



Oaklands School

"The best for all, the best from all"

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16th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteachers Newsletter

I hope you have had a nice Christmas break and your child has enjoyed their return to school.

Let's hope we have had the worst weather of the winter and the school and travel won't be affected like it was last week.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a belated Happy New Year and inform you of upcoming events for this term

Spring Term 2024:

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.

Some parents and carers have previously mentioned that they would like to know more about what their child is learning. Therefore, I recommend that you look in the curriculum area of the school website, where you can find the year plan, together with additional information for each subject. If you would like more information about a subject then contact the school office and they will arrange for your child's teacher to contact you.

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 to email to the relevant person who will get back to you.



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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 8 and 10 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 2024/25 | |
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| Year 7 | Summer term |
| Year 8 | Spring/Summer term |
| Year 9 | Spring term |
| Year 10 | Autumn/Spring term |

Charity support

For this term, the charities that the school will be supporting are:

- National Society for the Protection of Cruelty against Children (NSPCC)
www.nspcc.org.uk
- World Down Syndrome Day
www.worlddownsyndromeday.org
- Red Nose Day /Comic Relief
www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday
- Read for Good
<https://readforgood.org>

We will provide you of further information of charity events as required.

Assembly Focus / information provided to students:

Alongside our weekly reward and celebration assemblies, each term we provide additional information during assemblies to provide further information and discussion around key themes. This term we are looking at:

- Careers
- Sustainability
- NSPCC Number Day
- Safer Internet Day

- World Book Day
- LGBT History Month

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/ | 19 th - 21 st March 2025 Wednesday to Friday |
| 9 | Red Ridge https://www.redridgecentre.co.uk/ | 25 th - 28 th March 2025 Tuesday to Friday |
| 10 | YMCA Lakeside https://lakesideymca.co.uk/ | 31 st Mar-2nd Apr 2025 Monday to Wednesday |

Parking/Collecting children:

Please can we ask if you are collecting a student that you are courteous to our local residents and, where possible, park your vehicle in the shop car park near 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, again please be considerate of our neighbours and I ask that you do not lean on residents walls as we will then receive complaints.

Uniform Policy:

I would like to thank you for your support with ensuring the students at Oaklands look smart and represent the school well. However, there are a few students who need extra guidance to ensure they wear the correct uniform and do not let the school community down. I have therefore again included the uniform expectations below to help understanding and awareness of expectations. Further information can be found in School Uniform and Appearance Policy which is on the school website in the Parents/Carers tab, then in School Uniform area.

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.



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.

Spring Term Diary Events:

Please find below some diary events for the Spring Term. Please be aware that more information and timings will be provided closer to the event. We will inform you of other events when appropriate.

- **Monday 20th to Friday 24th January - Year 12 Work Experience week**
- **Tuesday 21st January – Year 7 visit to Manchester Jewish Museum**
- **Friday 24th January – Year 7 litter picking at Winsford Marina**
- **Wednesday 29th January – Manchester City Boys Football trip**
- **Tuesday 14th January, Wednesday 22nd January – in-school workshops, and Friday 7th February – Chester Zoo Sustainability trip**
Students from the school Eco-council, and selected students studying for their science GCSE will be taking part in two workshops in school on the theme of climate change and sustainability, led by visitors from Chester Zoo, leading to a workshop at Chester Zoo.
- **Monday 10th to Friday 14th February - Year 11 Work Experience Week**
- **Tuesday 11th February – Year 9 TDP/MenACWY Immunisations**
- **Thursday 27th February – ICT Options Science and Industry Museum (Manchester) trip**

- **Tuesday 11th March – Year 11 and Year 12 Parents Evening**
Parents and carers of students in year 11 and year 12 will be invited to discuss their child’s progress and any areas of concern with their teachers. This will take place in school.
- **Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st March – Year 7 Residential**
Our year 7 students will be going on their residential visit to Glan Llyn in North Wales.
- **Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th March - Year 9 Residential**
Our year 9 students will be going on their three night outdoor education residential to the Redridge Outdoor Activity Centre in Welshpool.
- **Monday 31st to Wednesday 2nd April – Year 10 Residential**
This term the year 10 students will be going on their three night residential visit to YMCA Lakeside.
- **Thursday 3rd April – Rewards afternoon/Non-uniform day for Read for Good**
- **Friday 4th April – School Closes at 12:30pm for Easter Holiday**

2024-2025 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

SPRING TERM 2025

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| School re-opens | Monday 6 th January 2025 |
| Break up for half term | Friday 14 th February 2025 |
| School re-opens | Monday 24 th February 2025 |
| School closes | Friday 4 th April 2025 |

SUMMER TERM 2025

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| School re-opens | Wednesday 23 rd April 2025 |
| School closes | Friday 23 rd May 2025 |
| School re-opens | Monday 2 nd June 2025 |
| School closes | Wednesday 23 rd July 2025 |

INSET DAYS – School closed to students

Friday 2nd May 2025
Wednesday 23rd July 2025

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 long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mr N Oxley
Headteacher