



OAKWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Attendance Matters



15 minutes late everyday  
↓  
2 whole weeks of lost learning

## Friday 21st March 2025

Hello everyone and Happy Red Nose day!

### Fab Farm Week!

This week has seen some of our year 4 pupils attend Nethercott farm as part of a weeks residential, they have had a brilliant time and there is plenty of pictures on FB if you'd like to take a look, especially parents of our year 3 pupils as they could be enjoying the experience in a years time. Huge thanks to Mr Kelleher and Mrs Loftus who joined me at Nethercott during the week.

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Have a restful weekend everyone,

Mr Arnold and the Oakwood Team.

### Diary Dates to Remember

#### 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**



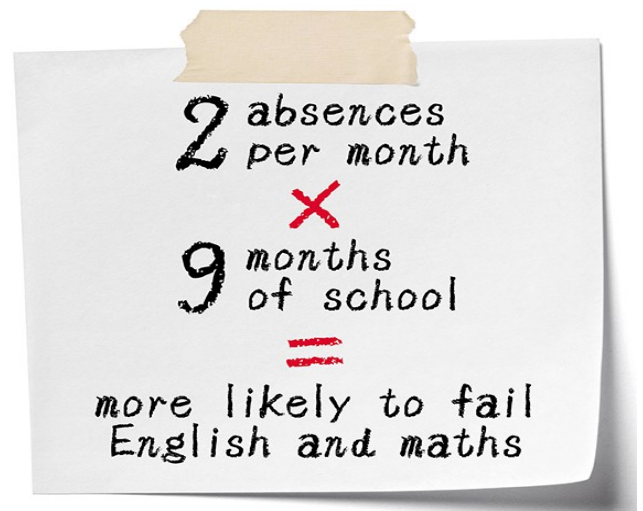
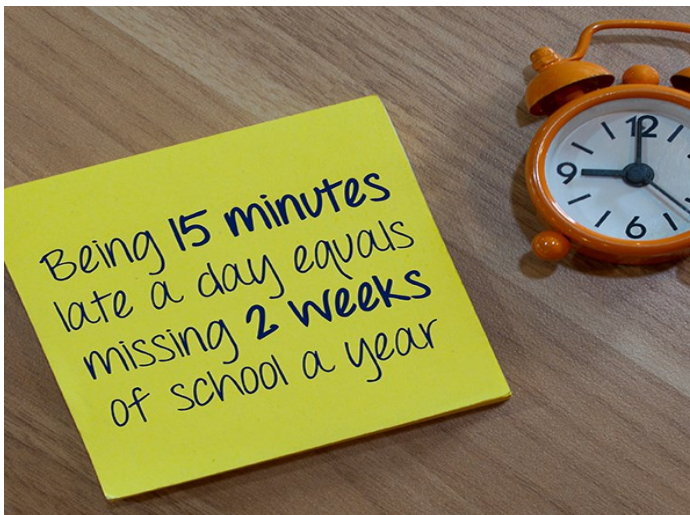
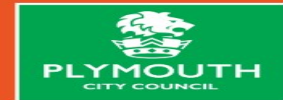
# YOU BELONG HERE!

## 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](http://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 17th March to 21st 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 **93 %**  
This week's **WINNING** class is: **BRITTEN** Class  
**MOST IMPROVED** class is: **ZIMMER** Class



