



20 April 2026

## A very warm welcome to Oxley Park Academy!

Dear families new to our school

It is our absolute pleasure to welcome you to our school – which is now *your* school.

We never underestimate a parent choosing a school, particularly in an area where the standard of education is so high. You have chosen us, you have placed your trust in us, and you are entrusting us with your most precious little human. We feel both honoured and humbled by this responsibility – thank you.

Oxley Park Academy is a wonderful place, with fantastic buildings and excellent resources. However, what truly makes our school special is our people. The way our adults care for, champion and inspire every single child is genuinely awe-inspiring, and we are incredibly proud to lead such a dedicated team. For this reason, we can confidently assure you that we will work our socks off for your child throughout their seven years with us.

We appreciate that for some families this may not be your first experience of starting school, but for many it will be. Children often settle very quickly and take it all in their stride, while adults can sometimes find it a more emotional experience. Over the coming weeks, we hope that the information we share will help you feel happy, confident and relaxed before the summer holidays. Please remember, we are here for you as much as we are for your child – there is never a silly question. If it is something you need to know, it matters, and we will always do our best to help. Our aim is for you to feel worry-free and excited for your child's first day with us.

During the first couple of weeks in June, we will confirm our classes and staffing for the new academic year. Once this has been finalised, we will write to you again with details of your child's class, class teacher and campus allocation.

Our first opportunity to come together will be the **'Welcome to OPA' Parent Information Meeting**. This meeting is for adults and will provide key information about your child's education at Oxley Park Academy, as well as the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and members of the senior leadership team. This will take place on **Thursday 25 June**:

- **5:00pm** at our **Shenley Wood campus**
- **6:00pm** at our **Oxley Park campus**

By this time, your child will know their class and campus. If it is possible to arrange childcare so you can attend, we would be very grateful.

Your child's first visit to us will be on **'Move-Up Day', Monday 29 June**. This is a special day when children spend time with their new year group in preparation for September. Your child will be invited to attend either a morning or afternoon session.

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**Associate Principal**

Mrs Karen Draper BEd (Hons)

In September, there will also be an opportunity for you and your child to meet your class teacher on a one-to-one basis during our **'Getting to Know Each Other' sessions**, taking place on:

- **Wednesday 2 September**
- **Thursday 3 September**
- **Friday 4 September**

These sessions offer a lovely chance for families and staff to get to know each other ahead of the big day. You will be allocated a 20-minute appointment and details will be shared with you in June.

Finally, we like to get our new children started as smoothly as possible, so below are the dates for **'The BIG Day!'** – your child's official first day of school:

- **Monday 7 September** – Autumn-born children (September to December)
- **Tuesday 8 September** – Spring-born children (January to April)
- **Wednesday 9 September** – Summer-born children (May to August)

Children will attend full-time from their allocated start date. (Autumn-born children attend from 7, 8, and 9 September onward; Spring-born children from 8 and 9 September onward; Summer-born children from 9 September onward.)

There is still a little while before all of these events, so in the meantime we encourage you to explore our website and follow us on Facebook to get a feel for day-to-day life at Oxley Park Academy.

All further information will be shared via email. Your main point of contact is our Academy Administration Team, who can be reached at [office@oxleyparkacademy.com](mailto:office@oxleyparkacademy.com).

This is a major milestone for you and your family, and we are very proud to be part of it. Thank you for choosing Oxley Park Academy – we look forward to building a strong partnership with you in the years ahead. We very much look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours faithfully

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## At a Glance... your timeline to Dreaming, Believing and Achieving together!

Event	Date	Action
<b>Letter - class/campus/teacher allocation.</b>	Mid June	This will give you the details of your child's class, campus, house team, move-up day session and teacher allocation.
<b>Welcome to OPA Meeting</b> <b>Factual information, visit classroom and meet key staff.</b>	Thursday 25 June 2026	Please attend at your allocated campus: 5pm Shenley Wood 6pm Oxley Park
<b>Move-Up Day!</b> <b>Children get time to meet new classmates and staff.</b>	Monday 29 June 2026	Child to attend in the morning or afternoon – details will be in the letter you will receive in June.
<b>'Getting to know each other' sessions</b>  <b>Meet the teacher on a 121</b>	Wednesday 2 September Thursday 3 September Friday 4 September	You will be assigned a 20 minute slot - details will be in the letter you will receive in June.
<b>The BIG day!</b> <b>First day of big school for your little one!</b>	Monday 7 September Tuesday 8 September Wednesday 9 September	All Autumn born children All Spring born children All Summer born children

Your child will attend full time from their BIG day listed above! (Autumn born in 7,8,9 September and every day onwards. Spring born in 8,9 September and every day onwards. Summer born in the 9 September and every day onwards.)

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### Class of 2033!

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