



Oaklands School

"The best for all, the best from all"

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12th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteachers Newsletter

I hope you have had a nice summer and your child has enjoyed their return to school. It has been great to welcome the students back and in particular our new year 7 as they start their journey at Oaklands.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the new academic year and inform you of the changes to staffing and upcoming events for this term.

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New Appointments:

Miss Henderson and Miss Yates join us in the role of Teaching Assistant. I am sure you join me in wishing them the best for their future at Oaklands.

School Website - www.oaklandsschool.org

I would like to remind parents to use the school website to find key information including curriculum plans and school policies. The website also includes copies of letters that are sent which can be found under Parents/Carers/Letters.

Parent/Carer Communication:

I am pleased to inform you that our new communications app, **WEDUC – Reach More Parents**, is now fully in use! **If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to download the app and ensure that your notifications are turned on so you don't miss any important updates or messages.** If you need any assistance with setting up the app, our school office will be happy to help.



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I am also excited to share that the login details for our new payment system, **ParentPay**, have been sent out to all parents today. Please look out for this important message so you can get set up quickly and easily.



School meals:

As I mentioned in my letter at the end of last year, the cost of a school dinner for this academic year will rise to £3.20 per day/£16.00 per week. The rise in cost is due to the increased charge from our catering provider. We have managed to subsidise some of the cost, but unfortunately we haven't been able to cover it all. This price rise will take place from Monday 22nd September.

Meals should be paid for in advance and payments can be made via our on-line payment system ParentPay. Please contact the school office if you are unable to access this system.

Sample menus can be found on our school website to give you ideas of what choices could be available. Please note the menus cover a sample three week period and are subject to change as and when required. Allowances are made for seasonal alterations – e.g. Christmas lunch, themed days, new foods becoming available and special days.

Pupil Absence:

Parents are required to phone school on the first day of absence before 9.15am on 01606 551048 and select option 2 – to report a pupil absence. Alternatively, the absence can be reported by emailing office@oaklandsschool.org by 9.15am. Please state your child's name, form, your relationship to the child and the reason for absence when emailing.

School email address for parents and carers to contact us:

You can contact the school through the office@oaklandsschool.org email to ask questions or provide information about your child. The office staff will forward the email to the relevant person who will get back to you.

Medical tracker service:

We are pleased to let you know that Oaklands School will now be using **Medical Tracker**, a secure online system that helps us record and manage all first aid incidents and medication given to pupils.

This system allows us to:

- Record any first aid treatment your child receives in school
- Track the administration of prescribed medication
- Notify you promptly by email if your child has received treatment or medication during the school day. Please note – if your child is out of school on a day trip you will receive a notification at the end of the school day. If your child is on a residential visit, you will receive notification upon return to school at the end of the visit. Please be assured in the event of a medical emergency you will be contact immediately.

Using Medical Tracker means you will be kept fully informed in real time, while also ensuring our records are accurate, consistent, and safely stored. You will receive all relevant information to your email so you do not need to do anything to sign up to the service. Please ensure the email details you have provided to us are correct.

If you have any questions about how Medical Tracker works, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Transport:

If parents have any issues regarding transport to and from school please contact the relevant authority on the following numbers:

- Cheshire West – 01244 973637
- Cheshire East – 01270 371485

EHCP Annual Reviews:

Annual reviews will take place for year 11 and 12 students this term. Further information will be sent out individually. Annual reviews for other year groups will be completed as displayed in the table below:

Annual Review Timetable 2025/26	
Year 7	Summer term
Year 8	Spring/Summer term
Year 9	Spring term
Year 10	Autumn/Spring term
Year 11	Autumn term
Year 12	Autumn term

Please note - The review timetable in the table above has been agreed with the required local authorities and is set for the year.

Charity support: For this term, the charities we will be supporting are:

- Macmillan
- World Mental Health Day
- The Mid-Cheshire Foodbank (for the Harvest Festival celebrations)
- The British Legion

- Children in Need
- Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day)

We will provide further information of charity events as required.

Residential/Day visits:

Please ensure any paperwork and medical consent forms are signed and returned to the school office promptly. It is a real shame when students are not permitted to attend trips due to parents/carers not completing and returning reply slips, so please support with this when requested.

A reminder of the residential visit dates for this year.

Year Group	Location	Date
7	Glan Llyn https://www.urdd.cymru/en/residential-centres/glan-llyn/	18 th – 20 th March 2026 Wednesday to Friday
8	The Conwy Centre https://conwaycentres.co.uk/anglesey	8 th – 10 th October Wednesday to Friday
9	Red Ridge https://www.redridgecentre.co.uk/	24 th - 27 th March 2026 Tuesday to Friday
10	YMCA Lakeside https://lakesideymca.co.uk/	30 th March - 1 st April 2026 Monday to Wednesday

Parking/Collecting children:

Please note that when collecting a student, you are courteous to our local residents and, where possible, park your vehicle in the shop car park opposite the school to ease congestion. Please do not park in a way that blocks driveways or pedestrian crossing points as this causes frustration for our neighbours.

