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Attendance Matters



YOU BELONG HERE!
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

15 minutes late everyday
↓
2 whole weeks of lost learning

Friday 10th October 2025

Hello everyone,

I hope that you have had a good week, it's been a focused and productive week here at Oakwood.

As you know from our Facebook post we have focused on handwriting this week in all classes across the school. The leadership team and I have visited classrooms each day to see how children are progressing with their handwriting and to support teachers in delivering these sessions.

I am delighted to let you know that some of the progress seen in letter formation, joining and general presentation has been amazing!

Have a lovely weekend, look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr Arnold and the Oakwood Team

Diary Dates to Remember

Wed 15th October 2025

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHS

W/C 20th October 2025

PARENT MEETINGS

Mon 27th –31st October 2025

HALF TERM

Fri 28th November 2025

NON PUPIL DAY

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

Mon 27th-29th April 2026

PGL TRIP YR5

Mon 4th May 2026

BANK HOLIDAY

Mon 25th –29th May 2026

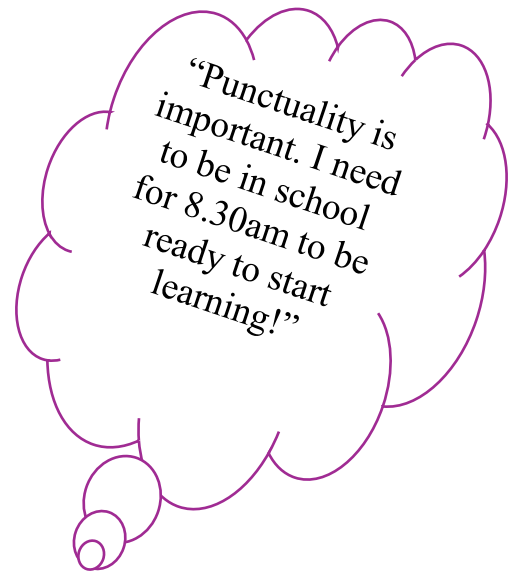
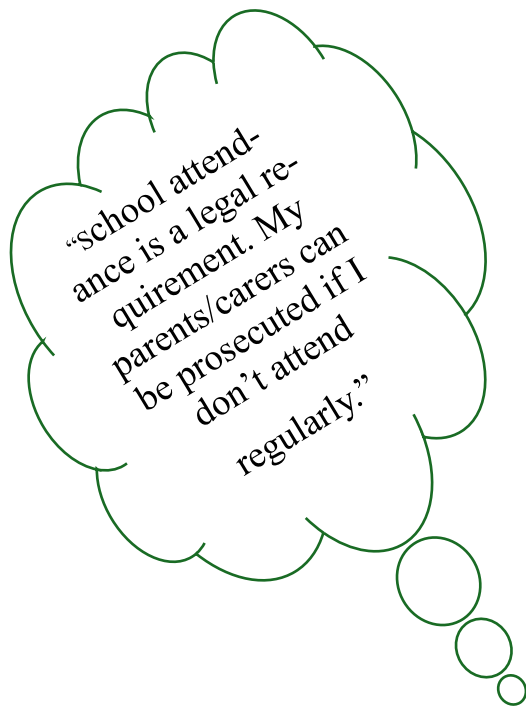
HALF TERM

Mon 29th June 2026

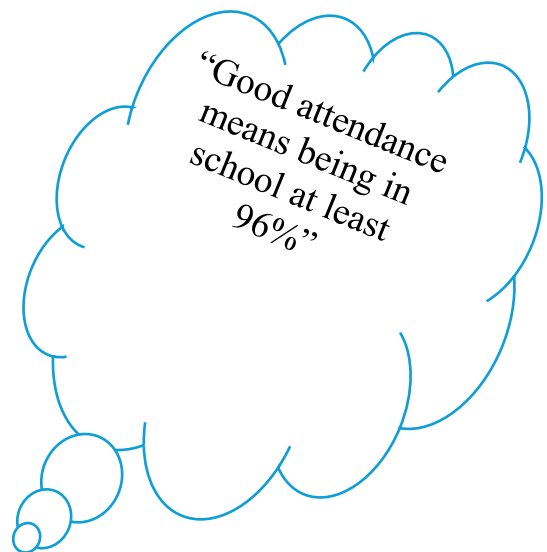
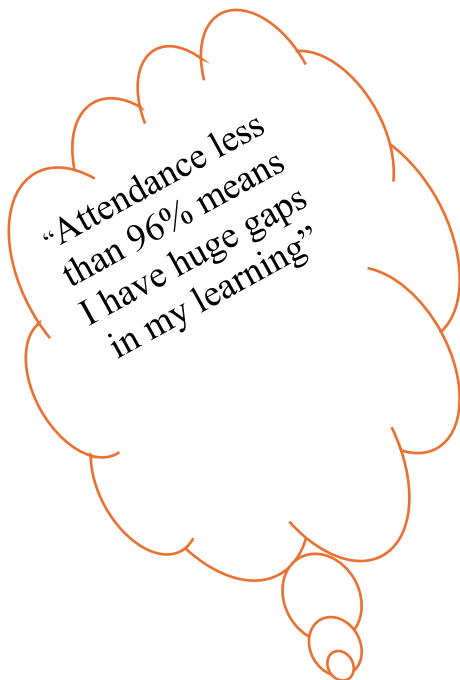
NON PUPIL DAY

