

Oakthorpe News



Summer



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and cheerful spring term, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support. Working together continues to help our community be a positive place to be.

Over the past term, we have placed a strong focus on handwriting, encouraging children to take pride in the presentation of their work. We are already seeing some wonderful progress—books are looking neater, letters are more carefully formed, and children are beginning to recognise the value of producing work they feel proud of. We want to keep this momentum going into the next term so that every child continues to build confidence and care in their writing.

We have also been working hard on improving attendance, as every missed day is a missed learning opportunity. We appreciate your support in helping ensure children are in school, on time, and ready to learn each day.

It was a real pleasure to see so many of you at Parents' Evening. We hope you found the conversations helpful and that the chance to discuss your child's attainment, progress, and the exciting things they've been learning was a positive experience. Our staff greatly value these opportunities to share achievements and next steps with you.

Thank you once again for your partnership throughout this term. We wish you a restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting and productive summer term ahead.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Culpan

Parents

Attendance- We are very pleased that our attendance is improving and would like to thank parents for being proactive in informing us of any illnesses or medical appointments.

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

Summer 2025-
2026



Summer Term

Friday 27th March- Children break up for Easter

Easter Break

Monday 13th April- Children return to school

Friday 17th April - Forest School weekly session starts again
(Explorers)

Thursday 23rd April- Y4 Rise Voices Event

Tuesday 28th April- Photographer in school (updating website
pictures)

Monday 4th May **Bank Holiday**

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

Monday 15th June- Father's Day event 2.30pm

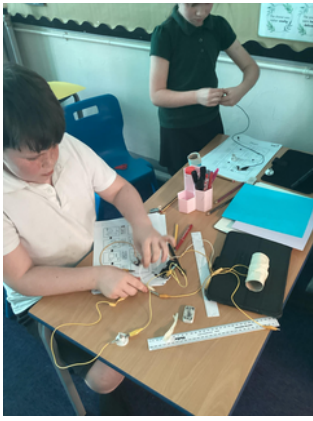
Wednesday 17th June- KS2 Saffron Lane Athletics event

Thursday 25th June- Y5/6 Water Safety Event

Tuesday 30th June - Sports Day

Thursday 2nd July - Transition Day

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.