Oakley CE Junior School Newsletter

Great expectations for all through

Courage, Respect and Grace

4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to all of our new and existing parents and carers. It has been a wonderful start to the new school year. The children have settled in to their new classes and are already demonstrating a brilliant attitude to learning and exemplary behaviour. Attendance has also been good these last few days. We are aiming high with our target of 98% attendance this year. Each week, we will report on the whole school attendance in this newsletter (please see the attendance ladder section). Attending school punctually every day helps all children to thrive. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please do come and speak to us as we want to work with you to support your children.

This weekly newsletter will be sent out each Friday and will give you information on: important dates and events coming up, pupil achievements and other news. We also like to celebrate the children's achievements out of school. If you would like to share your child's achievements, please email the school office with the details and we will add these to the newsletter for that week. Please note, we can't share photographs.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hill

School and Classroom Environment

Thank you so much to all of the staff for the work they have put into making the school, library and classroom environments calm and well organised over the Summer. The spaces around school feel so welcoming and conducive to focus and learning. Thank you for your support with keeping the environment calm by leaving personal fidgets and pencil cases at home.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all of the children who completed the 'Read to the Beat' Library Summer Reading Challenge. Those who took part are welcome to bring their certificates and medals into school to share in our Friday Celebration Assembly on 11th September.

Emotions Day

On Wednesday, we had a whole school emotions day which was a lovely start to the new academic year. The children had the opportunity to develop their understanding of emotions and link those emotions to colours. The children learnt that all emotions are ok, it is what we do with those emotions that matter. Our school approach links to the book 'A Little Spot of Feelings'. The children were able to take part in a range of creative activities to identify when they have felt different emotions and what strategies they can use to get themselves back to feeling green (calm).

Mrs Shrewsbury

Uniform

It has been lovely to see so many children looking smart in the correct school uniform. Please see the school website for further details on correct uniform requirements.

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Who to talk to if you have a concern:

Firstly, please speak to your child's class teacher. If the matter remains unresolved, you may wish to speak to the Upper School Leader for Years 5 and 6 (Mrs Sarah Garside), the Lower School Leader for Years 3 and 4 (Miss Emma Woodgate), the Deputy Headteacher (Mrs Hannah Shrewsbury) or the Headteacher (Mrs Sarah Hill).
We are always ready and willing to listen and resolve matters quickly where possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September
Tues 2nd - Back to school
Wed 9th - Individual school photos
Mon 14th - Meet the teacher - Yr group tbc
Tues 15th - Meet the teacher - Yr group tbc
Wed 16th - Meet the teacher - Yr group tbc
Thurs 17th - Meet the teacher - Yr group tbc
Mon 28th - Yr 6 Stubbington residential

October
Fri 2nd - Yr 6 return from Stubbington
Wed 7th Oct - Yr 3 Church visit
Fri 23rd - Inset day
Mon 26th - October half term
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SCHOOL CLOSED / INSET DAYS
Tuesday 1st September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 12th February 2027
Friday 25th June 2027

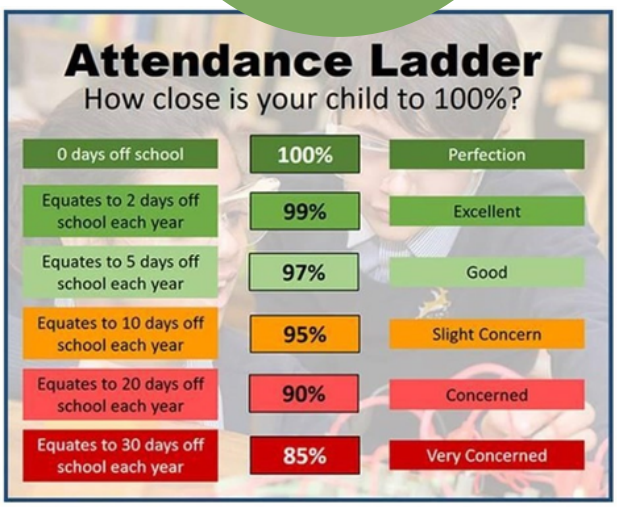
School holidays can be viewed on the school website

November
Mon 2nd - Back to school
Wed 4th - Parents evening
Wed 11th - Parents evening

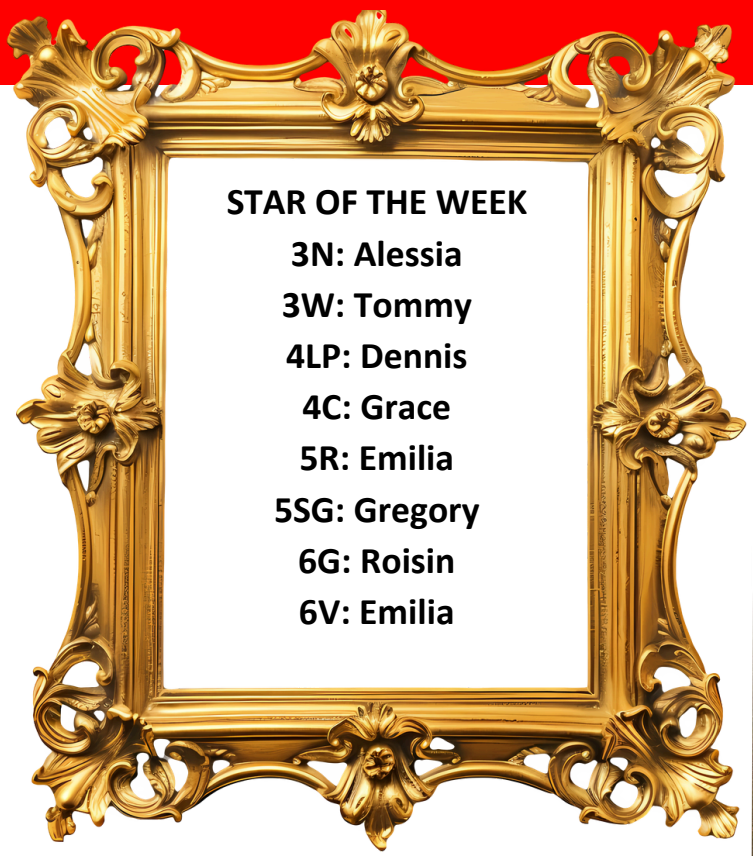
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Target 98%

Our current attendance is 97.4%



Class and Pupil Awards



STAR OF THE WEEK

3N: Alessia

3W: Tommy

4LP: Dennis

4C: Grace

5R: Emilia

5SG: Gregory

6G: Roisin

6V: Emilia

GOLDEN BROOM AWARD

3W



GOOD PRESENTATION AWARDS

Ezra in 3N, Amara in 3W, Benjamin in 4LP, Matthew in 4C, Kevin in 5R, Natalie in 6G, Oliver in 6V

Congratulations and well done to all!

Out of school Achievements

Freddie in 4LP completed the completed the 3 Peaks over the Summer before his 8th birthday!

Well done Freddie!