Fri 24th July 2026

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

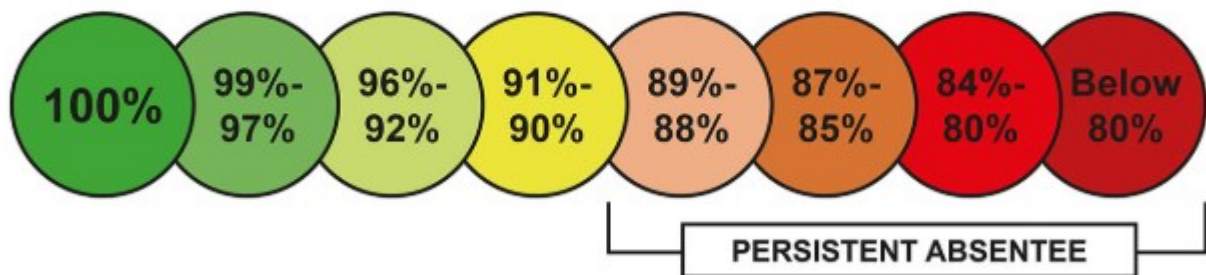


**I NEED TO AIM TO ATTEND SCHOOL
100% OF THE TIME!**



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
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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS

Weekly Attendance for 6th– 10th Oct 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 **92.24%**
FAB Friday for children attending 100%
GOLDEN TICKET for never late never away

SMEATON	98.94%
FIRESTONE	90%
MAYFLOWER	95%
MT EDGCUMBE	91.43%
MOUNTBATTEN	93%



SALTRAM	98.57%
DOCKYARD	84.62%
BURRATOR	77.89%
RALEIGH	97.33%

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

Friday Afterschool Childcare Provision

I must remind you that due to limited staffing, this provision is only available for households where both parents are working during this time or a single working parent family. The provision is also available to those parents who are in full-time education.

Evidence for this will need to be provided. Until evidence is provided, we are unable to allow your child to attend on a Friday afternoon. This could be in the form of a contract which states your hours of work, or a letter from your employer on headed paper that states your working hours. If in education a letter on headed paper from your education provider will be needed.

A space for this provision must also be booked through Parent Pay each week please. You do not have to pay 1p, you should be able to go through at 0.00.

Please ensure this is booked so we can have a list of children to check.

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

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 2014 and 31 August 2015**, 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 **Wednesday 3 September 2025** 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 2 March 2026**.

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 2025**.

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 grammar school, you must register to take the 11-plus examination through the school's website. The closing date for registering is 27 August 2025 at 12 noon. Please refer to the individual school's website.

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
			Dockyard (Y5) 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

TERM DATES 2025/26

DISCOVERY

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
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30

	FEBRUARY				
2	9	16	23		
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
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		
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	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		

LUNCH MENU

Ham and Cheese wraps are on the menu week commencing 21st April 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
It consists of a wrap with cucumber sticks.



WEEK 1

W/C - MONDAY: 21ST APRIL, 12TH MAY, 9TH JUNE, 30TH JUNE, 21ST JULY, 15TH SEPT, 6TH OCT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H Pork hot dog with seasoned potato wedges Allergens: Glu W m/c Se, So	CHOICE 1 - H, V Cheese wheels with herby diced potatoes Allergens: Glu W Mu Mi	CHOICE 1 - H Chicken and veg meatballs served with mash and gravy Allergens: Glu W	CHOICE 1 - H Roast gammon loin with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy	CHOICE 1 Fish fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: Glu, Wh, F
CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Lentil spaghetti bolognese Allergens: Glu W m/c Bar	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegetable curry with rice	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Cheese and bean quesadilla Allergens: Glu W E	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Mediterranean vegetable tart, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy Allergens: Glu W m/c Bar	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Cheese and tomato quiche served with fresh chips or pasta Allergens: Glu W E Mi

SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E)

DESSERT - V, VE Pears and ice cream Allergens: Mi	DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Apricot flapjack Allergens: Glu O w/c Wh Bar	DESSERT - H, V, VE Custard biscuits served with fruit Allergens: Glu Wh	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter	DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Oat and date cookie Allergens: Glu Wh O m/c Bar
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AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD / SANDWICHES ON REQUEST / 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), Oats (O), Soy (S), Soyas (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

