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Resilience

Message from Mrs Welbourne

Dear Parents and Carers ,

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year! It has been such a joy to see our new Reception children coming into school with happy smiles, ready to explore their new learning spaces. We are also delighted to welcome our new pupils and families joining *The Meadow*, our specialist provision, who have already made a wonderful start. A very warm welcome to you and your families as you join our Oakley family.

A huge well done, too, to our Year 1 pupils who have returned to school confidently, ready to learn and embrace the new year ahead.

The Primary Newsletter is published once or twice a half-term and will provide you with a summary of some of the fantastic things that have happened across school, and will also provide you with key dates and upcoming events. This edition is our 'bumper edition' full of exciting and memorable moments over the first few weeks.

Other sources of communication include regular updates and emails via the **My Child at School app**. Please check the app daily for the latest messages and ensure that push notifications are enabled. Class teachers will share a **weekly 'Round-up'** highlighting key learning moments, reminders, and suggestions to support learning at home . They will also use the **Tapestry app** to document significant aspects of your child's development and progress. Further details about this platform will be provided in the coming week. Moreover, a new addition this year includes the **Class Blog**. Each week, class teachers will post updates with photos and insights into classroom activities. The blog can be accessed via our school website under *Parents Primary—Class Pages -Class Blog*.

Finally, I wish to remind you of the timings of our day. The school gates **open at 8:35 a.m.** and close promptly at **8:45 a.m.** for registration. Reception parents are kindly asked to remain on the playground with their child until the class teacher welcomes them into the building, and Year 1 parents please wait at the Rainbow gates. For safety reasons, please do not leave children unattended. Thank you for your cooperation.

Wishing you and your family a restful weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Welbourne
Assistant Headteacher





Welcome Reception!

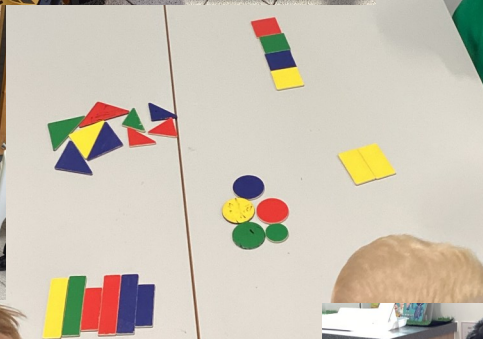
Our Buttercups class have had such a wonderful first week at Oakley! The children have settled in very well and have started forming new friendships and getting to know each other. We have been busy learning our school routines and classroom expectations. We have also enjoyed lots of fun activities, including dough disco, creating our very own buttercups to decorate the classroom door and practising new routines. The climbing frame, water area, and small world area have been especially popular, and it has been lovely to see the children exploring, playing, and learning together. We look forward to another fun week ahead!



'Here we Are' - Year 1



Snowdrops have had a fantastic start to their time in Year 1! The children have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and making the most of different provision areas such as construction, water, creative, reading areas and small world. We have already begun our learning journeys for the wider curriculum, linked to our first Learning Theme 'Here we Are', including learning parts of the human body in Science and what life was like when they were babies in History. Our text this half term is focussed on the wonderful book by Oliver Jeffers—we would recommend a visit to the library if you haven't read it before! In Maths children have begun to learn about sorting and counting, applying their learning in lots of contexts within our environment. The children have quickly settled back into our school routines and expectations and we are very proud of how well they have adapted to changes in Year 1. Keep it up Snowdrops!



School App

We would like to thank our families for their patience during the recent issues with the *My Child at School* app. These difficulties were part of a national problem beyond the school's control and have (hopefully!) now been resolved.

Please can we ask that you ensure that each pupil's profile includes **at least two emergency contacts**, as this is a legal safeguarding requirement. We also remind you to complete the **Parent Consents section** as soon as possible, so we can use photographs of your child where permission has been granted. We kindly ask that both are updated by the end of next week. Reception parents—if you are having any problems with the school app, please contact the school office at—oakleyschool@stowevalley.com

Early Reading and Phonics Meeting

At Oakley School we are extremely passionate about 'reaching every child' when it comes to learning to read and use a fantastic scheme, Little Wandle to



support us in doing so. We will be holding an Phonics and Early Reading meeting for parents in the coming weeks:

Reception Parents—Thursday 9th October 5:30—6p.m.

Year 1 Parents—Thursday 9th October 4:30—5p.m.

This will be an opportunity to hear our approach to teaching Reading, how you can help at home and for you to ask any questions you may have. Where possible, we kindly ask that you make childcare arrangements to allow this to be a parent/carer event only. This is an informative and important meeting where minimal distractions would be advantageous. We do hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Open Events

We have 3 Open Events across Autumn term for prospective parents to visit our school.

Each Open Event will start with an introduction from our Headteacher and senior leaders. Parents will then have a tour of school and the opportunity to have tea/coffee and a chat with members of our Senior Leadership Team, PTA and governors.

