pollock and Mackerel
- Free range eggs (including in our mayonnaise)
- Westcountry milk
- Westcountry yoghurts
- Organic herbs
- No fried food
- Fairtrade sugar
- Wholemeal flour
- Seasonal fresh vegetables and fruit (which may vary due to availability)

Please visit our pages at www.catered.org.uk

UFSM: All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a **FREE** school meal every day regardless of household circumstances. This is called universal infant free school meals. So you can come in and have a great tasting meal every day and pay Ed nothing!

We encourage everyone to take up this free offer!

FSM: If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child under aged 7 and for older children, information about free school meals can be found by following the link to **Free** School Meals within the CATERed webpages or by calling the FSM team on 01752 307410. Eligibility for FSM also provides schools with additional income via the Pupil Premium.

We encourage everyone one who's eligible to take up this free offer!

If you are buying a meal, one of Ed's Super Fantastic two course meals including a drink currently costs £2.75.

For a full allergen breakdown please contact us at catering@catered.org.uk, let us know what school your child attends so we can talk through the menu offer currently at that school.

Mandatory Food Standards apply to all school lunches details can be found by following the link from our pages or by visiting <http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/>



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WEEK 1

**WINTER WARMER
HOT PANINI OR PASTA**

Choose from Ham & Tomato or
Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips
and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato
sauce with pasta.

W/C - MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, 25TH NOVEMBER, 16TH DECEMBER, 20TH JANUARY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 10TH MARCH, 31ST MARCH

MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W, V Margherita pizza with potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So), (Mi), m/c (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W Chicken curry with rice Allergens: (Su)</p>	<p> All day breakfast - choose from meat or climate friendly option</p> <p>Meat Option Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p> <p>Climate Friendly Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Homemade breaded haddock fillet served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>
<p> CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Katerveg meatballs served with homemade tomato sauce & pasta Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So)</p>	<p> CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Chickpea & sweetcorn burger served in a bun with potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (So)</p>		<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V Golden pastry topped vegetable pie, gravy & roast potato Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Ce)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V Tangy cheese, quinoa & vegetable muffin served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>
<p>SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW</p>				
<p> DESSERT - V, VE Fruit Salad</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V Butternut and date cake Allergens: (Glu)(Wh), (E)</p>	<p> DESSERT - H, V, VE Cornish fairing biscuits and fruit slices Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p> DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter or Yoghurt Allergens: (Su), (Mi)</p>	<p> DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Fruity cornflake tart with custard Allergens: (Wh), (Bar)</p>

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT

Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk 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), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c May Contain

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WEEK 2

**WINTER WARMER
HOT PANINI OR PASTA**

Choose from Ham & Tomato or
Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips
and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato
sauce with pasta.

W/C - MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 2ND DECEMBER, 6TH JANUARY, 27TH JANUARY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 17TH MARCH

MONDAY	MEAT FREE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W Baked bean and sausage pasta bake Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p> CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE Katerveg mince chilli and rice Allergens: (So)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Chicken chow mein Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Se), (So)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 Fish fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F)</p>
<p> CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn dippers with seasoned potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V Tasty cheese wheels with herby diced potato Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu)</p>	<p> CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Vegetable sausage, mash and gravy Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Ce)</p>	<p> CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Roast Quorn fillet, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Homemade cheese and tomato quiche served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>
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<p> DESSERT - V, VE Fruit Salad</p>	<p> DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruity flapjack Allergens: (Glu), (O) m/c (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V Westcountry root cake Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E) m/c (Mi), (Bar)</p>	<p> DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit Platter Allergens: (So)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V Zesty cake with custard Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Su), (Mi) m/c (Bar)</p>

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WEEK 3

**WINTER WARMER
 HOT PANINI OR PASTA**

Choose from Ham & Tomato or
 Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips
 and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato
 sauce with pasta.

**W/C - MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 9TH DECEMBER, 13TH JANUARY, 3RD FEBRUARY,
 3RD MARCH, 24TH MARCH**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	MEAT FREE WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W Beef cobbler served with mash and gravy Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), m/c (Mi), (Bar)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Chicken paella</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE Tasty Katerveg bolognaise with garlic bread & pasta Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So) m/c (Se)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Roast gammon loin, Yorkshire Pudding, gravy & roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Homemade fish cakes served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F), (E)</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V Crispy samosa with rice Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn nuggets with diced potato Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, V Creamy macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu) m/c (Se)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Golden crisp topped shepherds pie, gravy & roast potatoes Allergens: m/c (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>
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<p>DESSERT - V VE Fruit salad</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V Orange honey cake Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE Custard biscuits with fruit slices Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit Platter Allergens: (So)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V Chocolate cake with chocolate sauce Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) m/c (Bar)</p>

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ED'S SPECIAL EVENTS



NOVEMBER BONFIRE NIGHT (TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER)

Hotdogs with seasoned wedges, Warming chilli and rice, Jacket potatoes with bonfire beans and cheese, Toffee apple cake and custard



DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCH (SEE YOUR SCHOOL FOR DATE)

See your schools poster for the full Christmas menu and date



JANUARY SIX NATIONS (FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY)

Fish fillet and chips or pasta, Cheese and leek plait, served with French green beans and carrots, Melting moments



FEBRUARY TEDDY BEAR DAY (MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY)

Winnie the Pooh honey chicken with seasoned wedges and coleslaw, Kung Fu Panda stir fried noodles with veg, Paddington Bear marmalade cake



MARCH INTER. SCHOOL MEAL DAY (THURSDAY 13TH MARCH)

Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, Italian Frittata, Lamington tray bake, Salad bar includes Swedish beetroot and apple salad



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 either apply on-line through the Plymouth City Council website or contact the school office for a form 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:-

Years 1 and 2 – Zimmer 10945 words

Year 3 – Lloyd Webber 47505 words

Years 4 and 5 – Dun 622951 words

Year 6 – Elgar 811973 words



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 you 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 - Elgar Class - r.sherrell@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 6 - Tchaikovsky Class - s.betts@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Bernstein Class – j.kelleher@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Dun Class – k.loftus@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Holst Class – l.crocker@discoverymat.co.uk or k.harvey@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Britten Class - a.moore@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Class – s.wieprecht@discoverymat.co.uk or a.blakeston@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 2 - Zimmer Class – m.francis@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class – t.ocarroll@discoverymat.co.uk or h.waite@discoverymat.co.uk

Year R/1 - Price Class – c.wye@discoverymat.co.uk or h.waite@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Brahms Class – m.kelly@discoverymat.co.uk