



Oakmeadow
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Friday 18th September

Dear families,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to thank everyone who attended our Autumn Fair yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting our school community and enjoying the event together! Your enthusiasm and generosity helps us raise valuable funds which will be used to purchase additional resources to enhance the children's learning experiences across the school. Thank you to everyone who helped organise, volunteer at, and attend the fair.

A reminder that next Friday is Collaboration Day, and therefore school will be closed to pupils.

To support learning on this day, teachers will provide lessons and activities via Seesaw. These will be uploaded in advance, giving families the opportunity to look through the activities before the day itself. To help children work independently, teachers are also adding voice recordings to their PowerPoint presentations, enabling pupils to access instructions and explanations more easily as they complete their learning tasks.

Finally, a huge well done to our pupils who proudly represented the school this week at a kickboxing event. The children demonstrated excellent determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and we are very proud of their achievements. Our sporting activities continue next week, with a number of pupils taking part in a cricket event. We look forward to another exciting opportunity for children to develop their skills, enjoy healthy competition and represent the school with pride.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We hope you have a lovely weekend with your families, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday.

Best wishes,

Samantha Hill-Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES:

DIARY DATES

Autumn Term

Friday 25 th September	Collaboration Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 29 th September	Open Classroom Door for Parents
Thursday 1 st October	Mop up session for individual and sibling photos
Tuesday 6 th October	Arbor Parent App Workshop 2pm session
Wednesday 7 th October	Sing & Praise Event Year 3-6 at St Chads Church
Wednesday 7 th October	Arbor Parent App Workshop 5.30pm session
Thursday 8 th October	Open Morning for September 2027 new starters 10.30am
Wednesday 14 th October	Harvest Festival at Christchurch
Monday 19 th October – Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Annual flu vaccination
Wednesday 11 th November	Open Evening for September 2027 new starters 5.30pm
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday 5 th November	Firework Event
Friday 20 th November – Wednesday 26 th November	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 9 th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip – morning showing
Thursday 10 th December	School Disco
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Thursday 18 th March	Easter Disco
Wednesday 21 st April – Friday 23 rd April	Year 4 Pioneer
Tuesday 25 th May	EYFS Sports Day – morning event
Wednesday 26 th May	KS1 Sports Day – morning event
Thursday 27 th May	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day – morning event
Friday 28 th May	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day – morning event

School Lunch Menu:

W/C 21st September we will be on **week 1** of our school lunch menu.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our Administration Team, **Mrs Perkins** and **Miss Laurens**.

Mrs Perkins and Miss Laurens have recently joined the school office and will be supporting parents, pupils, staff and visitors with the day-to-day running of the school. They are both looking forward to getting to know our school community and becoming part of the Oakmeadow team.

If you contact or visit the school office, you may see them on reception or speaking with families. Please join us in giving them a warm Oakmeadow welcome.

Medical Information Update

🚑 Please help us keep your child's medical records up to date.

- ✅ If your child has:
- Allergies
 - Asthma
 - A medical condition
 - Food intolerance or dietary requirements

please complete and return the updated Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) form as soon as possible.

Asthma Reminder

If your child has asthma: ✓ Complete the Inhaler Consent Form
✓ Provide an in-date, clearly labelled inhaler to the school office

✉ Forms were emailed to parents this week and can also be found on our website under the information tab – Medical & First Aid

📱 Please also check your details on the Arbor Parent App and update any medical or contact information.

🧑 Thank you for helping us keep all children safe and supported.



Arbor Parent App Update & Support Sessions

Help Us Keep Your Child's Information Up to Date

Please remember to use the **Arbor Parent App** to update your child's information.

We are working to streamline our processes, and Arbor keeps all important information in one secure place. We are asking all parents and carers to ensure they have access to the app and update the following information as a priority:

Please check and update:

 Parent, Guardian and Emergency Contact Details

It is essential that you indicate whether a contact is:

- A legal guardian
- A primary guardian
- Authorised to collect your child

This ensures that the correct adults receive relevant information from school.

New Arbor Update:

Arbor now allows you to record authorised collectors within the **Family, Guardians and Contacts** section. By storing this information within Arbor, we will no longer need to send home a Microsoft Form each academic year.

 Dietary Requirements

 Medical Conditions

 Consents, including photo permissions

There are also other sections you can update if you wish. All information helps us to support your child effectively, and we greatly appreciate your help in keeping records accurate and up to date.

Payments Through Arbor

As you know, all school payments are made through the Arbor Parent App, including:

- School trips
- School meals
- Wraparound care
- Extra-curricular clubs



Arbor Parent App Workshops

We understand that technology isn't always easy to navigate. To help parents and carers feel confident using the app, our office staff will be running two Arbor Parent App support workshops.

Workshop Dates



Tuesday 6th October



2.00pm



Wednesday 7th October



5.30pm

No Booking Required

Simply come along if you think you would find the session helpful.



Please enter via Reception.

We look forward to supporting you and helping you get the most out of the Arbor Parent App.

Free School Meal Update

From **September 2026**, the government is expanding eligibility for free school meals. Any child from a household receiving **Universal Credit** may be entitled to a free school meal.

There will be two categories of benefits-based free school meals:

Targeted Free School Meals (FSM)

- For families receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.
- Also available to families receiving certain other qualifying benefits.
- Eligibility can help schools receive additional funding and may support access to other schemes, such as home-to-school transport and holiday activity programmes.

Expanded Free School Meals (FSM)

- For children in households receiving Universal Credit who do not meet the criteria for Targeted FSM.
- Provides free school meals, but does not qualify for additional funding or related support programmes.

Eligibility for both categories will be reviewed annually to ensure families continue to receive the support they are entitled to.

If you think your child may be eligible, please check your entitlement through [Free school meals | Shropshire Council](#)