

Newsletter

September 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

Welcome back to the new academic year! It has been wonderful to see everyone return with smiles on their faces and full of fun stories about their summer holidays. Parents and carers thank you for supporting school by making sure your child has the correct school uniform. On behalf of all the staff, I can say we are very excited about the year ahead and know our children will go on to achieve great things.

Parent feedback at our parent's evening in March showed that you would like more advanced notice of performances, class events, parents evenings and sports days so that you can make necessary arrangements to attend. We have listened carefully to this feedback and are delighted to be able to share the dates for performances, parents evenings and sports day (including back up reserve dates) in the newsletter below so parents and carers can book the time off work to attend. Class events will be shared termly via my newsletter and the first term's 'Learn with us' dates are also listed in this newsletter. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible into school to share these events with us.

An exciting development for the year ahead is the opening of our new ICT suite. This will really develop our computing curriculum, supporting children to develop skills to use both in school and for their futures. Phase 1 has been completed over the summer with the new space being built. We are now working closely with our IT technicians to get the equipment installed and up and running as quickly as possible. We know this will be a very worthwhile investment.

Joining us for the 2025-26 learning journey are some new staff. We welcome Miss Kendall who will teach in Angelfish, Miss Westby who will teach Flying Fish class in Year 1/2 and Mr Dehdashty who will be teaching Starfish class in Year 5/6. We have also appointed Mrs Blanchard, who joins our Reception team, Miss Blanchard who joins our Year 1/2 team alongside Mrs Thewlis as teaching assistants. Oulton is a wonderful community and I know we all make our new staff feel at home straight away.

Kind regards,

Mr McAlinden

Communication

To help improve communication channels between school and home we need your help. Please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app as this is vital for receiving general and emergency school communication. Please do read 'What can I do if I am worried about my child?' on the parent information page of the school website [here](#) This page details the process to follow starting with sharing your concern with your child's class teacher followed by a meeting with the phase leader and finally a meeting with the Deputy or Headteacher. For general queries please use the hello@oulton.leeds.sch.uk e-mail account.

From the 1st October 2025, the following e-mail accounts will close:

EYFS@oulton.leeds.sch.uk

KS1@oulton.leeds.sch.uk

LKS2@oulton.leeds.sch.uk

UKS2@oulton.leeds.sch.uk



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POPs funding

POPs continue to be such a wonderful asset to our school in their relentless hard work and efforts to fund additional opportunities for our children. Hopefully you will have seen the lovely playground benches and fabulous outdoor classroom tent that have enhanced our outdoor area. We are excited that further playground developments will follow in the coming months too. We can't wait to take our learning outside of the classroom! Thank you to everyone involved



either in organising or contributing to POPs events; it really does make a difference. If you can support POPs by offering your



time and support please contact pops@oulton.leeds.sch.uk

Breakfast and Teatime Club

Thank you to those who have fed back your thoughts about the future direction of Breakfast and Teatime club; we appreciate this and strive to offer what we can to families.

As a result, we are in the process of making the booking system better to use and iron out any issues users have faced.

All parents and carers will be asked to complete an application form detailing their requirements. We will be running a hybrid contract moving forward from January where those that want to commit to weekly days and sessions can. We will keep a number of flexible places which will be available to parents and carers.

If your child needs additional adult support to access club then you will be contacted once you have completed your application form to discuss how we can support these needs.

We are in the process of producing our Breakfast and Teatime prospectus, updating our information about club on the website and investing in new toys and resources for the children as well.

As shared previously, we will not be changing the pricing structure for the 2025-26 academic year. Whilst our prices have increased in the last year, we are still good value compared to other providers and schools.



Key dates for the 2025-26 academic year

We have finalised dates as best we can for the academic year 2025-26. Whilst other exciting opportunities may arise, the key dates for the year ahead are as follows:

Event	Date	Time
Reception phonics workshop	Tuesday 30 th September 2025	TBC
EYFS Learn with us	Thursday 16 th October 2025	Pm
POPS fundraiser – Break the Rules Day	Friday 17 th October 2025	All day
Open Day for New Reception pupils for 2026-27	Saturday 18 th October 2025	9-12
LKS2 Learn with us	Monday 20 th October 2025	Pm
Octopus class Parents Evening	Tuesday 21 st October 2025 Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	3:40-6:00pm 3:40-7:00pm
UKS2 Learn with us	Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Pm
Key Stage 1 Harvest sing	Wednesday 15 th October 2025	TBC
POPS meeting and AGM (new parents and carers welcome)	Thursday 6 th November 2025	7pm
Parents Evening (Not Octopus class)	Tuesday 11 th November 2025 Wednesday 12 th November 2025	3:40-6:00pm 3:40-7:00pm
POPS fundraiser – Christmas Fair	Friday 5 th December 2025	Pm
EYFS Christmas Concert	Thursday 11 th December 2025	Pm
Christmas Crafternoon	Friday 12 th December 2025	Pm
KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 16 th December 2025 Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Pm Am
Christmas Dinner and Festive Clothing Day	Thursday 18 th December	All day
KS2 Festive Sing	Friday 19 th December 2025	TBC
Spring and summer learn with us events will be detailed in newsletters before the term where it falls.		
POPS meeting (new parents and carers welcome)	Wednesday 21 st January 2026	7pm
Year 4 residential to Whitby	Wednesday 25 th February 2026 – Friday 27 th February 2026	
Parents Evening	Tuesday 17 th March 2026 Wednesday 18 th March 2026	3:40-6:00pm 3:40-7:00pm
KS2 Spring Sing	Thursday 2 nd April 2026	TBC
Year 6 SATs week	Monday 11 th May 2026 – Thursday 14 th Mat 2026	
KS1 Sports Day	Monday 18 th May 2026	TBC
LKS2 Sports Day	Tuesday 19 th May 2026	TBC
UKS2 Sports Day	Wednesday 20 th May 2026	TBC
EYFS Sports Day	Thursday 21 st May 2026	TBC
Training Day 3 – school closed to all pupils	Monday 1 st June 2026	All day
Year 4 multiplication test week	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026 – Friday 5 th June 2026	
Reserve KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	TBC
Reserve UKS2 Sports Day	Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	TBC
Reserve EYFS Sports Day	Thursday 4 th June 2026	TBC
Reserve LKS2 Sports Day	Friday 5 th June 2026	TBC



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Key stage 1 Phonics screening	Monday 8 th June 2026 – Friday 12 th June 2026	
New Reception parents/ carers meeting	Wednesday 1 st July 2026	6pm
School Reports out to parents and carers	Monday 13 th July 2026	
Year 6 Leavers Performance	Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Pm
School closes for the summer holidays	End of Friday 17 th July 2026	3:20pm
Training Day 4	Monday 20 th July 2026	All day
Training Day 5	Tuesday 21 st July 2026	All day

