

Oakthorpe News



Spring



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you for your continued support this term. Pupils across the school have been working hard in their learning, and we are particularly pleased with the progress being made in reading. Regular reading at home is having a very positive impact, and we appreciate your ongoing encouragement in this area.

After the half-term break, there will be an increased focus on handwriting. Children will be supported to develop correct letter formation, posture, and presentation, helping them take pride in the quality of their written work.

We are also continuing to place a strong emphasis on positive behaviour. Pupils are being encouraged to take responsibility for their actions and to feel proud of the choices they make, supporting a calm, respectful learning environment for all.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the recent E-Safety meeting. Further information and posters will be shared shortly to reinforce key messages and help support online safety at home.

Finally, we kindly ask that school uniform is checked over the half-term break to ensure all children are wearing the correct uniform in line with school expectations when they return.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to another successful half term.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Culpan

Parents

Attendance- We have started the year well with our attendance and we have been encouraging the children to think of their own hygiene and handwashing to support navigating the seasonal germs. Please do ensure that contact is made with school on every day of any absences.

Relish Payments- I would advise parents to set up a payment routine of pre-loading dinner money onto the Relish account rather than paying off after meals have been ordered. There are very strict requirements for dinner debt. As always, if you need support with dinner debt, please come and speak to us asap.

Oakthorpe Dates

Spring 2025-
2026



Spring Term

Friday 13th February- INSET DAY- Children not in school

February Half Term

Monday 23rd February- Children return to school

Tuesday 3rd March- World Book Day- more info to follow

Monday 9th March- Mother's Day Event- more info to follow

Friday 20th March- Red Nose Day

Friday 27th March- Children break up for Easter

Easter Break

Monday 13th April- Children return to school

Thursday 23rd April- Y4 Rise Voices Event

Monday 11th May- Y6 SATs week

Friday 22nd May- Children break up

May Half Term

Monday 1st June- Children return to school

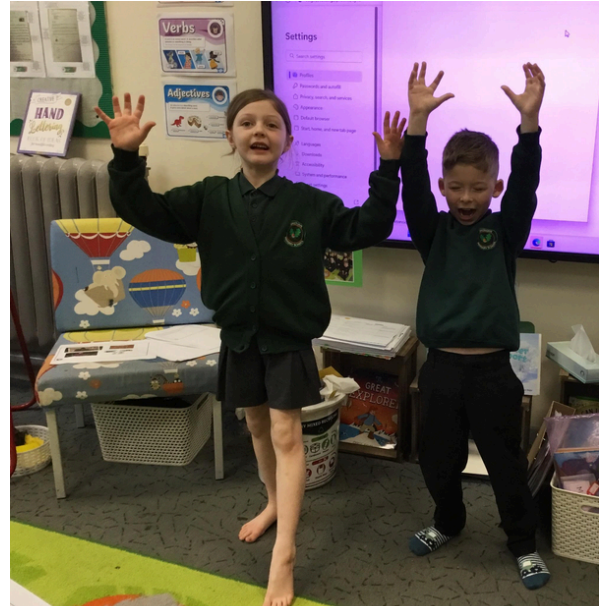
Monday 1st June- Y4 Multiplication Check

Monday 8th June- Y1 Phonics Check

Wednesday 17th June- KS2 Saffron Lane Athletics event

Thursday 25th June- Y5/6 Water Safety Event

Thursday 9th July- Children break up for the summer



Attendance Matters

Autumn ailments

Did you know that children can still attend school with a cough and a cold? Minor medical ailments such as headaches, coughs, colds, toothache and stomach ache can all be helped with over-the-counter medicines. These medicines should be administered before school to give your child the best chance of being able to still attend school. School will contact parents/carers if any child becomes too unwell to remain in school.

What happens if my child misses school?

There are many consequences of children missing time in school, such as:

- missing out on key learning and creating gaps in knowledge
- missing out on key social times with friends
- increasing anxiety and worries
- feel less of a sense of belonging

What happens if my child is late to school?

There are many consequences of children being late to school:

- missing out on important routines
- increased feelings of embarrassment upon arrival
- missing out on the main input of lessons, leading to not understanding their learning

We want to support all of our families in ensuring that all children have attendance over 95%. PLEASE ask for support from school to make this happen.