Newsletter

Monday 24th February 2025

Welcome back! We are now half-way through the school year – it is flying past!
Below you will find information on clubs for this term as well as the updated calendar.
Term Dates have now also been set and agreed by governors for the next school year (September 2025-July 2026), and these are below for your information. They are also on the website.

Upcoming events this week:

- Year 5/6 swimming lesson (1 of 5) – Friday
- Trip to Brockhill – Little Acorns, Saplings and Year 4 – Tuesday

Attendance (year to date):

Whole school attendance: 92%
Mighty Oaks: 94.4%
Young Oaks: 93.8%
Saplings: 92.4%
Little Acorns: 95.1%

WELL DONE: End of Term Awards – end of Term 3

Attendance winners for the term: **Young Oaks!**
House Team winners for the term: **Grasshoppers! (Green)**

Termly **Headteacher award winners** – these children were awarded for always showing that they are ready, respectful and safe and will have a hot chocolate treat along with a game with Miss McCabe this week:
Little Acorns – **Fleur**
Saplings – **Amelie**
Young Oaks – **Isabella**
Mighty Oaks – **Marton**

Special 'Brook Badger' **Pupil of the Term** award, for demonstrating consistent approach to our values: **Abigail**

Huge well done to all these children!

INFORMATION: Staff

Today Mrs Thompson rejoined the staff team – welcome and great to have you back!

Mrs De-Buriatte will commence her parental leave at the end of this week. For this week, Mrs Thompson and Mrs D will team teach in Little Acorns. From next week, Mrs Thompson will be the class teacher for Little Acorns from Mon-Wed and Miss Piper will teach Thurs-Fri.

We wish Mrs De-Buriatte and her husband all the very best.

INFORMATION: Start of the day changes

Just a reminder, further to the email on the last day of term:

When the gate opens at 8.35am, children enter site as per normal. **Instead of going straight into classrooms, children will instead remain on the main playground until 8.45am, when the bell will ring. At this time, children will line up and be met by their teacher who will take them into class.** There will be two members of staff on the playground each morning at this time to supervise the children. Parents and carers are welcome to wait with their child until the bell rings or drop them off in the playground. Stop and drop will continue as normal and the 10-minute window for children arriving remains the same. If children are at breakfast club, they will join children on the playground at 8.35am.

We have decided to make this change for several reasons:
1. All children will come into class at the same time every morning which supports well-being
2. Children receive a little extra fresh air and time to see their friends before school starts
3. Children can develop independence in coming into class (hanging up coats etc.)
4. Children will be accompanied into class by their teacher quietly and calmly, which supports a positive start to the school day

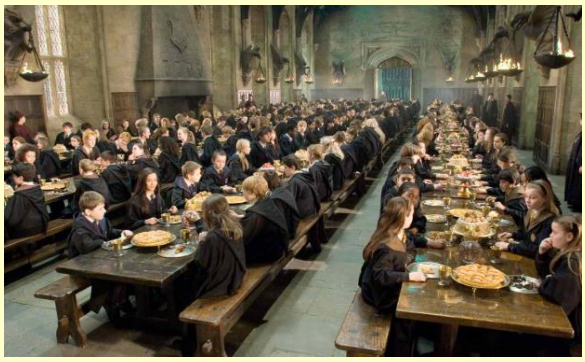
Please ensure your child has a coat if it is cold or wet. Naturally, if it is torrential rain, then children will be allowed to come straight into class.

As a reminder, stop and drop operates between 8.35 and 8.45.

Please do not drop off your child before 8.35am as we have seen some behaviour incidents at the gate before this time and there is no school supervision in place.

INFORMATION: Lunchtime changes

From this term, children will eat in house team groups in the hall (Hogwarts style!). Each table will have a mixture of children from different year groups and best efforts have been made to ensure all children have a friend or peer from their class with them.



This provides another opportunity to strengthen teamwork and develop collaboration within house teams. Children can earn house points for demonstrating good manners at lunchtime. It also means children know where they are sitting and who they are sitting with each day.

When the weather improves, all children, whether packed lunch or school dinners, will be able to eat outside as we now have plenty of picnic benches.

CLUBS

Please book a space and pay through Arbor.
All clubs will run from Week 2 (next week) until week 6.

Club	Day	Club Lead	Classes	No. of pupils	Sessions this term	Cost
Football	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	Mr Fraser (SET)	Year 1-6	15	5 sessions	£5

Bunny Club	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	Miss Rivers	Year 1-6	15	5 sessions	£5

There are also the following two clubs which run on a Friday afternoon (not after school).