The dates of our Open Events are:

- Open Morning - Tuesday 21st October 2025 9:30 – 11am
- Opening Morning – Wednesday 3rd December 9:30 -11am
- Open Evening – Wednesday 12th November

Please book on to an Open Morning via the google form below:

[Open Morning Booking Form](#)

Spaces are limited to 3 spaces per family. Please also share with other prospective parents in the community.

Applications for Reception 2026 will open on 1st November and the deadline is 4pm on Wednesday 14th January 2026.

Reminders

As we begin a new school year, we wish to remind our families of important procedures to help keep our school community safe.

Nut-free School

Please remember that we are a **nut-free school** and therefore **no nuts can be brought into school**. These are nuts in all forms whether they be whole nuts or ingredients in other food or anything that may contain traces of nut — please do check ingredients carefully when providing snacks or lunches for your child; children will not be allowed to eat any nuts or any products containing, or maybe containing, nuts.



Safety in School

All children must be accompanied on to the school premises by an adult in the morning who must stay with them until they are greeted by school adults and are safely inside the school building.

Cycling/ Scooting

A reminder to all families that cycling and scooting to school is encouraged, we have bike racks at the front of the Secondary building for Primary pupils to use. With that however, we wish to remind all members of our school community that pupils and parents must dismount their bike or scooter before entering the green gates at the front of school. We kindly ask that you then push them along the path at the front of school. We also wish to stress the importance of wearing a helmet. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Dogs

Please remember that, with the exception of assistance dogs, that dogs must not be brought on to the school site at any time (this includes carrying dogs in arms). If you need to leave your dog outside the school gates, please ensure that it is tied up well away from the paths—some children and adults are fearful of dogs and we need to ensure that they feel safe coming into school.

End of Day Collection Procedures

As far as possible, any changes to collection of children after school should be notified to the office before 12.00 noon – this ensures that a message can be given to the teacher at lunchtime and not in the afternoon which disrupts a lesson and is sometimes difficult for office staff. We do understand that there may be occasions when traffic delays mean that children are collected late from school. Children will stay with their teachers until the last child has been dismissed and then are brought to the office to wait to be collected.

P.E Days

Please note the P.E Days for your child's class

Reception (Buttercups) - Thursdays (Beginning 18th September 2025)

Year 1 (Snowdrops) - Tuesdays

Children will also participate in daily physical activity as part of their curriculum.

Summer Reading Challenge

If your child completed the library Summer Reading Challenge, please send in their completed chart and certificate as we will be sharing these in



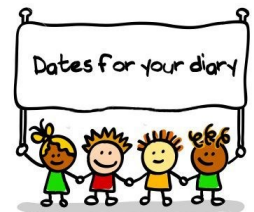
Flu Vaccinations—advance notice

This is advance notice of the flu vaccinations that are being administered to all year groups by the South Warwickshire Immunisation Team on **Monday 13th October 2025**. More information will follow, and parents may choose for their child not to be immunised, however we encourage as many as possible to do so to prevent the spread of illness.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Important dates of upcoming events, please do make a note:

- **European Day of Languages**—Friday 26th September
- **Harvest Celebration Assembly** (*family members welcome, more information to follow*) - Tuesday 7th October 2:30 p.m.
- **Phonics and Early Reading Meeting**—Thursday 9th October (Year 1 parents 4:30-5 p.m. / Reception parents—5-5:30 p.m.)
- **Open Morning**— Tuesday 21st October 9:30 –11 a.m.
- Year 1 Grandparents/ Family Member Afternoon Tea and Art Showcase—Thursday 23rd October 2 p.m.
- Parents' Evenings—Tuesday 14th October and Thursday 16th October
- End of Term—Friday 24th October



Looking ahead...

- **Come and Learn** (*Parents' in school event/ more information to follow*) - Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November
- **Open Evening**—Wednesday 12th November 6– 8 p.m.
- **Author Visit**—Wednesday 19th November 2025
- **Open Morning**— Wednesday 3rd December 9:30—11 a.m.
- **Reception Christmas Production**—Tuesday 9th December 9 a.m.
- **Year 1 Christmas Production**—Wednesday 10th December 9 a.m.
- **Reception and Year 1 Theatre Visit**—Friday 12th December 2025

Wraparound Care

Onside Coaching run and manage the wraparound care programme at Oakley School and will be known as 'Kids Club at Oakley.' This is an incredibly exciting venture for us which we hope will bring huge benefits to the Oakley School community. Managed by Onside Coaching, Kids Club will enable us to offer daily extended care between the hours of 3:15pm and 6:00pm. Our aim is to provide affordable, high quality, fun and engaging sessions that will give you the peace of mind that your children are being cared for safely and enjoying age-appropriate developmental activities outside the hours of the school day .



Breakfast Club: 7:45am – Start of school

After School Club: 3:15pm – 5.45pm

For more information and to use the online booking system, please visit - <https://oakley.onsidelive.co.uk/>

After School Clubs

We are delighted to announce that Onside Coaching will also be providing a range of after school clubs for pupils to book onto. More information will be shared in the coming weeks and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please keep an eye out for emails.