If you collect your child from the school gate, please be considerate of our neighbours. I kindly request that you refrain from leaning on residents' walls, as we will receive complaints if you do so.

Uniform Policy:

As mentioned in my summer newsletter we will be ensuring that all students will be wearing the full expected school uniform as explained in the School Uniform and Appearance Policy that can be found on the school website in the Parents/Carers tab, then in the School Uniform area. Below is a section from the policy that explains the expectations around uniform.

School Uniform:**Coat:**

A suitable coat or jacket for wearing at break/lunchtime during cold wet weather - to be removed when in school.

Blazer:

Black blazer with school badge:

**Optional V Neck Jumper:**

Black with school badge:

**Tie:**

Green and gold narrow stripe:



Shirt:

White long or short sleeve with collar – top button to be fastened and shirt tucked in

**Skirt:**

Black knee-length – worn with black or white knee-high socks or tights

No tight fitting skirts or skirts with splits.

**Trousers and Shorts:**

Black formal style - The trousers must be of standard length, without decorations, shorts must be formal. Tight-fitting, cargo, low cut jeans or jean style trousers and sports shorts are unacceptable.



Footwear:

All black low heeled shoes/pumps, enclosed at the heel and toe.

All footwear must be plain black and have no logos.



I would like to remind you that **jewellery (including watches)** is not allowed to be worn for PE lessons and sporting activities. This is to keep the students safe from any physical harm.

Allergen Information:

We are an allergen aware school.

We are an allergen aware school, and our approach means that we will allow some cooking ingredients that state they may contain nuts in classes where no students have a known nut allergy.

We will continue to support any student with a known allergy, as explained in our Pupil Allergen Policy published on our website. If you have any feedback on the approach we take in the policy, please contact me and I will be happy to discuss any concerns or queries with you.

To continue to keep students safe, we ask that you ensure that your child does not bring food/snacks into school that contain or may contain nuts, as we can't monitor the food that all students bring into school. We therefore ask that you continue to have no nut products in your child's lunch boxes.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal bars

Some granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

Peanut butter cakes

Some Asian food, including satay

Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing for you to check, and that you may need to buy different food products. However, I am sure you recognise the importance and that we must work together to care for all the children who attend Oaklands.

To ensure the children are safe we ask that you do not bring in any cakes or treats for your child to give out to their peers on such occasions as birthdays, as we cannot guarantee that ingredients are safe for all children.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter, as always, it is very much appreciated.

Autumn Term Diary Events and term Dates 2025:

Please find below some diary events for the Autumn Term. Please be aware that more information and timings will be provided closer to the event.

- **Wednesday 17th September – School photographs**
Tempest photography will be in school to take individual school photographs.
- **Thursday 18th September - Year 7 Coffee Morning**
This will be a chance for year 7 parents and carers to meet their child's form tutor and year group teaching assistants to hear about what the students have been learning and how they have transitioned during the start of year 7.
- **Friday 26th September – Macmillan Coffee morning**
Join us for our annual coffee morning and to have a leisurely catch up with other parents/carers. The Key Stage 4 Hospitality and Catering Group will be running the event for you.
- **Thursday 9th October – Parent/Carer Coffee Morning**
Our termly coffee morning will focus on the curriculum, an update on safeguarding and information on the sustainability work we have completed.
- **Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th October – Year 8 Residential**
Our year 8 students will be going on their two night outdoor education residential to the Conwy Centre on the Isle of Anglesey.
- **Tuesday 25th November – Virtual Parents/Carers Evening**
This will be the first parent/carers evening of the year. Parents/carers will be given an 8 minute virtual meeting slot with their child's form tutor to discuss how they are making progress in school.
- **Tuesday 16th December– Pantomime visit**
We are looking forward to going back to the Grange Theatre in Hartford to watch this year's performance of Peter Pan.
- **Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Coffee Morning Celebration**
Join us for our celebration coffee morning

2025-2026 School Term and Holiday Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2025

School re-opens	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Break up for half term	Friday 24 th October 2025
School re-opens	Monday 3 rd November 2025
School closes	Friday 19 th December 2025

Autumn term 75 days

SPRING TERM 2026

School re-opens	Monday 5 th January 2026
Break up for half term	Friday 13 th February 2026
School re-opens	Monday 23 rd February 2026
School closes	Wednesday 1 st April 2026

Spring term 58 days

SUMMER TERM 2026

School re-opens	Monday 20 th April 2026
School closes	Friday 22 nd May 2026
School re-opens	Monday 1 st June 2026
School closes	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026

Summer Term 62 days

INSET DAYS – School closed to students:

Monday 1st September 2025
Friday 5th December 2025
Friday 6th March 2026
Friday 1st May 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

I appreciate the time you have taken to read this letter, and as always if you have any queries or require further information please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Oxley', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mr N Oxley
Headteacher