

Oak Meadow Primary School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 18th July 2025: Issue 39



An end of year message from Mr. Lane...

I write to you for the final time this school year as we celebrate the phenomenal success we have achieved together throughout 2024-25. As I stated at the start of the week, in my letter sharing news of our Primary School of the Year award and the exemplary performance of our children in statutory assessments, I am extremely proud of **EVERY** Oak Meadow child for their progress this year and thankful to you for your support as well as our fabulous staff for their unwavering commitment to provide education and enrichment of the highest quality.

As we end the final week of the term, I would like to congratulate our Year 6 children for their magnificent leavers' assembly where they took the audience on a journey to 'Oz', showcasing their extraordinary singing, acting and dancing talents along the way! I was in complete awe of the children as they gave us a memorable end to their school journey providing a fitting platform for us to say farewell to them and their families who we have worked in close partnership with for the past seven years.

Time seems to pass so quickly and as I stood proudly admiring the 'Mighty Oaks' Year 6 have now become, ready to move on and make their mark on the world, I remembered them as the 'Tiny Acorns' from when they first joined our family in Reception. Time passes all too quickly and remembering to stop to reflect is so important. It is the everyday moments that matter, and we must ensure we do not rush the opportunity for special memories to forge. Class of 2025, thank you for leaving your inspiring mark on our school and I look forward to hearing the stories of your successes in the years ahead!

I will send a welcome back letter on the first day we return in September detailing upcoming dates for the autumn term as well as outlining key events for the school year to help you in making plans and arrangements. The new school year will inevitably bring excitement and anticipation for the undoubted successes ahead - I look forward to the adventures in store for us all in 2025-26...

Before then, I wish everybody a peaceful, relaxing and fun-filled summer holiday. Take care everyone, have a lovely summer break and we will see you again on Wednesday 3rd September.

Safeguarding Information

If you have any concerns about a child, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leaders (DSL):

Mr. Lane (Head of School).

Miss. Billingsley (Deputy Headteacher).

Mr. Hawkins (Assistant Headteacher).

Mrs. Worrall (Assistant Headteacher).

Miss. Tomlinson (EYFS/KS1 SENDCo).

Upcoming dates for the diary

21st July – INSET Day, school closed for children.

1st Sept – INSET Day, school closed for children.

2nd Sept – INSET Day, school closed for children.

3rd Sept – All children return to school for Autumn Term 1.

Communication

Our doors are always open whenever you need us and the main office number is 01902 558517.

The school email address is oakmeadowprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Also remember to check the school website and follow us on 'X' [@oakmeadow12](https://twitter.com/oakmeadow12)

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...



Attendance and Punctuality

Everyday
COUNTS!

Thank you for making sure your child is in school every day and on time. Remember that our minimum attendance target for all children is **96%**.

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Attending school **every day** impacts significantly on your child's learning and their attainment. Please see the table below that shows the number of lessons missed as the attendance rate falls.

Every day counts over the school year:

Attendance during the school year	Equals this number of days absent	Meaning that approximately this number of lessons have been missed
95%	9 days	50 lessons!
90%	19 days	100 lessons!
85%	29 days	150 lessons!

Make sure your child is an **Oak Meadow attendance H.E.R.O** (Here, Every day, Ready and On Time) by arriving between 8:35 and 8:45am each morning.

Every minute counts over the school year:

5 minutes late each day = **3 days lost!**
 10 minutes late each day = **6.5 days lost!**
 15 minutes late each day = **10 days lost!**
 20 minutes late each day = **13 days lost!**
 30 minutes late each day = **19 days lost!**

Class Attendance for this week

Reception and Key Stage 1

RB	94.7%
RT	88%
1B	98.7%
1E	95.2%
2B	89.3%
2H	95.3%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 1B – well done!



Key Stage 2

3H	97.2%
3J	95%
4B	97%
4N	92%
5CH	95.3%
5T	97.4%
6H	97.2%
6W	95.5%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 5T – well done!



Our combined whole school attendance for this week was...

94.8%

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.

2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.

3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.

4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.

5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.

6 SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

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