School Health Newsletter

Read your health and wellbeing newsletter, delivered to you from Connect for Health, your School Nursing Service. [Click here](#) for newsletter.



Family Information Service

The latest edition of the Family Information Service newsletter is available to read at: [FIS Newsletter](#)



Term Dates 25-26

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1st September: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)

Tuesday 2nd September: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)

Wednesday 3rd September: Year 7 and Year 1 start of Autumn term

Thursday 4th September: Year 8 and Year 9 start of Autumn term

Wednesday 10th September: Reception start of Autumn term

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October: Half Term Break

Friday 28th November: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)

Friday 19th December: Autumn term ends (12:20pm Secondary / 1:00pm Primary)

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)

Tuesday 6th January: start of Spring term

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February: Half Term Break

Friday 27th March: Spring term ends

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April: start of Summer term

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May: Half Term Break

Friday 26th June: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)

Friday 17th July: Summer term ends (12:20pm Secondary / 1:00pm Primary)



NETBALL FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Weekly netball sessions for children aged Reception to Year 6.

Wednesday @ King's High School 6-7pm
Thursday @ Leamington Netball Club 4:30-5:30pm
Thursday @ Kenilworth School 6-7pm

First session for free, sign up now!



What parents say about Kid Squad...

"My daughter is having an amazing time with Kid Squad Warwickshire. She loves her netball training. Can't speak highly enough of the coaches, they are empowering the kids for sure. Highly recommend for anyone looking to start a journey in netball."

"This is such a fantastic club. My daughter absolutely loves the training sessions and the league matches. Her knowledge, skills and confidence have improved significantly since joining and this is all down to the quality teaching and care from the wonderful coaches"

"Kid Squad is the netball club that every primary-aged kid needs in their life!"

"My daughter LOVES going to Kid Squad Warwickshire. Kid Squad is a fantastic introduction to netball for primary age school children - something that seemed to be lacking in typical girls team sports in the area. The sessions are run by coaches who are clearly passionate about netball and sport in general. A great opportunity for children to make friends, keep fit & agile, develop hand/eye coordination skills, learn drills & new skills and play together as a team."

"This has been a fantastic group for my daughter to join. Learning netball skills, gaining confidence and playing with girls from all different schools. The coaches are fab, always developing them and making them feel special."

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Sat 26th October

10am-11.15am

Crowne Plaza Hotel

The Enchanted Cinema

£10 (adults £5) | Age 4+



Imagine going to the cinema and becoming part of a pop-up orchestra that creates every single sound effect and the musical score! Using your voice, hands and playing a range of unusual, delightful and ingenious instruments, you'll join in to create sound effects to excerpts from the enchanting animation, *My Neighbour Totoro*. A magical experience for children and parents alike.

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Sat 26th October

2pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel

The Brothers McLeod Knight Sir Louis and the Cauldron of Chaos

£8 (adults £5) | Age 8+



Get ready to laugh your socks off at the fifth Knight Sir Louis adventure! A powerful magical object has been rediscovered: the Cauldron of Chaos. A scheming witch finds the cursed pot and plans to make her fortune with it, even if it means the end of the Kingdom of Squirrel Helm.

Who will rescue the land from the witch's dodgy deals? Knight Sir Louis, of course! Draw along with the BAFTA-winning Brothers McLeod, Greg and Myles.



Sun 27th October

Crowne Plaza Hotel

9.30am

Julie Tatchell and Amanda Middleditch Bartie Bristle and Other Stories

£8 (adults £5) | Age 3+



Step into the magical world of Bartie Bristle and friends in this stunning treasury written by the Teddy Bear Ladies, Julie Tatchell and Amanda Middleditch, best known as stars of the BBC's *The Repair Shop*. Set in a village in the heart of the Old Woods, enter the magical world of the teddy bear shop and the heart-warming stories of Bartie and his teddy bear friends. Bring a teddy from home for a fun, interactive event.



Sun 27th October

Crowne Plaza Hotel

10.15am-11.15am

Christopher Edge Black Hole Cinema Club

£8 (adults £5) | Age 8+



We welcome the award-winning author of *Escape Room* with another edge-of-your-seat adventure. When Lucas meets his friends at the local cinema - nicknamed 'The Black Hole' - they're excited about the movie marathon ahead. But as the lights go down, Lucas, Ash, Maya, Caitlin and Finn watch in disbelief as a jet-black tidal wave comes crashing out of the cinema screen and the five friends find themselves swept into an epic and perilous adventure. Can they save the day before the end credits roll? The fate of the world might just depend on it...



Sun 27th October

Crowne Plaza Hotel

2pm - 4pm

Halloween Craft with Becci Books £8 (adults Free) | Age 4-7



It's time for spectacular Halloween craft, with pumpkins and ghosties galore! Make flying bats and witches' hats, with pom poms, pipe cleaners and more... All materials and instructions provided. Book your slot between 2pm and 3pm, or 3pm and 4pm.



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