



THIS WEEK AT OAKWOOD

Year 3 Mount Batten class were very excited this week as they began their new music lessons with Plymouth Youth Music Service!

The children were introduced to musical notation and began learning how to play the cornet. Each child has now been given a cornet to take home so they can practise between lessons.

These sessions will take place every week, with the exciting goal of being able to play a tune together by Christmas. We can't wait to hear how they progress. Watch this space!

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been another busy and positive week at Oakwood, with lots of fantastic learning and exciting opportunities taking place across the school.

You may have already seen our announcement on social media, but I am incredibly proud to share this year's statutory assessment results for Oakwood Primary Academy.

Across every statutory assessment, our outcomes are at or above the national figure. This is a fantastic achievement for our children and reflects their hard work and determination, alongside the dedication of our staff and the support of our families.

- ✦ **Good Level of Development** – 88% (16% above national)
- ✦ **Phonics Screening Check** – 86% (4% above national)
- ✦ **Year 2 Phonics Retake** – 97% (6% above national)
- ✦ **Year 4 Multiplication Check** – 43% (in line with national)
- ✦ **Year 6 Writing** – 77% (4% above national)
- ✦ **Year 6 SPaG** – 79% (5% above national)
- ✦ **Year 6 Reading** – 74% (in line with national)
- ✦ **Year 6 Maths** – 74% (in line with national)
- ✦ **Year 6 Reading, Writing & Maths Combined** – 62% (in line with national)

While these figures are something we should rightly celebrate, they represent much more than percentages on a page. Behind every result is a child who has worked hard, overcome challenges and made progress. We are incredibly proud of them all.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Re-scheduled - Tuesday 22nd September

Taste and Talk in the School Hall 3-5pm with ABM Catering

Thursday 24th September

Year 6 Swimming Lessons begin

Friday 25th September

Interhouse Orienteering 3:45-4:30pm

Week Commencing 28th September

Harvest Festival food bank donations

Friday 23rd October – last day of Term 1

PTFA Halloween Disco (Reception - Year 2 3:30-4:30 and Y3-6 4:45-5:45)

Friday 6th November

Flu Vaccinations

Parent Reader Volunteers

We would also love to welcome more Parent Reader Volunteers into school. Hearing children read regularly and having opportunities to talk about books can make such a difference to their confidence, fluency and enjoyment of reading. If you are able to spare some time to come into school and listen to our children read, we would love to hear from you. Even a small amount of your time can have a really positive impact. Please speak to the school office if you would be interested in getting involved.

Swimming Opportunities

Next week, our Year 6 children will begin their swimming lessons. Swimming is not only an important part of the curriculum but also a vital life skill, and we are really pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for our pupils.

Year 6 parents and carers have been asked for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of these lessons. However, we are actively seeking sponsorship from local businesses, organisations and members of our wider community to help us fund swimming provision.

If we are successful in securing sponsorship towards the cost of the Year 6 programme, we would use this funding to reimburse parents and carers who have already made a contribution, where the sponsorship covers those costs. Our ambition is also to go further. We would love to provide swimming opportunities for children in Years 3, 4 and 5, giving more of our pupils the chance to develop their confidence and skills in the water before they reach Year 6.

If you own or work for a business, or know an organisation that may be interested in sponsoring swimming at Oakwood, please get in touch with us. Your support could make a genuine difference by helping us provide these important experiences to more of our children, while reducing the financial burden on families.

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance this week was **95.8%**, which is slightly below the national figure. Every day in school matters. Regular attendance supports children not only academically but also socially, helping them maintain routines, friendships and confidence in their learning.

Please continue to make every effort to ensure your child or children are in school every day and on time, wherever possible. Thank you for working with us to keep attendance a priority.

There is lots happening at Oakwood and plenty more to look forward to as the term continues. Thank you, as always, to our children, staff, families and wider community for your continued support.

Monday 16th November

Interhouse mini cake decorating
(entries to the Community Entrance)

Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December

Parents Evenings

Friday 18th December – last day of Term 2

PTFA Christmas Event from 3:30pm onwards

ATTENDANCE

95.8%

Whole-school attendance this week

 **TOP CLASS**

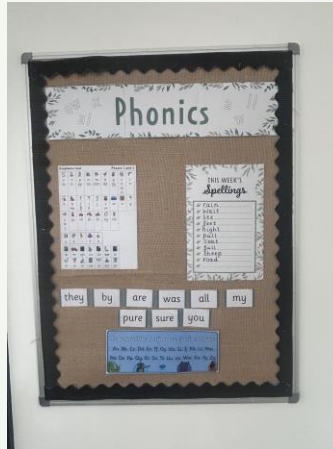
Firestone— 98.9%

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

A Fresh New Look for Our Classrooms!

As part of our ongoing refurbishment programme, our EYFS and Year 1 and 2 classrooms have received new tables, chairs and carpets, creating fresh, welcoming learning environments for our children.

We have also been making some thoughtful changes to the way our classrooms look and feel. Our display boards are being updated with natural hessian backing, and we are moving towards fewer, more purposeful displays throughout our learning spaces.



This is about much more than making our classrooms look smart. By reducing unnecessary visual clutter and creating calmer, lower-stimulation environments, we want to help children focus on their learning and ensure our classrooms feel welcoming and accessible for everyone. Displays will continue to celebrate children's achievements and support learning, but in a more considered and purposeful way.

The difference is already noticeable, and we are delighted with how fresh, calm and inviting these classrooms are looking. More classrooms will benefit from new furniture, carpets and improvements to their learning environments in the near future as we continue investing in our school.



QUICK REMINDERS

School Lunches

Please order your child's school lunch through ParentPay by midnight the night before.

PE Days & Kit

Reception–Year 2 should bring PE kit to school and change in school. Years 3–6 should come to school wearing the agreed school PE kit on their designated PE afternoon.

Free School Meals – Please Check!

Eligibility has changed, so all families are encouraged to check, even if you have applied before. This is important even for Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils who already receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. Registration can unlock additional Pupil Premium funding and reduce some costs for eligible families.

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

★ SHOUT-OUT - Introducing Our First Super Sixes!

Super Sixes is a special **Year 6 privilege**, recognising pupils who are ready to take on additional responsibility and be positive role models for the rest of the school.

Our Super Sixes will help with important jobs around Oakwood, support younger pupils and demonstrate the high standards of behaviour, kindness and responsibility we expect from our oldest children.

Being a Super Six is something to be proud of, and we hope our Year 6 pupils will enjoy stepping up, setting a fantastic example and making a positive contribution to school life.



Congratulations to our first Super Sixes — wear your title with pride! ★

KEEP IN TOUCH

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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	
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December 2026							January 2027							February 2027						
M			7	14	21	28	M			4	11	18	25	M			1	8	15	22
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March 2027							April 2027							May 2027						
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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