



The Principals' Post

Keeping you informed



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Welcome Back to a new year!



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Dear Families

We are delighted to open our doors once again and fill both of our campuses with smiling faces. We hope you had a wonderful summer, enjoying time with family and friends and creating special memories together. After a refreshing break, we are feeling energised, excited and ready for another fantastic year ahead.

While many of our children and families have been enjoying a well-earned rest, Team Oxley has been hard at work throughout the summer. We are thrilled to share some of the significant investments and improvements that have taken place across both campuses, all designed to enhance the learning environment and provide the very best experiences for our children.

One of the most exciting developments has been the creation of The Hive at Shenley Wood, our brand-new specialist provision designed to support children with additional needs. This fantastic new space includes a dedicated sensory room and a purpose-built outdoor learning area, providing children with engaging, supportive and inspiring environments in which to learn, explore and thrive.

At Oxley Park, we have also enhanced our specialist provision through the addition of a new sensory room within The Meadow, creating another calm and purposeful space tailored to meet children's individual sensory and learning needs. Alongside this, we have installed a brand-new teaching kitchen, which will provide valuable opportunities for children to develop practical life skills, independence and confidence.

Across both campuses, we have continued to invest in our facilities and learning environments. Two study rooms, one at each campus, have been completely refurbished to provide improved spaces for focused learning and intervention. A new CCTV system is currently being installed across both sites, further strengthening security and safeguarding for our school community.

We have also undertaken an extensive programme of redecoration. Every classroom at Shenley Wood has been refreshed, while stairwells at Oxley Park have been redecorated to create brighter and more welcoming spaces. Throughout both campuses, exciting new graphics and visual displays have been installed, helping to transform corridors and communal areas and further celebrate our school's identity, values and learning culture.

To improve organisation and classroom environments, new lockers have been installed in every classroom at Shenley Wood, providing children with dedicated storage and helping to create calm, clutter-free learning spaces.

These improvements represent a substantial investment in our school and reflect our ongoing commitment to providing exceptional facilities where every child feels safe, supported, valued and inspired to succeed.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our site, premises and operations teams, who have worked tirelessly throughout the summer holidays to make these projects possible. Their dedication, skill and commitment have ensured that both campuses are looking better than ever and are ready to welcome children back for another exciting year of learning, growth and achievement.





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All of these enhancements are designed to enrich the experience of our Oxley Parkers and ensure we continue providing the very best opportunities for every child.

Here's to an exciting year ahead!

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible premises team, who have worked tirelessly over the summer to ensure everything is ready for the new school year. We are also hugely grateful to all our staff who have been in school preparing classrooms, organising resources, and planning exciting learning experiences for our children.

We are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated and inspiring team, all united by one mission: to make Oxley Park the very best it can be. This week, we're also delighted to welcome several new members of staff, and we're confident they will quickly feel at home and contribute just as wholeheartedly as the rest of the team.

So, just a few reminders ready for next week!



New Reception children

The BIG Day!

Autumn born start Monday, 7 September 2026

Spring born start Tuesday, 8 September 2026

Summer born start Wednesday, 9 September 2026

Our Nursery opens to our Villagers on Monday 7 September 2026.



Enrichment clubs

We are excited to launch our new club provision and Be Active – after school for the autumn 2026 term! There is an exciting range of both sport and other wider interest clubs for children across both our campuses. The Club provision and Be Active – After school will be chargeable at £4.00 per session and will run from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

All clubs must be booked and paid for in advance as a block and are non-refundable.

Bookings for these opened on Thursday 3 September at 6pm. Please see the separate email for further details.



From next week, PE days, for the rest of the term:

Nursery - Wednesday

Reception - Monday

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2 - Friday

Year 3 - Thursday

Year 4 - Monday

Year 5 - Tuesday

Year 6 - Tuesday

The HIVE - Wednesday

Children to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days please.



