



July 2026

Whole School News

Dear Oakthorpe Families and Community,

Welcome to our July newsletter – the final edition of this academic year!

As we come to the end of another busy and successful year at Oakthorpe, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support. Your encouragement, partnership and commitment to our school community make such a difference to our children's experiences and achievements.

I would also like to extend a particular thank you for your flexibility last week when we had to make changes to the school timetable due to the exceptionally hot weather. Your understanding and support allowed us to keep the children safe and comfortable while ensuring they continued to enjoy their time in school.

This year has been especially significant for me as it has been my first year as Headteacher at Oakthorpe. I would like to thank our wonderful staff, parents, carers and children for making me feel so welcome and for the support you have shown throughout the year. It has been an absolute privilege to lead such a caring, dedicated and vibrant school community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year and am excited to continue seeing our school grow and flourish in the years ahead.

As always at this time of year, we prepare to say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 children. They have been wonderful ambassadors for Oakthorpe and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved during their time with us. As they begin the next stage of their education at secondary school, we know they are going to achieve incredible things. Oakthorpe has been an important part of their journey, and they will always remain an important part of ours. We wish each and every one of them every success and happiness for the future.

At the same time, we are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children and their families in September. We cannot wait for them to begin their own Oakthorpe journey, creating new friendships, developing their confidence and becoming valued members of our school community.

Finally, a huge thank you to Klimi and to all of the parents, carers, staff and volunteers who supported this year's Summer Fête. It was a fantastic community event and I am delighted to share that we raised just over £5,000. This incredible achievement will help us continue to improve our outdoor spaces for our Year 1 children, as well as provide new lunchtime games and equipment for all our pupils to enjoy.

Warm regards,
Mr J Wheeler



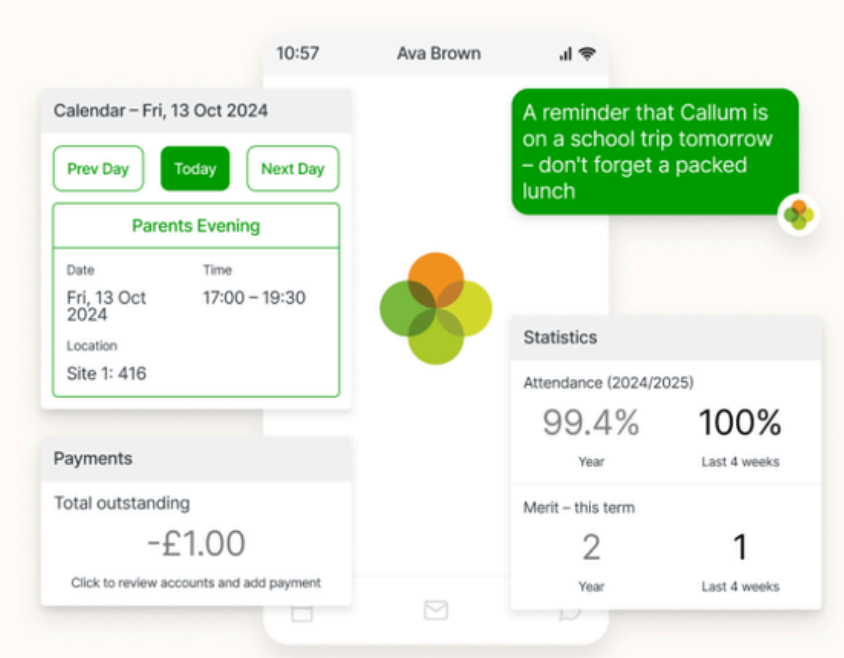
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Dates for your diary

- 7th July - girls' cricket tournament
- 8th and 9th July - KS1 show (times will be emailed)
- 9th and 10th July - Year 5 camp
- 9th July - Year 3 trip to Southend
- 13th July - Year 2 and Little Oaks trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
- 15th July - EYFS graduation
- 16th July - Year 6 Leavers' assembly
- 17th July - Year 6 Leavers' festival
- 17th July - Last Day of School - 1.30pm finish



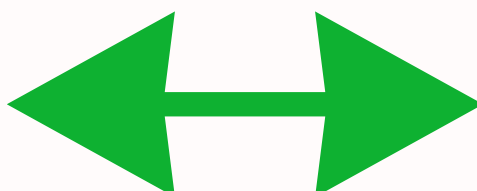
Arbor



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.



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.



Attendance



At Oakthorpe, we want all children to maximise their learning time by having 96%+ attendance! Currently our whole school attendance has dipped further to 94.4%.



Our core values

Respect
Responsibility
Excellence
Confidence
Creativity

Values of the month

Self-Discipline



Punctuality

We continue to see lots of children being brought into school late each morning. This has a massive impact on their learning as they are missing a key part of the morning settling in routine. Please aim to get to school for 8.50am when the gates open!



Lateness adds up!

5 minutes late each day	3 school days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 school days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 school days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 school days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 school days lost

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.



We continue to have many children come into school wearing hooped earrings. This is a health and safety concern and children will be asked to remove them.



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!

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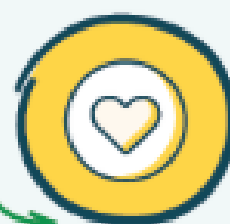
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They pass
it on to us
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Plus, you'll get...



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