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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the new half-term. I trust you are all safe and well having enjoyed a restful holiday with the children last week despite the everchanging British weather! I look forward to a happy half-term in school which will also signal the changing of the seasons as we welcome warmer, longer days of sunlight and the new growth of springtime in the days, weeks and months ahead! The end of this letter outlines arrangements for whole school events that are on the horizon as well as year group specific activities to support your planning. We have seven weeks of learning ahead before the Easter holiday so I want to make sure you are as well informed as possible knowing that if there are any changes to the diary, you will be swiftly notified as well as additional letters that may be sent regarding some activities.

Today, the children begin their unique adventure travelling through the University of Oak Meadow as they '*Aspire to make a difference*', experiencing a week like no other working with pupils and teachers from across all ages and stages in their houses. As the children rotate through the four 'faculties' that have been created – STEM, Creativity and Culture, Sports, Physical Health and Fitness and Mental Health and Well-Being – they will participate in innovative learning opportunities as part of our ambitious and enriching curriculum. Following their daily accumulation of new knowledge and skills, children will then participate in our commemorative graduation ceremonies on Friday afternoon which I hope you are able to attend to share their special moment.

Looking further ahead, the school book fair will arrive on Monday 3rd March and be open each day after school in the hall to coincide with a literary theme for the week as we celebrate World Book Day at Oak Meadow on Thursday 6th March before welcoming *Pep the Poet* the following day to share in the joy of 'playing with words' in class workshops. As is Oak Meadow tradition on World Book Day, children (and adults!) are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the day as well as bringing in a favourite book to share with friends. As I always advocate with any such activity, please do not go to any extra time or cost in preparing a costume. I have listed a selection of ideas that I hope will support you with 'dressing up' on the next page.

I would like to highlight a final date on the calendar of events in March. Following your support and kind donations for our 'Wear it Red' day for Midlands Air Ambulance before the holiday and the multiple questions the children asked me about the service of the charity (and their particular fascination with the helicopters!), I have arranged for a very special visit to our school. Thanks to the amazing Midlands Air Ambulance team, we will welcome a real-life helicopter pod on Thursday 20th March where every child will have a chance meet some of the wonderful people who make a significant difference in our local area as well as touring the pod - seeing first-hand the size, scale and scope of the charity's operation.

With the Easter holiday slightly later this year, parent consultations for this term fall into April – a seemingly long while away as I write! As you know, relationships with you are integral to our school and of the highest importance to me so please know that the Oak Meadow door is **always** open and any time you would like to discuss your child's learning, progress and/ or attainment, just contact us and we will always facilitate as soon as we can. The school office is available throughout the day, class teachers and year group staff are available on entrance and exit doors daily and the school's leadership team are always close at hand. We are here working in partnership with you to realise the very best for your child(ren).

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...



I look forward to the half-term ahead and children enjoying the exciting learning in store. I am continually grateful to our brilliant staff team who work tirelessly to bring plans to life, as illustrated with the week ahead of us for the University of Oak Meadow, and I do not want any child to miss out on the opportunities provided. Please remember that our hope is for **every child to attain a minimum attendance rate of at least 96% each term and over the school year**. This aligns with my passion for every child to experience the very best Oak Meadow has to offer for them to achieve the highest levels of learning possible and develop into the very best they can be.

Take care everyone and I look forward to seeing you this week.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Lane.



Mr. Lane says keep it simple for World Book Day! Why not dress up as any of these?

- Pyjamas/ onesies – Midnight Gang.
- Favourite football kit – Roy of the Rovers.
- Bandage around the head – Mr Bump.
- Freckles, pigtails and yellow top – Miss Sunshine.
- Wallet with Monopoly money – Billionaire Boy.
- T-shirt and backpack – Diary of a Wimpy Kid.
- Dance leotard – Angelina Ballerina.
- Animal print onesie – Lion King, Jungle Book, Dear Zoo characters.
- Superhero Costumes – All Superhero comic books
- Halloween costumes – Room on the Broom, Wizard of Oz, Tinkerbell, Funny Bones.
- A pillow under a red top – Mr Greedy.
- An empty jar with dreams written on it – Sophie from the BFG.
- White and red t-shirt – Where's Wally?

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Calendar of Events 2025

(Please note that planned dates for events may change. Additional letters will be sent out where appropriate for workshops and specific Year group events).

