



Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to the Autumn term and our first monthly newsletter of the year – these come out on the last Friday of the month. We would like to welcome all new children, parents and families to our wonderful school.

Staffing update:

We welcome our new teachers Miss O'Brien, Miss Mapundu and Mrs Smith. Mrs Marsland has now gone on maternity leave and Mrs Ford returns from maternity leave after half term.

Bucks Mind:

Many thanks for all the donations to Bucks Mind on our mufti day on the last day of the summer term. We raised £184.11! Bucks Mind came into school this week to do a special wellbeing assembly to thank us for our fundraising.

Autumn term clubs:

Please see our website for the clubs that we offer this term. We hope your children enjoy attending these.

MCAS:

Please ensure you have signed up to our MCAS APP as this is how we aim to share our main communication with you.

Fundraiser for Mrs Jackson:

Thank you to everyone who has worn purple today and contributed to the collection. Our aim is to buy a purple bench for the playground if we raise enough money – we will keep you updated.

Spotlight on safeguarding:

Thank you to all our pupils in Year 5 and 6 for following our new expectations with regards to mobile phones. Any child bringing in a phone has to enter the school via the main office gate and hand to the staff on duty. No pupil can have a mobile phone on the school playground.

Please refer to our safeguarding policy on our website for how we deal with any safeguarding concerns.

Diary dates:

29th September – EYFS photos
 1st October – Census Day
 6th October – Parents evening
 8th October – Parents evening
 9th October – 11+ results to parents
 22nd October – Children break up for half term
 23rd October – INSET day
 26th October – Half term (one week)
 30th October – Last day to submit secondary school application (Y6 only)
 2nd November – Return to school

Parking:

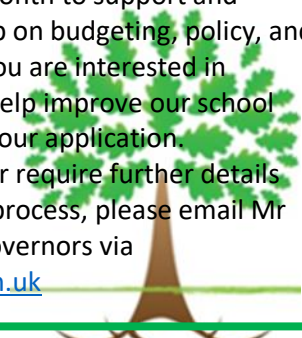
A polite reminder to park respectfully around our school site. Please do not park on the zig zag lines or block our neighbour's driveway.

Parent governor:

We are currently seeking parents to join our school governing board. This role offers an opportunity to contribute to the strategic leadership of the school and help shape its long-term direction.

You do not need specific qualifications or an educational background; we are simply looking for individuals who can offer a parent's perspective and work collaboratively as part of a team. Serving as a governor involves attending regular meetings and dedicating a few hours a month to support and challenge school leadership on budgeting, policy, and educational standards. If you are interested in contributing your time to help improve our school community, we welcome your application.

If you would like to apply or require further details regarding the nomination process, please email Mr Mark Bateman, Chair of Governors via office@oakgreen.bucks.sch.uk



Secondary applications:

All Y6 parents and carers need to ensure their child's secondary school application is completed by 31st October. Please ask at the office if you require any help with this.

Toys from home:

A polite reminder that children should not be bringing in toys from home. These can get damaged or lost and then children become upset.

Colour run:

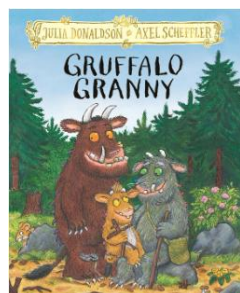
A huge thank you to Miss Heggie for organising such a successful colour run at the start of term. A huge £640 was raised towards our playground pot!

Bike/scooter safety:

To keep your child safe, we recommend that all children who ride a bike or scooter to school wear a helmet. Thank you to those who ensure their children always wear a helmet.

Author Experience:

Children in KS1 had an absolute blast during our online author visit to celebrate the launch of The Gruffalo Granny! They joined 6,000 other schools from across the county for this exciting opportunity. The children got to meet the author Julia Donaldson and the illustration Alex Scheffler. They were completely captivated from start to finish, joining in with a re-tell of the original Gruffalo story and loved every second of listening to the brand-new Gruffalo Granny story for the first time read by Julia. They got to watch Alex show them how to draw Gruffalo Granny and then had a go in their classrooms.



Hello Yellow:

Oak Green School will be joining thousands of schools across the UK and taking part in Hello Yellow in support of Young Minds on Friday 9th October. We will be holding a non-school uniform day and asking children (and staff!) to wear something yellow. This could be yellow socks, a yellow hairband, a yellow scarf, a yellow top, etc but please do not rush out to buy something special for the event. We will also be holding a special World Mental Health Day assembly. This year (due to other fundraising in the autumn term) we are not asking for donations – but we'd still very much like to turn the school yellow for the occasion!

Behaviour: STOP BULLYING!

Remember the **S.T.O.P.** acronym when you see or experience bullying

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SEVERAL

Recognise what bullying is: repeated, intentional behaviour meant to hurt, intimidate, or exclude someone.

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TIMES

Don't keep it a secret! Reach out immediately to a trusted teacher, school staff member or parent.

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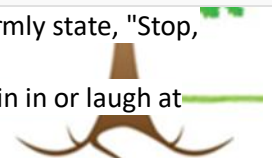
Be a supportive bystander. Stand up for others, invite isolated classmates to join you, and show empathy.

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PURPOSE

Walk away safely, stay in group areas, and help create a positive, safe environment for everyone.

- **Speak Up:** Calmly and firmly state, "Stop, that is not okay."
- **Support Peers:** Never join in or laugh at bullying behaviour.



Uniform:

Thank you to everyone for sending your children back to school looking smart. We know how expensive school uniform is and we only ask children to wear one branded item which is the school sweatshirt. Please note that hooped earrings are not allowed for health and safety reasons. We do allow children to wear plain black trainers with school uniform, however we still have some children wearing trainers with white soles. These are fine for PE days only.

Start of term updates:

Year group newsletters: These were sent home on Friday 11th September and are also on our website – these tell you what your children will be learning each term.

Curriculum newsletters: These will be sent home just before half term and will summarise some of what your child has learnt this term.

Attendance:

Regular school attendance is vital to a pupil's academic success, social development, and future opportunities. When pupils attend school consistently, they achieve better. Frequent absences interrupt learning and can lead to gaps in knowledge, making it difficult to keep up with their class. Over time, poor attendance often leads to lower achievement, reduced personal growth and fewer opportunities when they leave school.

Impact of Attendance Percentage on School Days Missed

The table below demonstrates how attendance percentages translate directly into missed days of school and instructional hours over a standard 190-day academic year.

Attendance Rate	Days Missed (Out of 190)	Approximate Weeks Missed	Chance of success at school
100%	0 days	0 weeks	Best chance of success
95%	9 days	2 weeks	High chance of success
90%	18 days	4 weeks	Learning seriously impacted
85%	27 days	Nearly 6 weeks	Long lasting damage to learning
80%	36 days	Nearly 8 weeks	Future opportunities are seriously limited

- **90% Attendance across primary and secondary school:** Equivalent to missing **one full school year** of education.
- **80% Attendance across primary and secondary school:** Equivalent to missing over **two full school years** of education.

S4A Wraparound Care

Please check out S4A's new timetable for Oak Green wraparound care:

<https://www.s4aclub.co.uk/school/oak-green/>

With kind wishes,

Mrs N Beesley & Mrs D Kelloway
Co-Headteachers

