



Oakfield Primary Academy Newsletter

Planting Seeds, Promoting Growth

Friday 14th November 2025

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PTA Event - Flip & Dippy

Our PTA are working to raise money for the school and need your support. They are hosting an incredible event for families to come together on Friday 21st November 2025 to welcome Flip and Dippy.

Flip and Dippy are two friendly clowns who will be putting on a show for families at Oakfield on the evening of Friday 21st November, 18:30 – 20:00.

The cost is £6 per ticket. Its a great event filled with fun entertainment, fantastic costumes and amazing prizes.

Tickets are on sale every morning or after-school and can be bought from one of our lovely PTA members on site. We hope as many of you can make it.

Bake sale for Children in Need

An overwhelmingly successful bake sale was held by our Pupil Parliament on Friday to raise money for Children in Need. They even had a go at baking cakes themselves to sell which sold out quickly. Thank-you so much to our families for your generosity in donating cake (or delicious fudge), whether homemade or purchased. It went down a treat with our children and families and it was a success. Thank-you to all of our families and children who donated, we are counting the money and a total amount that has been raised will be published on our Facebook page.

Your donation to this charity will provide some safety and comfort to a child in need. Thank-you.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our stars of the week! We are so proud of you :)

Nursery – Ariel–Skye

Reception – Hannah & Sienna K

Year 1 – Ernest & Amberlee

Year 2 – Lara–Rose & Aura

Year 3 – Krystian & Jordan

Year 4 – Ryaan & Fawaz

Year 5 – Darcie & Nevaeh

Year 6 – Loghain & Andras

Dates for the Diary

18th November – Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cinema Trip – 09:00 – 12:00

19th November – Y1 Trip – St John's Museum

19th November – Y5 Inspire Workshop – 09:00 – 10:00

20th November – Y6 Trip – Beaumanor Hall

21st November – PTA Event: Flip & Dippy

26th November – iRock Assembly – 14:30

28th November – Athletics Event (selected children)

5th December – Y5 Space Centre Trip

9th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner

10th December – Reception Nativity for Parents (09:15 or 14:00)

10th December – Y2 Library Visit

11th December – Nursery Christmas Performance for Parents

16th December – Y3 Nativity to Parents (Rugby School)

17th December – Reception & Y1 Theatre Visit (Macready Theatre)

Parking

The parking and driving down Oakfield Road this morning as a result of the rain was dangerous and a hazard to pedestrians, residents, children and other drivers on the road.

We have noticed an increase of congestion on days in which it rains because families will not walk on these days. Bring your child to school wearing a coat and wellies if necessary. Bare in mind that on Friday's it is also the bin collection day which will mean a delay in the movement of traffic. I am asking for consideration, common sense and support in following the highway code when parking or driving during school times.

Safeguarding

Our designated safeguarding leads at Oakfield are: Mrs G, Mrs Samra, Mrs How, Mr Cooke and Mrs Livingstone. If you have a concern that you would like to discuss confidentially, please come and speak to one of us who will be more than happy to listen and offer advice and support.

A problem shared is a problem halved, if you see something that you think is not right, please come and speak to a member of trained staff who can help provide support in the best way possible.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
- First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
- Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.