



Oulton News

News from Oulton First School

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Autumn 1: Friday 6th September 2024

Christian Focus: Thankfulness

Home Learning Resources: [Thankfulness](#)

Weekly Attendance

C1: 92.9% C2: 99.6% C3: 97.2%

Whole school: 97.3%

Dear Parents,

We have had a very successful first week back in school. The new Reception pupils have settled well and are already following the class routines. Pupils are eager to learn and behaviour has been good.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Ladybirds children next week.

I would like to welcome Miss Cooper back to the school, Mrs Whittaker who is a temporary TA in Class 3 and Mrs Clifford who is taking on the role of forest school lead.

Unfortunately, Mrs Bradbury has not returned to school this week as her husband has been sadly diagnosed with a terminal illness. A temporary TA will be cover in Class 2 until Mrs Bradbury is able to return to school. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Bradbury and her family at this difficult time.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge finishes next Monday so you have the opportunity over the weekend to read any additional books in order to complete the challenge. We will be holding a celebration assembly for children who have completed the challenge on Friday 20th September when Mrs Hernandez will present the certificates. If your child participated in this challenge then please bring certificates into school before this date and hand them to the class teacher please. For further information - <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Early Years Play Area

As many of you may have seen we have successfully refurbished the play area over the summer holidays. I cannot thank the parents enough who gave up their time to help with the refurbishment because without you it would not have been possible. I would like to personally thank the following families:

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Rouholamin (including grandad)
Aspinall
Peace
Buckley
Marsh
Beaman
Jenkins
Gittins
Heath
Williams
Wilson

Thanks also to Mr Melling who was the project manager, MKM Stafford, Mrs Hitchin, Mrs Chadwick (Mrs Hitchin's mum) and her uncle.

There are a few remaining jobs to be completed. If you are able to help then please let Mrs Elliott know.

Forest School

Forest School will resume this term for our Class 3 pupils and next Wednesday Year 3 will be visiting Kibblestone. PLEASE ENSURE ALL CONSENT FORMS ARE RETURNED ON MONDAY MORNING WHEN MRS CLIFFORD WILL BE COLLECTING THEM.

School Day New Hours

The Government expects that, where not already doing so, schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2024.

This means that we will have to re-adjust our school day times as from September. The new times are as follows:

School day: 8.50 – 3.20

Doors open: 8.35 – 8.45am

School closes: 3.20pm (for the whole school, including Ladybirds)

After-School Clubs

Clubs will commence next week and you should have received a questionnaire for you to apply for any clubs you would like your child to join. **Please ensure any outstanding payments are made via ParentPay by Monday 16th September.**

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Melling

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Diary Dates:

These dates are correct at the time of print but may be subject to change in which case we will inform you as soon as possible.

Autumn Term 1 (2.9.24 - 25.10.24)

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| 02.09.24 | Inset |
| 03.09.24 | School Re-Opens |
| 09.09.24 | ASC clubs start |
| 11.09.24 | Little Wandle Phonic Information Session for YR-Y2 Parents (6- 7pm) |
| 24.09.24 | Individual/sibling photos (8.30am) |
| 26.09.24 | C3 Cannock Chase WW2 trip European Day of Languages |
| 03.10.24 | National Poetry Day (Theme: Standing on the Shoulders of Giants) |
| 04.10.24 | Harvest Festival @ St. John's Church (2pm) |
| 05.10.24 | CCA Open Morning (10am) |
| 09.10.24 | CCA on Tour - C3 Science Activity (1.20-3.10pm) |
| 10.10.24 | Young Minds - Hello Yellow Day World Mental Health Day (Theme: My Health, My Right) |
| 11.10.24 | Inset |
| 12.10.24 | Open Morning (10-12noon) |
| 17.10.24 | NSPCC workshop (Y2: 11-11.30am) |
| 21.10.24 | Family Worship & Bible Presentation to YR (2.15pm) TBC |
| 22.10.24 | Parents Evening (3.30-6pm) |
| 23.10.24 | Parents Evening (3.30-6pm) |
| 24.10.24 | PTFA Disco (6-7pm) |
| 25.10.24 | Break the Rules Day |
| End of term | |

28.10.24 - 01.11.24: School closed for half term

01.11.24 Reception place online applications open until 15.01.25

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