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OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER

A Message from Our Headteacher



It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back to Oakwood for the start of our new school year. We are now three weeks in, and I am delighted with how well our pupils have settled into routines.

As always, I would like to remind families that our school term dates can be found on our website. Good attendance is essential for pupils to make the best progress, so please support us in ensuring your child is in school every day, on time and ready to learn.

At the start of term, we shared a letter with parents and carers about our expectations for uniform and behaviour, which were also reinforced during our welcome back assemblies across the school. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards.

A personal highlight for me this term has been seeing pupils working so positively in lessons and around school. I have really enjoyed handing out "well done" postcards and making phone calls home to celebrate achievements. Please keep it coming – the enthusiasm and effort from pupils is wonderful to see.

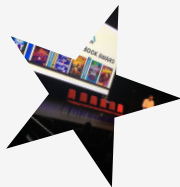
During our September INSET day, I shared with staff the history of Oakwood, reflecting on our journey as a school. We also launched our School Development Plan, which you can view on our website. This sets out our leadership priorities for the year ahead and is well worth a read.

Staff training has been another big focus. On Wednesday afternoons, staff have been working on the theme of "making every lesson start strong" – focusing on routines, welcoming pupils positively, and beginning lessons with fast-paced memory review tasks to support key learning. Pupils can help by ensuring they arrive to lessons ready to learn.

Finally, we will be carrying out a school environment walk in the coming week, checking our health and safety standards and visiting all pupils in class.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I am very proud of the positive start we have made to the school year, and I look forward to working together to make this another successful year at Oakwood.

Mr D Jones
Head of School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 26.09.25 - Macmillan cake sale
- 15.09.25 - Open Evening
- 25.10.25-31.10.25 - Half Term

PUPIL REWARDS

🎉 Well Done to Our First Raffle Ticket Winners! 🎉

A huge congratulations to our very first raffle ticket winners of the year from Years 5, 6 and 7! There was lots of excitement amongst the pupils as the winning tickets were drawn, and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm across all year groups.

Well done to our very first winners Ryan, Isaac, Summer Cahoon and Jacob Matthews)– what a fantastic way to start the year! A big well done to our lucky winners — you've set the tone for the rest of the year! Keep showing great effort and enthusiasm, and remember... every raffle ticket is another chance to win! ✨

WELL DONE! ★

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SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: PE

Click here to see our subject spotlight!

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ZUMBA

Mrs Hamers year 10 option group enjoying Zumba!



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SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: MATHS

A huge congratulations goes to all our current Year 11s and previous Year 11s who completed Maths qualifications before summer! We are immensely proud of the effort that went into these and each individual should be very proud of themselves.

In maths, we promote the love of learning in school and at home. We provide students with homework books tailored specifically so that they can complete them independently. We reward students for their hard work through raffle tickets and postcards to take home!

We are also going to be looking at trialling out a new way of giving out Maths homework later in the year through scrapbooks that have been specifically designed by the National Numeracy organisation.

If you are interested in being part of this trial, please fill out this short

Google

forms.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGdb3WkFI10kzJ8wjxYjE-numz-m88gVod6kaWAgrIUogzmQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

We also provide students with logbooks for TTRS to encourage pupils to log on to Times Tables Rockstars on a daily basis and to test their skills on 'garage'. This way they will accrue minutes, and these build up to be rewarded with our badges! We love giving these out to pupils and will be promoting them here on the newsletter!

We have some exciting new things to look forward to including:

On Wednesday 22nd October 2025 we are planning to invite parents in to discuss ways to 'Help your Child Love Maths!' This is a great session that allows families to share their love for maths and something we will definitely be revisiting every term. Here is a link to parents and carers if anyone would like to look at brushing up on their mathematical skills through this platform - https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/challenge/?partner_code=improvement&utm_source=nnsite&utm_medium=improvement

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We will be promoting 'Number Confidence Week' from the 3rd-7th November across school where we will be taking part in different activities to promote confidence to use maths in everyday life.

SCHOOL MEALS

PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SEE OUR SUMMER MENUS

<https://www.oakwoodacademy.co.uk/documents/parents/the-school-day-meals/menu-summer-2025.pdf>



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