BRAHMS	91 %
PRICE	89 %
VIVALDI	96 %
ZIMMER	83 %
WEBBER	98 %
BRITTEN	100 %

BERNSTEIN	95 %
DUN	86 %
HOLST	96 %
ELGAR	96 %
THCAIKOVSKY	99 %



# Family Support Network

		
<p><b>Mrs J Chubb</b> Assistant Head of School</p>	<p><b>Mrs Eliss Lock</b> INCO</p>	<p><b>Mr P Arnold</b> 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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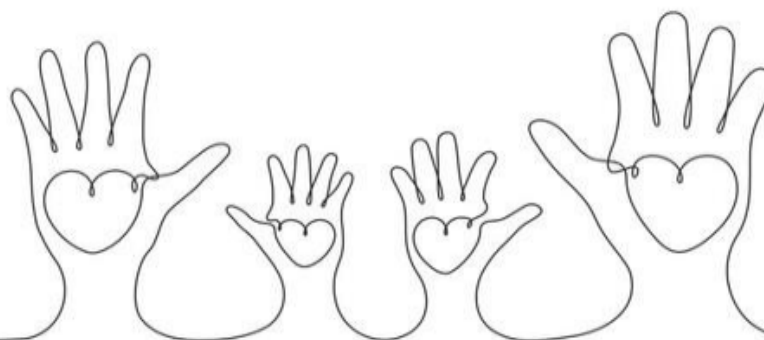
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Zimmer class set up an investigation this week exploring what the optimum conditions are for growing a healthy plant. Each group came up with a question and made predictions. The children will be monitoring the plants over the next few weeks and completing a seed diary to collect their results.





## “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 <sup>th</sup> June 9:30am-12:30pm	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 9:30am-12:30pm
Keyham Green Places	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> September 9:30am-12:30pm	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> September 9:30-12:30pm
Efford Library	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 11:30am-2:30pm	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 11:30-2:30pm
Crownhill Library	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 9:30-12:30pm	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 9:30-12:30pm
Estover Youth centre	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 11-2pm	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 11-2pm
Efford Library	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 11:30-2:30pm	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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<sup>ed</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto: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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**Tell Ed!**  
We want to know what you think about our food so if you have any questions, comments or want to send us some recipe ideas contact us on 01752 977166 or by email [catering@catered.org.uk](mailto:catering@catered.org.uk)

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

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

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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><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W</b> Baked bean and sausage pasta bake <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p> <b>CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE</b> Katerveg mince chilli and rice <b>Allergens:</b> (So)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Chicken chow mein <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Se), (So)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1</b> Fish fingers served with fresh chips <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (F)</p>
<p> <b>CHOICE 2 - V, VE</b> Quorn dippers with seasoned potato wedges <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b> Tasty cheese wheels with herby diced potato <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu)</p>	<p> <b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b> Vegetable sausage, mash and gravy <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Ce)</p>	<p> <b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b> Roast Quorn fillet, gravy and roast potatoes <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V</b> Homemade cheese and tomato quiche served with fresh chips <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>
<b>SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW</b>				
<p> <b>DESSERT - V, VE</b> Fruit Salad</p>	<p> <b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b> Fruity flapjack <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (O) m/c (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, W, V</b> Westcountry root cake <b>Allergens:</b> (Glu), (Wh), (E) m/c (Mi), (Bar)</p>	<p> <b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b> Fruit Platter <b>Allergens:</b> (So)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V</b> Zesty cake with custard <b>Allergens:</b> (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><b>CHOICE 1 - H, W</b>                      Beef cobbler served with mash and gravy                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), m/c (Mi), (Bar)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b>                      Chicken paella</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE</b>                      Tasty Katerveg bolognaise with garlic bread &amp; pasta                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So) m/c (Se)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b>                      Roast gammon loin, Yorkshire Pudding, gravy &amp; roast potatoes                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b>                      Homemade fish cakes served with fresh chips                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F), (E)</p>
<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V</b>                      Crispy samosa with rice                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - V, VE</b>                      Quorn nuggets with diced potato                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H, V</b>                      Creamy macaroni cheese with garlic bread                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu) m/c (Se)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</b>                      Golden crisp topped shepherds pie, gravy &amp; roast potatoes                      Allergens: m/c (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - V, VE</b>                      Quorn fingers served with fresh chips                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>
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<p><b>DESSERT - V VE</b>                      Fruit salad</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V</b>                      Orange honey cake                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b>                      Custard biscuits with fruit slices                      Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, V, VE</b>                      Fruit Platter                      Allergens: (So)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H, W, V</b>                      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 17,851 words

Year 3 – Britten 167,311 words

Years 4 and 5 – Dun 772,341 words

Year 6 – Elgar 1,412,172 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