



September 2026

Whole School News

Dear Oakthorpe Families and Community,

Welcome to our back to school newsletter! I hope all of our families have had a wonderful, restful summer break filled with fun and quality time together.

Myself and the team are incredibly excited to welcome back all of the children to school on Monday 7th September. Door will be open from 8.50am and close at 9am. Make sure to be in before 9am to avoid a late mark on the first day!

Please help us to maintain high expectation and look at the following pages as a reminder of uniform and attendance expectations. Please remember: No hooped earrings, cycling shorts or football boots.

Hopefully you have seen some of the building works that have taken place on our Instagram page. All of the single glazed windows have been replaced, our corridors have been painted and we have had lots of new doors fitted. Our Year 2 and 3 classes have been fully decorated and we are now just waiting on the teaching walls to arrive; these will be fitted in a few weeks time over a weekend. Due to supply chain issues, the EYFS and KS1 toilets will be refurbished during the October half term.

Don't forget to download the Arbor app (information below) so that you can keep up-to-date with daily communications and book parents' evening appointments!

We cannot wait for another year of learning, fun and enjoyment at Oakthorpe!

Warm regards,
Mr J Wheeler



Benedict's Law: All schools are now required to update and strengthen the work they do around allergies and the prevention of allergic reactions in schools. We will share our updated 'allergy safety' policy with all parents soon. All staff will have specific training around allergy safety and we will soon hold spare Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAI) in school.

It is vital that parents update the school with any new allergies children have or if their have been any changes to existing medical needs.

Please support us by ensuring any snacks which come into school do not contain nuts. Whilst we are an allergy aware school, we cannot guarantee being completely nut free.



September Dates for your diary

- 2nd, 3rd & 4th September: INSET DAYS
- 7th September: Children back to school and EYFS home visits begin.
- 15th September @ 9.00am: Y5 & Y6 phase meeting for parents (includes Y6 secondary school information).
- 16th September @ 9.00am: Y1 & Y2 phase meeting for parents.
- 17th September @ 9.00am: Y3 & Y4 phase meeting for parents.
- 21st September: London Fire Brigade visit for Y2 & Y5.
- 25th September: Macmillan Cake Sale

Reception 2027



**Was your child born between
September 2022 and August 2023?
Join our Reception Classes in
September 2027!**

At Oakthorpe, we believe that every child, deserves the best education, every day! From the moment your child starts with us in Reception, they will be supported, challenged and inspired to thrive! Come and see our fantastic school. Join our 2026 cohort and start your child's journey with us!



Date: Tours in October, November and December 2026



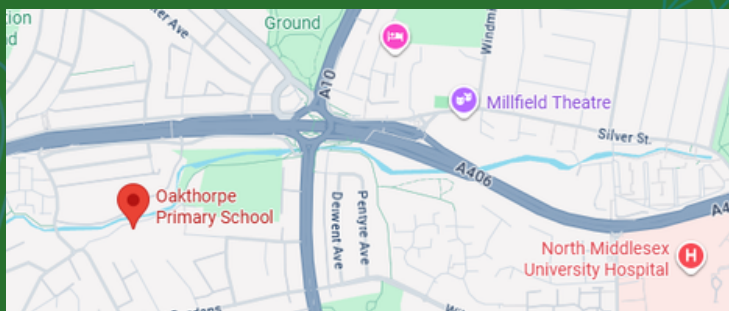
Time: 1.30pm on Wednesdays and 10am on Fridays



Location: Oakthorpe Primary School, Tile Kiln Lane,
N13 6BY

**To book your tour, please call the
school office on
020 8807 4689**

**Or email
office@oakthorpe.enfield.sch.uk**



uniform

Earrings

Children must not come to school wearing any form of hooped earring. Children are only permitted to wear studs. This is for health and safety reasons.

We will ask children to take any hoop earrings out.

There has been an increase in children coming to school not wearing the correct school uniform. Our policy has been designed to be comfortable for children and to promote a sense of community and belonging. Please ensure children come to school each day in the correct uniform. We run pre-loved uniform shops often but please do come and speak to a member of the team to order any uniform you need.

OAKTHORPE SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Gold polo shirt with logo or white blouse or shirt
- Grey skirt or grey/black trousers. Reception children may wear green tracksuit bottoms
- Green jumper or cardigan
- White, grey or black socks or tights
- Plain black shoes. In winter ankle boots may be worn.
- Plain items of clothing may be purchased from a range of retailers.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- School tie may be worn with a white shirt or blouse
- Green fleece
- Cotton Dress – white/green gingham
- Grey shorts

Please help us to help you by clearly marking all clothing, bags and personal possessions.



Children must not come to school wearing hooped earrings. This is a health and safety concern and children will be asked to remove them.

WHAT OAKTHORPE IS EXPECTED TO DO.

At Oakthorpe, we are bound to guidance and expectations by both the Department for Education and the Local Authority which we are required to follow.



SEVERE ABSENCE

If a child's absence continues to not improve, a School Attendance Panel will be held with the school and the Educational Welfare Service.

Where all other avenues have been tried, penalty notices or prosecution could occur.

NATIONAL TARGET IS 96%



All schools have been set an attendance target of 96%. Schools are required to send reminders to any families whose child's attendance has fallen below 96%.

All absence, even if authorised by the school due to sickness/illness, counts towards absence. Being late after the register also counts towards attendance.