Premier Before and After School Club

Bookings are now open for all. Nursery to Year 6. This provision is run by Premier Education, and you can make the booking by following the links –

[Shenley Wood](#) [Oxley Park](#)



Lunches and Healthy Snacks

Our catering company, Aspens, are back and excited to begin a brand-new year of providing high-quality hot lunches for all our children.

The food really is of a very high standard — so if you haven't tried it yet for your child, why not book a few meals to see if they enjoy them? It could make life much easier without the need to prepare packed lunches every day!

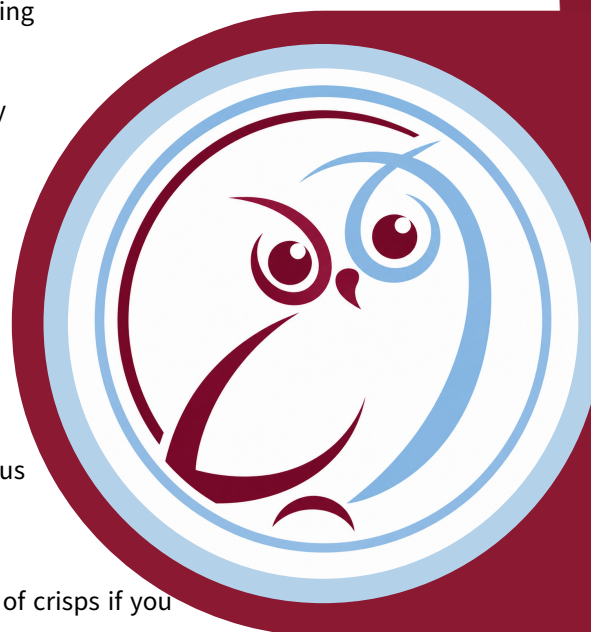
- If you would like to order hot lunches for your child(ren), please book on your Arbor account.
- A reminder: if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they are entitled to free school meals. However, you still need to place an order and make your meal choices to suit your child.

As always, we continue to encourage healthy eating across the school, so please support us (and your child) by following our snack and lunch guidance:

Morning snacks should be fruit or vegetables only.

Packed lunches should follow the same guidance, though you may include one packet of crisps if you wish.

Together, we can help promote healthy choices and good eating habits for all our children





HEALTHY SNACKS AND PACKED LUNCHES

FRUIT AND VEG AT MORNING BREAK

No chocolate, biscuits, crisps, etc.



APPROPRIATE AND HEALTHY PACKLUNCHES

Crisps can be included at lunchtime.



Together, we can help children to thrive
with simple, healthy choices.

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By working together, we can continue to promote healthy habits that set our children up for success both in and out of the classroom.



This Term's Value and Focus

To start the year, our value focus will be on Co-operation – learning how much more we can achieve when we work as a team, build strong friendships, and support one another.



Alongside this, we'll be championing our Fab 5 Habits, ensuring that from day one we are building positive routines and creating a school that is kind, caring, safe and supportive for everyone.





How you can help...

We'd love your support at home in talking to your children about being truly FAB – Fussy and Bothered in everything they do. This can cover so many areas, including:

FAB Attitude – showing family and school values every day, coming in ready to learn with positivity.

FAB Manners – remembering their “please” and “thank you” and always being kind and respectful to children and adults alike.

FAB Presentation – taking pride in their learning and always doing their very best.

FAB Appearance – wearing the correct uniform smartly and being ready to learn each day.

FAB Walking – keeping our campuses safe by walking at all times and staying to the left. (This is brilliant when adults are around but sometimes slips when they think no one is watching!)

Your support in using our FAB language at home makes a huge difference. When the message is reinforced both at school and at home, it helps us create the very best environment for your child every single day.

For more information on this area check out our web page:

<https://www.oxleyparkacademy.com/our-fab-habits/>

Thank you, as always, for working with us.



Reminder

School is closed for Inset Training Day on Monday 21 September 2026

With warm regards

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