



Friday 26th June 2026

Dear families,

This week has certainly been an interesting one logistically due to the exceptionally hot weather, but an inspirational one in equal measure, and I wanted to take a moment to reflect on how our school community has responded.

First and foremost, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of both our pupils and staff. They have shown remarkable resilience, positivity, and adaptability throughout the week. Despite the soaring temperatures, everyone has worked together to adjust routines and make the very best of the situation.

I am so pleased that we were able to remain open. As outlined in my earlier communications, parts of the school are equipped with air conditioning, and we made good use of these spaces by rotating groups of children throughout the day. In addition, classes took advantage of shaded outdoor areas, helping to keep as cool and comfortable as possible. Our days in school have actually felt quite special. There was a real sense of togetherness and creativity across the school. It was heartening to see different age groups mixing and supporting one another. For example, our Nursery children enjoyed story time in the Key Stage 2 library alongside older pupils in a cool, air-conditioned environment. Similarly, Reception classes spent time reading quietly in the admin office, making the most of every available cool space.

We also embraced the weather in some fun and imaginative ways. Older pupils helped create water-based activities, including trays for splashing and our younger children created a “spa” experience, where younger children could relax with their feet in cool water. There were water fights, ice pops to keep everyone refreshed, and paddling pools to bring some relief from the heat. Impressively, we were even able to go ahead with our planned seaside day, which brought great joy to the children.

Moments like these have reminded me how important it is to hold on to the simple, shared experiences that make school life so memorable. I hope we can continue to incorporate some of these creative and joyful activities, even beyond the heatwave.

Throughout the week, I have been monitoring temperatures closely across the site. Following the particularly hot and still night last night, and the ongoing high temperatures from the days prior, it was noticeable that the building had retained a significant amount of heat. This meant that classrooms were already much warmer at the start of the day—mirroring the temperatures we would typically expect at the end of the afternoon in previous days. In light of this, we made the decision to offer families the option of early collection today. We felt this was the most sensible step to ensure pupil comfort and wellbeing. At the time of writing, a number of children remain in school, but with reduced numbers we have been able to keep them comfortably in our air-conditioned spaces for the remainder of the afternoon.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of you for your ongoing support and understanding this week. Your cooperation has made a real difference and allowed us to navigate these unusual conditions as smoothly as possible.

Let us hope for a return to more moderate temperatures next week!

With best wishes,

Samantha Hill

Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES:

June 2026	
Monday 29th June	Heads Tea
Tuesday 30th June	EYFS Sports day 9.30am
July 2026	
Wednesday 1st July	Year 1&2 Sports day 9.30-11.30am
Thursday 2nd July	Year 3&4 Sports day 9.30-11.30am
Thursday 2nd July	Year 5&6 Sports day 12.30-2.30pm
Thursday 9th July	Y6 Leavers performance 2pm
Monday 13th July	Reception group A induction
Tuesday 14th July	Reception group B induction
Tuesday 14th July	Open classroom invite afterschool
Wednesday 15th July	Y6 Leavers presentation and party 5-7pm
Thursday 16th July	Nursery graduation 2pm
Monday 20th July- Wednesday 22nd July	Move up days
Monday 20th July	Reception group A induction and lunch
Tuesday 21st July	Reception group B induction and lunch
Thursday 23rd July	End of term family picnic
Thursday 23rd July	Last day of term

School Lunch Menu:

Next week we will be on **week 3** of our school lunch menu.

Piano lessons:

Mrs Langford, Shropshire Music Service piano teacher has spaces available from September for children from Y2 upwards wishing to learn piano/keyboard. These lessons will take place during the school day. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Shropshire Music Service on 01743 874145 or www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk

Attendance:

We kindly ask families to be fully transparent when reporting student absences. Over the past few months, there have been several instances where children were called in sick but were actually away on family holidays. This has unfortunately resulted in retrospective fines for those households. Asking children to hide the truth creates immense pressure and anxiety for them, and the reality usually emerges within a day or two of their return. We deeply value our open relationships with parents and prefer honest communication to support your child’s emotional well-being and learning.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Friends of Oakmeadow – Get Involved!

We would love to invite all parents and carers to join the *Friends of Oakmeadow* group.

This friendly group plays an important role in supporting the school by:

- Organising events such as fairs, discos, and fundraising activities
- Helping provide extras and opportunities for our children
- Bringing our school community together



You don't need lots of time or experience to get involved — every little bit of help makes a big difference.

We're also keen to try some fresh, creative ideas this year, so new voices and suggestions are always welcome.

If you'd like to find out more or get involved, please keep an eye out for meeting details or contact the school office.

Let's work together to make Oakmeadow even better for our children.

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SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Summer Holiday Club - External booking information

WC 27th July Monday–Thursday
WC 3rd August Monday–Thursday
WC 24th August Monday–Thursday
Tuesday 1st September PD day
8:30am–3.30pm or 8.30am– 5.45 pm
*Sessions can only run with viable numbers so please book on early!

School children to book via Arbor.
External families to book via the QR code

Friends of Oakmeadow

Secondhand uniform Sale!
In the main Reception Daily 8.30am – 4pm

All donations to be made via bank transfer:
friends of Oakmeadow association
Sort code: 405240
Account no: 00024085

