

## Oak Meadow Primary School Weekly Newsletter – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025: Issue 33



### A message from Mr. Lane...

As we end the first week following our return from the half-term holiday, my thoughts revolve very much around our **community** and the strength that lies within the *Oak Meadow Family* asking for your support in the weeks ahead. Firstly, I would like to put out a plea for anyone who can spare 10 minutes at the start of each school day to support us with making toast for the children. We are extremely fortunate at Oak Meadow to be able to provide a fully funded breakfast offer for all children (I know many schools are extremely envious of the offer we have secured) but this can only happen with the help of our fabulous volunteers. If you can support, this means coming into school 10 minutes early (8:25am) with your child to help with preparations. You do not have to do this every day and any time you can give is greatly received. Please call or pop into the school office to let us know if you are able to lend a hand. In addition to this, Mrs. Worrallo will be running a Friends of Oak Meadow meeting on Wednesday next week (11<sup>th</sup> June) at 2pm as we look at planning for the Summer Fair and Year 6 leavers' events. Again, anyone who would like to help with arrangements will be welcome at the meeting, just arrive at the school office in time for its start. Finally, well done to Year 3 for their exemplary assembly performance today – encapsulating the theme of **community** perfectly and showcasing the children's amazing talents. Take care everyone and have a lovely weekend.

### Stars of the Week

- 1B: Kenji M & Layton N  
1E: Elliana R & Elsie Mac  
2B: Antonio S & Paighton B  
2H: Ethan H, Willow T & Max W  
3H: Blake B, Logan C, Oscar C, Maximus D, Chanel G, Ella H, Olivia P & Sophie W  
3J: Scarlett Mc & Myla-Fox M  
4B: Max P & Imogen G  
4N: Aviella C & Noah R  
5CH: Lillie H  
5T: Olivia B & Jake B  
6H: Madisyn M & Daniel C  
6W: Poppy B & James Y

We hope the parents/ carers of the above children can join us for this Monday's assembly at **8.50am** to celebrate their award.

### Upcoming dates for the diary

- 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks (this week only)  
10<sup>th</sup> June – SEND Health Parent/Carer Workshop at 9am – Restricted Eating & Overeating & Dental Care  
10<sup>th</sup> June – Online Safety & Behaviours Workshop for Parent/Carers from 2pm until 3pm  
11<sup>th</sup> June - Online Safety & Behaviours Workshop for Parent/Carers from 8.50am until 9.50am  
11<sup>th</sup> June – Friends of Oak Meadow meeting at 2pm  
12<sup>th</sup> June – Local Governing Board Meeting  
13<sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform Day for the Summer Fair – bring a toiletry  
13<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Parent/Carers Vocabulary Come & Play – Willow & Yew House children at 2.15pm

### 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](mailto:oakmeadowprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

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

### 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. Worrallo (Assistant Headteacher).  
Mrs. Parker-Thornton (Home/ School Liaison Officer).

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## 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	86.7%
RT	95.8%
1B	88.3%
1E	93.1%
2B	90%
2H	94.2%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class RT – well done!



### Key Stage 2

3H	95.7%
3J	100%
4B	93.5%
4N	95.2%
5CH	98.3%
5T	94.4%
6H	89.7%
6W	95.2%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 3J – well done!



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

**93.5%**

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## Monthly Attendance Celebration

Each month we will be celebrating the children that have been our "100% Attendance Heroes" and have been in school every day for the previous four weeks.

Our next special prize draw for those children, will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

The prize will be a £20 cinema voucher.



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# New Team Alert!

Under 7s - 2025/26 season

CORPUS CHRISTI JNRS  
COLTS F.C  
UNDER 7



If your child is currently in Year 1 moving into Year 2 September 25, and you are interested in them trying out for our new team then please get in touch.

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Contact Mr Turner (school site manager)

email - [ccjfc17@gmail.com](mailto:ccjfc17@gmail.com)

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## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# FORTNITE

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 850 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

### ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

### IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

### POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

### CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

### FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

### SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

### USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £10 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

### BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iDOL and TechRadar.



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