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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the final half-term of this school year as we look forward to the many events ahead with transition in mind in the coming weeks whilst also affording ourselves the opportunity to look back on what has been yet another outstanding year at our school where, collectively and individually, we have achieved so much.

In my final assembly before the holiday, I discussed the term '*exemplary*' with the children to surmise everything they are in their learning, conduct and application. This word is one that encapsulates all of us in the Oak Meadow Family and the mutual understanding we share for our school and community. Other Headteachers often ask me what the secret of Oak Meadow's success is with a desire to replicate our standards and outcomes (within the top 5% nationally). I am always humble in my response, knowing imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, inviting them to visit us to see teaching and learning in action to glean best practice but also reminding them that everything they will see is the result of many years of hard work, dedication and love that has been invested into Oak Meadow by the children, staff and you. The true secret of our success is simple, it is always owing to the people involved. I am thankful for each and every person associated with our school – children and adults alike – the difference you make and the magic you weave are always *exemplary*.

Looking ahead to the final seven weeks of the school year, I have published the final calendar of events below for June and July. This busy period sees our children in Year 1 (Phonics) and Year 4 (Multiplication) complete their respective national statutory assessments in the next two weeks. I have no doubt all of the children will excel knowing the progress they have made this year that will enable them to show off their amazing knowledge, skills and talents.

I would also like to draw your attention to the highly informative Online Safety workshops we have secured aimed at helping at home and equipping you with the tools to help your child in the ever-advancing technological world we live in. I recently attended the same presentation, led by Online Safety and Behaviours, as a professional and found myself very quickly watching as a parent as well. As a father of two, I empathise with how challenging the digital world in which our children are growing up in can be and I want to give you the best in advice for now and what is coming next. Keeping our children safe is always the number 1 priority and attending one of these presentations (I have booked the same workshop twice so you have a choice of either a morning or afternoon) will provide you with invaluable knowledge whether your child is in Reception all the way up to Year 6. The dates are Tuesday 10th June (2.00 to 3.00pm) or Wednesday 11th June (8:50 to 9:50am) in the school hall.

Please also note the dates building up to this year's Summer Fair. We have a non-uniform day on Friday 13th June where children are asked to donate a toiletry followed by another non-uniform day on Friday 27th June where children can *bring a bottle*. The Summer Fair is scheduled for Friday 4th July with Sports Day the previous day on Thursday 3rd July. I have endeavoured to book the sunshine...

I will send a separate letter in the weeks ahead to share news of the staffing profile for September and where adults will be based in readiness for your child's end of year report where their new class teacher will be specified. Miss. Johnston has recently returned to our numbers and, following recent conversations, I can also confirm Mrs. Brain will be back from her own maternity leave for the start of September adding further capacity and years of experience and dedication to the Oak Meadow Family – we continue to go from strength to strength!

From tiny acorns **mighty oaks** grow...





With the exciting learning and events ahead of us, please continue to make sure your child is an 'Attendance HERO' (Here, Everyday, Ready and On-time). Our hope and ambition are for every child to attain a minimum attendance rate of at least **96%** for the term and over the school year. I never want any child to miss the fun, happy memories and educational entitlement they deserve at Oak Meadow knowing how working together, we can realise the absolute best achievements for them.

I look forward to seeing you and the children return this week. Please feel free to speak with myself, the leadership team, class teachers, year group staff or the main school office at any point if you have any questions or need support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Lane (Head of School).

Calendar of Events - Summer Term 2025

(Please note that planned dates/ times for events may change. Additional letters will be sent out where appropriate for workshops and specific Year group events)

Week Commencing	Calendar Events
Mon 2 nd June	2 nd INSET Day (School Closed for all Children) 3 rd Children Return for Summer Term 2 3 rd Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Checks begin (over 2 weeks) 4 th Year 6 Condoover residential presentation (3:30pm) 5 th World Environment Day 5 th Year 3 Football Tournament at Christchurch Primary School 6 th Year 3 Assembly for parents/ carers (this assembly time remains at 2:30pm) 6 th Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Ash and Rowan House Children 2:15pm
Mon 9 th June	9 th Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks (this week only) 9 th New September Reception cohort Transition event 2 – <i>The Treasure hunt</i> 10:00am 10 th SEND Health Parent/ Carer workshop – Restricted Eating and Overeating (9am) 10 th Online Safety and Behaviours workshop for all parents/ carers (2.00 to 3.00pm) 11 th Online Safety and Behaviours workshop for all parents/ carers (8:50 to 9:50am) 12 th Local Governing Board Meeting 13 th Non-uniform day for the Summer Fair – 'bring a toiletry' 13 th Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Willow and Yew House Children 2:15pm
Mon 16 th June	18 th R.N.L.I. assembly followed by Year 5 and 6 workshops 20 th World Music Day 20 th Year 1 Computing Day
Mon 23 rd June	23 rd – 27 th Whole School Assessment Week 23 rd New September Reception cohort Transition event 3 – <i>Getting ready for school</i> 10:00-11:00 am or 2:00 – 3:00pm 27 th Non-uniform day for the Summer Fair – 'bring a bottle' 27 th Year 2 Assembly for parents/ carers (this assembly time remains at 2:30pm)
Mon 30 th June	30 th - 4 th Summer Fair cake competition week (all entries to the school hall on the morning of Friday 4 th July) 30 th - 4 th Summer Fair Enterprise week for children (making games and products) 30 th - 4 th Staff extra-curricular clubs end for the term this week 30 th SEND Health Parent/ Carer workshop – Dental Care (9am) 30 th 4N Bikeability day

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	1 st 4B Bikeability day 3 rd Sports Day (KS2: 9:00 to 11:15am, EYFS & KS1: 1:30 to 3:00pm) 4 th Summer Fair (3.30pm)
Mon 7 th July	7 th – 11 th Health Week 7 th New September Reception cohort Transition event 4 – <i>Children's Welcome Morning</i> 10:30am -12:00pm 9 th – 11 th Y6 Condover Residential Visit 11 th Year 1 Assembly for parents/ carers (this assembly time remains at 2:30pm) 11 th End of Year Reports to parents/ carers
Mon 14 th July	14 th Meet the teacher transition morning for children 14 th Parent/ Carer Open Afternoon (3:30-5:30pm) 17 th Year 6 leavers' Assembly and Awards (8:50am) 17 th Year 6 Leavers' Disco (5:00-7:00pm) 18 th End of Summer Term for all children at 1pm
Mon 21 st July	21 st INSET day (School Closed for all Children)

