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Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone, it's been a fantastic couple of days and I really appreciate how welcoming children, parents and staff have been. I'm excited about leading the dedicated team at Oakwood Primary and working, learning and supporting your wonderful children.

Although it's only been two days the children have settled well into their new classes and got to know the adults that they will be learning with and their classmates.

Along with Mrs Chubb and Mrs Lock, I aim to be available either at the beginning or end of the school day in the school grounds where hopefully we can answer any questions or queries you may have. Feel free to pop into reception if you'd like to see me.



I hope you have a good weekend and all at Oakwood look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Paul Arnold and the Oakwood Team

Senior Head of school.

Diary Dates to

Remember

Thurs 12th September - 3.30pm
Parents Welcome Meeting

Fri 13th September
Roald Dahl Day—no dress up (celebration in school)

Thurs 19th September—8:30am
Parent Math meeting—Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

Thurs 3rd October
National Poetry Day

Thurs 10th October
Nasal Flu Vaccination

Tues 15th October
Individual and Class Photographs

28th October to 1st November
HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd December
NON PUPIL DAY

23rd Dec to 3rd January
CHRISTMAS BREAK

17th Feb to 21st Feb
HALF TERM

7th April to 21st April
EASTER BREAK

Monday 5th May
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

26th May to 30th May
HALF TERM

Term Dates 2024-2025

TERM DATES 2024/25



Teaching days (statutory)	190
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
Sub-total	200
School holidays	52
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	105
Total	365

Term	Start	End	Days
1	03-Sep-24	25-Oct-24	39
2	04-Nov-24	20-Dec-24	35
3	06-Jan-25	14-Feb-25	30
4	24-Feb-25	04-Apr-25	30
5	22-Apr-25	23-May-25	23
6	02-Jun-25	23-Jul-25	38
Total			195

	SEPTEMBER				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27	

	OCTOBER				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	NOVEMBER				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

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

	JANUARY				
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31

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

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

	APRIL				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		

	MAY				
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
















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

	JULY				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	AUGUST				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

P.E. Days

Please see below the PE timetable for the Autumn Term. PE lessons will commence the week commencing 9th September. Children come to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days.

Autumn Term 1						
Reception	Year 1	Year 1/2	Year 2	Year 3	Years 4 and 5	Year 6
Wednesday Fundamentals (basic skills) 	Tuesday Gymnastics 	Tuesday Gymnastics 	Tuesday Gymnastics 	Monday Gymnastics 	Wednesday Gymnastics Bernstein and Holst  Wednesday Invasion games Dun 	Monday Gymnastics 
	Friday Fundamentals (basic skills) 	Thursday Fundamentals (basic skills) 	Monday Fundamentals (basic skills) 	Wednesday Ball handling 	Thursday Gymnastics Dun  Thursday Invasion games Bernstein and Holst 	Tuesday Invasion games 

Secondary Admission Information

Is your child starting secondary school next September?
Please see below admission information

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IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL IN
SEPTEMBER 2025?

It may seem a long way ahead but now is the time to start thinking about your child moving from primary school onto secondary school. If your child was born between **1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014**, you will be eligible to apply for a secondary school place.

Information about applying for a place and the individual secondary schools will be on our website from **Tuesday 3 September 2024** at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. From here, you can apply online for school places and read the guide for parents which contains the links to the individual school's admission policies and forms.

Applying online is quick and easy - all you need is an email address. Once you have applied, we will let you know which school your child has been allocated on **Monday 3 March 2025**.

You can apply for a school place via the Citizen's Portal by visiting our website at: www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The deadline to apply is the **31 October 2024**.

Remember:

- All Plymouth's 18 secondary schools hold 'open events' for families to visit the school and speak to staff. Please refer to the individual school's websites for dates and further information.
- Some schools give priority to with exceptional medical or social need and will ask for submission of a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as proof.
- If you are applying for a place at a faith school on faith grounds, you must also fill out a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which you can obtain from the school.
- Some schools give priority to children of members of staff and will ask for submission of a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as proof.
- Please read the admission policy for each school carefully.
- If you are applying for a place at a girl's grammar school, you must register to take the 11+ examination through the school's website. The closing date for registering is 31 August 2024 at 12 noon. Please refer to the individual school's website.
- For the boy's grammar school please refer to the school's website. The closing date for registering is 31 August 2024.

from Plymouth City Council

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.



Road Dahl Day

Friday 13th September is Roald Dahl Day!

Children at Oakwood will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day by learning about this amazing author and his books and also enjoying different Roald Dahl activities

Please see the link below:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/36824907>



Parent Welcome Meeting

Thursday 12th September - 3.30pm

We look forward to welcoming our parents/carers to the Parent Welcome Meeting next week in the school hall.

This is a great opportunity to meet the team and find out key information related to your child's year group and learn more about events planned across the school year.

Please arrive through the community entrance gates at 3.30pm.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



PARENT MEETING

