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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the spring term as we look forward to seeing all of the children return today having enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday with many happy memories to share. I hope that everyone is safe and well as we now anticipate the exciting days and weeks ahead of us and the positive learning opportunities that the children will benefit from this calendar year.

Before looking ahead, I would like to reflect once more on the successes of last term. The strength in our relationships as a school community – *The Oak Meadow Family* – has continued the growth of outstanding practice at our school. I am extremely grateful for the way everybody gives so much with a shared goal to enhance our children's educational experience and personal development to be the best they can be. Our united approach helps to support the safe culture that is integral at Oak Meadow where children know how valued and important they are.

Across the autumn term, this ethos was abundantly evident in all of our whole school events, Year group assemblies and trips, parent workshops, clubs and teams, the implementation of our daily breakfast offer and all of the other enrichment opportunities that impacted upon all children's knowledge, skills and well-being. None of the aforementioned is possible without the time parents, carers, staff and volunteers give to continually go above and beyond for our school – thank you.

In addition to this, the hard work invested in daily teaching and learning has seen the children progress so well. Please can I promote again the open door policy we operate and the importance of speaking to teachers and/ or school staff straight away if you have any questions at all regarding your child's learning. The next scheduled parent/ carer consultations are the middle of March, which seems a long way in the future as I write, but as you know staff are available every day to share any queries with and the school office contactable via either phone or email as needed.

As we begin our 2024 journey, the daily attendance and punctuality of every child remain as a high priority to ensure the very best outcomes and attainment for all. Following local and national guidelines and expectations, our hope is for every child to attain a minimum attendance rate of at least **96%** over the school year. You will have received your child's current attendance rate as of the end of last term with their year-to-date percentage. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact us as we want every child here with us every day to share in the calendar of events ahead.

With this in mind, please find below a list of important days and dates we have provisioned for the spring and summer term to support you as a family with your day to day commitments and work life. Please note that letters will be sent out pertaining to certain events closer to the planned day and we will always let you know if there are any changes to dates or times.

Happy New Year to everyone and thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing you and the children this week.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. Lane (Interim Head of School).

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Calendar of Events 2024

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

Spring Term 2024

Week	Date	Calendar Events
1	Mon 8th Jan	8 th INSET day (School closed for all children) 9 th Children Return for Spring Term 1 10 th Reception library visits 11 th School tour for perspective September 2024 Reception parents 12 th Year 5 swimming begins
2	Mon 15 th Jan	15 th Martin Luther King Day 17 th Year 4 Engagedu Computing Day 19 th Reception Parents/ Carers Number Workshop– Ash and Rowan House Children 1:45pm
3	Mon 22 nd Jan	24 th Year 3 Engagedu Computing Day 26 th Year 3 Rainforest assembly to parents/ carers (8:50am) 26 th Reception Parents/ Carers Number Workshop– Willow and Yew House Children 1:45pm
4	Mon 29 th Jan	29 th – 2 nd National Storytelling week 29 th Y4 and Y5 Digital Ambassador training 1 st Local Governing Board Meeting
5	Mon 5 th Feb	5 th - 11 th Children's Mental Health Week 6 th Safer Internet Day 9 th Year 2 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)
Half Term		
6	Mon 19 th Feb	19 th INSET Day (School closed for all children) 20 th Children Return for Spring Term 2 20 th – 23 rd Year 6 'Mock' SATs week 23 rd Year 4 swimming begins
7	Mon 26 th Feb	27 th Reception and Year 1 Dental checks 28 th Year 2 Engagedu Computing Day 1 st St. David's Day
8	Mon 4 th Mar	4 th Children's Assessment Week 4 th Fair Trade Fortnight begins 6 th -8 th Y4 Conover Hall Residential visit 7 th World Book Day – Children dress as their favourite book character 7 th School book fair arrives 7 th Curriculum Governors Meeting 8 th Reception Mothers' Day Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)
9	Mon 11 th Mar	11 th – 15 th Science Week 12 th Parent/ Carer Consultations (3:30 – 7:00pm) 13 th Parent/ Carer Consultations (3:30 – 5:30pm) 14 th International maths day – Times tables Rockstars celebration 14 th School book fair leaves 15 th Year 4 Love of Reading Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 17 th St. Patrick's Day
10	Mon 18 th Mar	18 th Maths Parent Workshops for Y1, Y2 and Y3 (8:50 – 10:15am)



	<p>19th Maths Parent Workshops for Y4, Y5 and Y6 (8:50 – 10:15am) 20th -21st Reception NCMP height and weight checks 21st World Poetry Day 22nd Year 5 Easter Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 22nd End of Spring Term</p>
Easter Holiday	

Summer Term 2024

Week	Date	Calendar Events
1	Mon 8 th Apr	8 th Children Return for Summer Term 1 12 th Celebration of Eid
2	Mon 15 th Apr	17 th Year 1 Engagedu Computing Day 19 th Forest School Reception Parent/ Carer Workshops (Ash – 9:15 to 10:30am, Rowan – 1:45 to 3:00pm)
3	Mon 22 nd Apr	22 nd Earth Day 23 rd St. George's Day 26 th Forest School Reception Parent/ Carer Workshops (Willow – 9:15 to 10:30am, Yew – 1:45 to 3:00pm)
4	Mon 29 th Apr	2 nd School closed for local election polling
5	Mon 6 th May	6 th May Day Bank Holiday - School closed 7 th World Asthma Day 8 th - 9 th Year 2 Kingswood Residential
6	Mon 13 th May	13 th - 16 th Key Stage 2 SATs Week 15 th Wraites Classroom Group Photographs
7	Mon 20 th May	21 st & 22 nd Reception Engagedu Computing Days 20 th – 24 th IMPACT and Enrichment Week: <i>This is Me</i>
Half Term		
8	Mon 3 rd June	3 rd INSET Day (School closed for all children) 4 th Children Return for Summer Term 2 4 th Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Checks begin 5 th World Environment Day 7 th Year 3 Egyptian Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 7 th Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Ash and Rowan House Children 2:15pm
9	Mon 10 th June	10 th Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks 7 th Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Willow and Yew House Children 2:15pm 13 th Local Governing Board Meeting
10	Mon 17 th June	21 st World Music Day
11	Mon 24 th June	24 th Whole School Assessment Week 28 th Year 2 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)
12	Mon 1 st July	4 th Sports Day (KS2: 9:15 to 11:30a.m, EYFS & KS1: 1:30 to 3:00p.m.) 5 th Year 1 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 5 th - 8 th Y6 PGL Residential Visit
13	Mon 8 th July	11 th Curriculum Governors Meeting 12 th End of Year Reports to Parents/ Carers 12 th Summer Fair (3.30p.m.)
14	Mon 15 th July	15 th Parent/ Carer Open Afternoon (3:30-5:30pm) 18 th Year 6 leavers' Assembly (8:50am)





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15	Mon 22 nd July	22 nd INSET day (School closed for all children)

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