Climate Friendly

Did you know?
You can have mixed or brown rice instead of potatoes!
Tilda

WEEK 2

W/C - MONDAY: 28TH APRIL, 19TH MAY, 16TH JUNE, 7TH JULY, 1ST SEPT, 22ND SEPT, 13TH OCT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, W Beef burger with seasoned wedges Allergens: Glu Wh Su m/c Se	CHOICE 1 - H, W Pork sausage pasta bake Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Mi	CHOICE 1 - H Homemade cheese & tomato pizza Allergens: Glu Wh So Mi	CHOICE 1 - H Roasted pork and beef meatloaf with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy	CHOICE 1 - H Homemade breaded haddock fillet served with fresh chips Allergens: Glu Wh E F
CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegetable pasta bake Allergens: Glu Wh Mi	CHOICE 2 - H, V Homemade cheese and onion roll served with homemade coleslaw Allergens: Glu Wh Mi E Mu	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegetable chilli served with rice Allergens: m/c Glu Wh Bar	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Butternut squash parcell with roast potatoes seasonal vegetables and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn nuggets served with fresh chips Allergens: Glu Wh

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DESSERT - V Peaches and ice cream Allergens: Mi	DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Oat biscuit bake with fruit Allergens: Glu Wh O m/c Bar	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit and Jelly	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit Platter	DESSERT - H, W, V Old school iced sponge Allergens: Glu Wh E m/c Bar
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WEEK 3

W/C - MONDAY: 5TH MAY, 2ND JUNE, 23RD JUNE, 14TH JULY, 8TH SEPT, 29TH SEPT, 20TH OCT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, V Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: Glu Wh Mu Mi m/c Se	All day breakfast – choose from meat or climate friendly option Meat Option - H Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi Climate Friendly - V, VE Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 1 - H, W Spaghetti bolognese Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Bar	CHOICE 1 - H Roast turkey served with roast potatoes seasonal vegetables and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh F	CHOICE 1 Salmon bites served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta Allergens: Glu Wh F
CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Courgette sausage in a hot dog roll with seasoned wedges		CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Quorn dippers served with tomato and vegetable rice Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegetable crumble, roast potatoes seasonal vegetables and gravy Allergens: O m/c Bar	CHOICE 2 - H, V French bread pizza served fresh chips or pasta Allergens: Glu Wh Mi m/c So
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DESSERT - H W V VE Oat biscuits with fruit Allergens: Glu Wh O Su m/c Bar	DESSERT - H, V Orange jelly and ice cream Allergens: Mi	DESSERT - H W V VE Lemon shortbread with fruit slices Allergens: Glu Wh m/c Bar	DESSERT - H W V VE Fruit Platter	DESSERT - H, W, V Orange drizzle cake Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi m/c Bar
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ED'S SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL

CATER® 10TH BIRTHDAY
(WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL)

Homemade sausage rolls (H) Glu Wh
or French bread pizza (H V) Glu Wh Mi
served with crispy potato cubes and vegetables

Dessert
Victoria Sponge
(H V) Glu Wh E

MAY

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY
(THURSDAY 15TH MAY)

Roast chicken, mini sausages & Yorkshire pudding (H) Glu Wh Mi E
or Potato and broccoli bake (H V) Mi
served the roast potatoes gravy and vegetables

Dessert
Trifle
(H V) Glu Wh Mi

JUNE

WIMBLEDON
(MONDAY 30TH JUNE)

Tennis meatballs in tomato sauce with net spaghetti (H W) Glu Wh or
Centre court cheese pizza (H V) Glu Wh Mi

Dessert
Scone and jam
(H) Glu Wh Mi

JULY

SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER
(VARIOUS DATES IN JULY)

Beef burger in a roll (H) Glu Wh, Su m/c Se
with potatoes wedges or Macaroni cheese (H V) Glu Wh Mi Mu

Dessert
Iced cake with sprinkles
(H V) Glu Wh E

SEPTEMBER

ROALD DAHL DAY
(FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER)

The Enormous Crocodile's Crunchy Fish Fingers served with The Twits Chips (H) Glu Wh F
George's Marvellous Medicine Vegetable Stir Fry (H V) Glu Wh So E m/c Mu Se

Dessert
Wonka bar
(H V) Glu Wh

OCTOBER

HARVEST FESTIVAL DAY
(MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER)

Sausage and vegetable pizza slice (H W) Glu Wh Mi
with potato wedges or Lentil and vegetable shepherd's pie (H V) m/c Glu Wh Bar

Dessert
Apple cake with custard
(H W V) Glu Wh E

STAY UP TO DATE:



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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 – Mayflower – 4060 words

Year 3/4 - Mt Edgcumbe – 106,329 words

Year 5/6 – Raleigh – 152,801 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 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