Spring Term 2025

Week	Date	Calendar Events
7	Mon 24 th Feb	24 th Children Return for Spring Term 2 24 th – 28 th University of Oak Meadow (please contact the school office if you would like a copy of the previous letter sent by Mr. Lane) 1 st St. David's Day
8	Mon 3 rd Mar	3 rd School Book Fair arrives 6 th World Book Day – Children dress as their favourite book character 6 th Year 4 Assembly for parents/ carers (this assembly time remains at 8:50am) 7 th 'Pep the Poet' visits Oak Meadow delivering Year group workshops
9	Mon 10 th Mar	10 th – 15 th Science Week 10 th SEND Health Parent/ Carer workshop – Toileting and Constipation (9am) 12 th – 14 th Y4 Conover Hall Residential visit
10	Mon 17 th Mar	17 th St. Patrick's Day 20 th Midlands Air Ambulance Helicopter Pod visit to Oak Meadow 21 st World Poetry Day
11	Mon 24 th Mar	24 th – 28 th Children's Assessment Week 24 th – 25 th Reception children National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) checks 28 th Year 3 Computing Day 28 th Reception Mothers' Day Assembly for parents/ carers (this assembly time remains at 8:50am)
12	Mon 31 st Mar	31 st Celebration of Eid Day 4 th Reception visit to Ash End Farm
13	Mon 7 th Apr	9 th Parent/ Carer Consultations (3:30 – 7:00pm) 10 th Parent/ Carer Consultations (3:30 – 5:30pm) 11 th Year 1 visit to Dudley Zoo 11 th Year 5 Easter Assembly for parents/ carers (this assembly time remains at 8:50am) 11 th End of Spring Term at 3:15pm
Easter Holiday		

Summer Term 2025

Week	Date	Calendar Events
1	Mon 28 th Apr	28 th Children Return for Summer Term 1 28 th – 29 th Y2 Kingswood residential 2 nd Year 4 Computing Day 2 nd Forest School Reception Parent/ Carer Workshops (Ash – 9:15 to 10:30am, Rowan – 1:45 to 3:00pm)
2	Mon 5 th May	5 th Bank Holiday - School Closed 6 th World Asthma Day 9 th Forest School Reception Parent/ Carer Workshops (Willow – 9:15 to 10:30am, Yew – 1:45 to 3:00pm)



3	Mon 12 th May	12 th - 15 th Y6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs 14 th SEND Health Parent/ Carer workshop – Sleep (9am) 16 th Year 5 Computing Day
4	Mon 19 th May	22 nd Earth Day 22 nd Children's class/ group photographs 23 rd St. George's Day
Half Term		
5	Mon 2 nd June	2 nd INSET Day (School Closed for all Children) 3 rd Children Return for Summer Term 2 3 rd Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Checks begin (over 2 weeks) 5 th World Environment Day 6 th Year 3 Assembly for parents/ carers (this assembly time remains at 2:30pm) 6 th Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Ash and Rowan House Children 2:15pm
6	Mon 9 th June	9 th Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks (this week only) 10 th SEND Health Parent/ Carer workshop – Restricted Eating and Overeating (9am) 12 th Local Governing Board Meeting 13 th Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Willow and Yew House Children 2:15pm
7	Mon 16 th June	20 th World Music Day 20 th Year 1 Computing Day
8	Mon 23 rd June	23 rd – 27 th Whole School Assessment Week 27 th Year 2 Assembly for parents/ carers (this assembly time remains at 2:30pm)
9	Mon 30 th June	30 th SEND Health Parent/ Carer workshop – Dental Care (9am) 3 rd Sports Day (KS2: 9:15 to 11:30am, EYFS & KS1: 1:30 to 3:00pm) 4 th Summer Fair (3.30p.m.)
10	Mon 7 th July	9 th – 11 th Y6 Conover Residential Visit 11 th Year 1 Assembly for parents/ carers (this assembly time remains at 2:30pm) 11 th End of Year Reports to Parents/ Carers
11	Mon 14 th July	14 th Meet the new teacher transition for children 14 th Parent/ Carer Open Afternoon (3:30-5:30pm) 17 th Year 6 leavers' Assembly and Awards (8:50am) 17 th Year 6 Leavers' Disco (5:00-7:00pm) 18 th End of Summer Term at 1pm
12	Mon 21 st July	21 st INSET day (School Closed for all Children)