Club	Day	Club Lead	Classes	No. of pupils	Sessions this term	Cost
Choir	Friday PM	Mrs Britton	YO MO	20	6 sessions	Free
Green Gang (weather dependent)	Friday PM	Miss McCabe	YO MO	10	5 sessions	Free

Term Dates and Staff Development Days - 2025-2026 (Not the current school year)

TERM 1	
Mon 1st Sept **2025**	Staff Development Day 1/5
Tues 2nd Sept	Start of Term – Children return
Fri 17th Oct	End of Term 1
October half term (1 week)	
TERM 2	
Mon 27th Oct	Staff Development Day 2/5
Tues 28th Oct	Term 2 begins
Fri 19th Dec	End of Term 2
Winter Holiday (2 weeks)	
TERM 3	
Mon 5th Jan **2026**	Staff Development Day 3/5
Tues 6th Jan	Term 3 begins
Fri 13th Feb	End of Term 3
February half term (1 week)	
TERM 4	
Mon 23rd Feb	Term 4 begins
Thurs 2nd April	End of Term 4
Fri 3rd April	Bank Holiday
Spring Holiday (2 weeks)	
TERM 5	
Mon 20th April	Term 5 begins
Mon 4th May	Bank Holiday
Fri 22nd May	End of Term 5
May half term (1 week)	
TERM 6	
Mon 1st June	Term 6 begins
Fri 17th July	End of Term 6 and the Academic Year
Mon 20th July	Staff Development Day 4/5
Tues 21st July	Staff Development Day 5/5
Summer Holiday (6 weeks)	

Staff Development Days:
Monday 1st September 2025
Monday 27th October 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 20th July 2026
Tuesday 21st July 2026

2024-2025 Calendar

Every effort will be made to keep these dates in place but please be aware, changes may occur.

Updates/changes are highlighted.

TERM 4 – 2024/25			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	**Mon 24th Feb**	**Term 4 begins**	
	Fri 28th Feb	Top up Swimming lessons begin – 5 weeks	Some Yr5 and 6
2		Clubs start this week	
	Wed 5th March	Environment-led learning – Saplings	Off-site
	Thurs 6th March	World Book Day	
3		Science Week	
	Thurs 13th March	Environment-led learning – Young Oaks	Off-site
	Fri 14th March	Grasshoppers own clothes day	
	Fri 14th March	Movie Night	After school
4	Wed 19th March	Environment-led learning – Saplings and Little Acorns	On-site
	Thurs 20th March	Class Assembly – Saplings	Hall, 9.00am
	Thurs 20th March	Environment-led learning – Mighty Oaks	Off-site
	Fri 21st March	Music Concert	After school, All welcome, (hall)
5	Wed 26th March	Environment-led learning – Young Oaks	On-site
	Fri 28th March	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
6	Tues 1st April	Environment-led learning – Mighty Oaks	On-site
	Fri 4th April	Easter Service – St. Mary's Church	9.30am, All welcome
	Fri 4th April	Brilliant Brook Day – enrichment day	
	Fri 4th April	Easter Fun Event	After school
	Fri 4th April	End of Term reports issued	
	Fri 4th April	**End of Term 4**	

TERM 5 – 2024/25			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	Mon 21st April	Bank Holiday	
	Tues 22nd April	**Term 5 begins**	
2		Clubs start this week	
3	Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday	
	Thurs 8th May	Class Assembly – Little Acorns	Hall, 9.00am
4	12th – 15th May	Year 6 SATs	
	Fri 16th May	Year 6 Fun Day	
	Fri 16th May	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
5	Fri 23rd May	FUNDRAISER! Whole School Walk	
	Fri 23rd May	**End of Term 5**	
Environment-led learning days will take place as usual this term. Dates TBC nearer the time.			
TERM 6 – 2024/25			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	**Mon 2nd June**	**Term 6 begins**	
	2nd – 13th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
2	w/c 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
	TBC	Transition begins	
3	Fri 20th June	World Music Day – Music Concert	

4	Fri 27th June	Sports Day and family picnic	
	Fri 27th June	FUNDRAISER! Summer Fair	
5	Fri 4th July	Mighty Oaks Camp Out	TBC
	Fri 4th July	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	By Invitation
6	Fri 11th July	End of Term reports issued	
	Fri 11th July	Year 6 trip	TBC
	Fri 11th July	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
7	Mon 14th July	Parents' Open Afternoon/Evening	3.30-5.00pm
	Tues 15th July	Mighty Oaks' Show	1.30pm
	Wed 16th July	Mighty Oaks' Show	5.00pm
	Thurs 17th July	Year 6 Forest Party	
	Fri 18th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service - St Mary's Church	Time TBC
	Fri 18th July	**End of Term 6**	
	Mon 21st July	Staff Development Day 4	
	Tues 22nd July	Staff Development Day 5	
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