Attendance Information



PERSISTENT ABSENCE

When attendance falls below 90%, this is called **persistent absence.**

We will monitor in school and have supportive conversations to improve attendance.

CONTINUED PERSISTENT ABSENCE

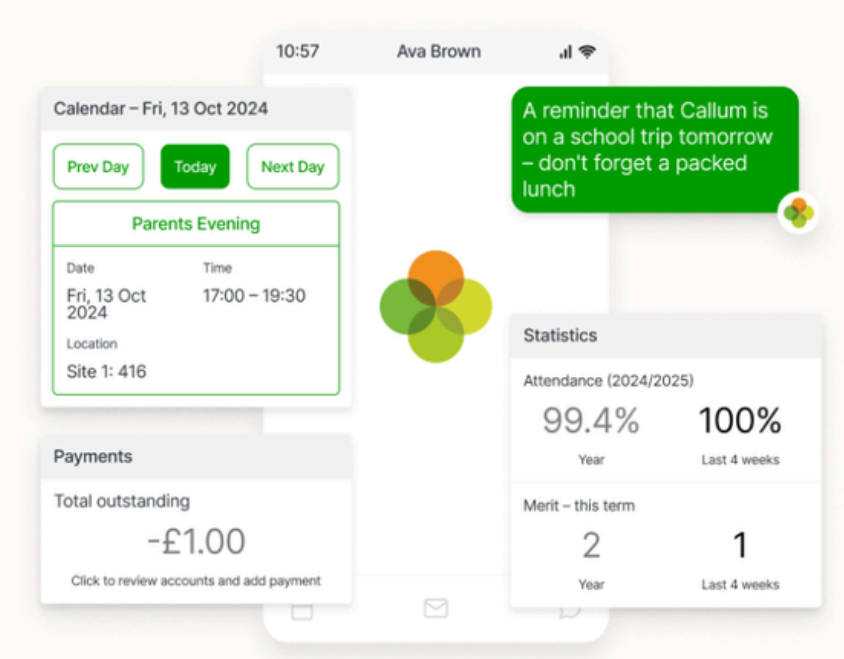
Where absence does not improve with in school monitoring at support. The Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) will begin to monitor.

Parents will be invited in for attendance clinics with the Attendance Lead and EWO. An attendance improvement plan may be put in place.





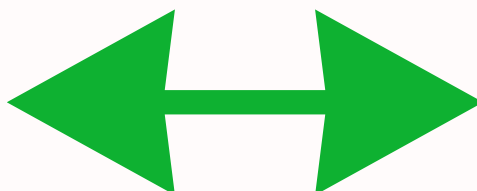
Arbor



It is important that over the summer holidays that all parents download the Arbor App onto their phones or have tried to log into the Arbor Portal on an internet browser. From September, we will stop sending text messages to parents and solely use emails and Arbor in-app messages to communicate.

We will also be using the Arbor app and parent portal to book parents' evening appointments.

Please ensure you have tried to log in. An email with your log in details has been sent to you. If you require assistance, please do speak to a member of the team.





Donate a birthday book!

When it is your child's birthday, instead of cakes, why not consider donating a book to our wonderful school library! We will put a lovely sticker in the book to show who the birthday book has been donated by and a certificate will go up in the library! If you are going to bring in cakes for the class, please can these be pre-packaged to support us being allergy friendly!

Please see our [Birthday Book Wishlist](#), which has been carefully created by the children.

[LINK](#)

Raise free donations for Oakthorpe Primary School when shopping online with easyfundraising. It won't cost you a penny extra. All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oakthorpeprimaryschool/> and join for free.
2. Install the app and Donation Reminder extension.
3. Activate your donation before shopping online and the retailer will automatically donate to us for free!

Thank you for your support.

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them



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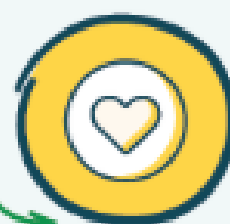
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Click out
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Checkout:
prices are exactly
the same!

The retailer sends
a % of your spend
to easyfundraising



They pass
it on to us
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Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone





Advertise with Us!

Would you like to promote your local business or community group to Oakthorpe families?

Our monthly school newsletter reaches a wide and engaged audience of parents, carers, and staff—making it a great opportunity to share your services or events.

To find out more or to book an advert, please contact the school office at:



office@oakthorpe.enfield.sch.uk



020 8807 4689

All proceeds go towards supporting enrichment activities for our pupils

Keep Your Child Safe Online



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TALK

Talk to your child about their internet use and safety

Have meaningful conversations about how they use the internet

Praise your child for safe online behaviours

Welcome your child if they want to ask you a question or tell you about a problem, even if they've done something unwise themselves

EDUCATE

Learn as much as you can about games, platforms, parental controls and the benefits and risks of online activity

Teach your child about specific issues and concerns

Teach your child about safe and unsafe relationships and how to repair friendships following disagreements online

CO-VIEW

Co-view your child's online activity at least 1x/week

Interact with your child online

Model appropriate online behaviour

Co-operate with each other to promote the well-being of all



HOUSE RULES

Set clear routines, rules and boundaries ("house rules")

Keep to age ratings and guidance for apps, games and devices

Restrict online activity to daytime and communal areas

Use filters and parental controls

Spend regular screen-free time with your child



AGE 11+

for a basic phone or highly restricted smart phone without internet access or social media

AGE 14+

for a smart phone with parental controls

*Agree a contract with your child to encourage responsible phone use