

Principals' Post

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Welcome back to a new year – September 2025

Dear Families

We are delighted to open our doors once again and fill both of our campuses with lots of smiling faces. We hope you had a wonderful summer, enjoying time together as a family and with friends. After a refreshing break, we're feeling ready and excited for the year ahead.

Many of Team Oxley have been busy over the summer, and we're thrilled to share some of the fantastic improvements that have taken place across our campuses:

- ❄️ Air conditioning installed in all classrooms at Oxley campus
- 🪑 Brand-new chairs for all Achieve classrooms at Shenley Wood
- ✨ A refreshed look for the Senior Achieve Quad (Years 5 & 6 at Shenley Wood)
- 🎪 A brand-new amphitheatre on the field at Shenley Wood
- 🎨 Fresh paint and touch-ups across both campuses
- 🐝 New "Hive" spaces created at both campuses to support our SEND group provisions
- 🚪 A relocated fire door in the Shenley Wood hall for easier access
- 🎵 New Music Zones for both campus playgrounds
- 🚲 New trikes and scooters for both playgrounds

Coming Soon... This September, work begins on our brand-new **Nursery Village outdoor area!** Builders will be on-site very soon, and once dates are confirmed, we'll be in touch with updates — including any temporary changes to our entrances. It promises to be a truly exciting project!

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.

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So, just a few reminders ready for this week!

Gates open 8.25am Tuesday 2 September to all children other than Dream - Nursery and Reception.

New Reception children -.

Get togethers Tuesday 2 to Thursday 4 September 2025 – Individual times for each family were emailed last term.

The BIG Day!

Autumn born start Friday, 5 September 2025

Spring born start Monday, 8 September 2025

Summer born start Tuesday, 9 September 2025

Our Nursery opens to our existing Villagers on Monday 8 September 2025.

PE Days:

This week only:

Tuesday – Year 1

Wednesday – Year 5 and Year 3

Thursday – Year 4 and Year 2

Friday – Year 6

Children to come to school on PE days in their full kit please.

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

Nursery - Wednesday

Reception - Wednesday

Year 1 - Tuesday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Monday

Year 4 - Thursday

Year 5 - Monday

Year 6 - Tuesday

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](#)

Enrichment Clubs

These will launch very soon. You will be receiving a separate letter regarding these and the provision in place for the Autumn Term. Bookings for these will open on Thursday 4 September at 6pm. Please see the separate email for further details.

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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. Aspens started their journey with us at Oxley Park Academy back in April and have already made a fantastic start.

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.

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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.



We'll also be introducing our new word of the term: Rigorous – encouraging children to give their very best in everything they do.

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.

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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.

‘Welcome Meet with your child’s new Year Group Team!’

We are very excited to offer the opportunity for you to meet your child’s new year group staff team, again this year. These will be half hour sessions and will cover the following:

- Meet the team.
- The curriculum for the year group
- Key dates for the year ahead
- Approximate costs for trips planned.
- How to help your child at home
- Opportunity to ask questions and get clarification.

We hope these sessions will be really valuable for both you and your child’s new class teacher. They’ll be a lovely opportunity to meet face-to-face and also get to know your new Phase Leader.

By holding them at the very start of the new school year, you’ll gain an early insight into what’s planned and what to look forward to in the year ahead.

Please see below the dates and times of each session:

Meet your child’s new Year Group Team			
Year Group	Date	Time	Campus
Reception	Monday 15 September	3:30pm	Oxley Park & Shenley Wood (depending on the campus your child attends)
Year 1	Monday 8 September	3.30pm	Oxley Park
Year 2	Monday 8 September	3.30pm	Oxley Park
Year 3	Tuesday 9 September	3.30pm	Oxley Park
Year 4	Tuesday 9 September	3.30pm	Oxley Park
Year 5	Thursday 11 September	3.30pm	Oxley Park
Year 6	Thursday 11 September	3.30pm	Oxley Park

REMINDER!
**School is closed for Inset Training Day on
Monday 22 September 2025!**



With so many exciting developments already underway — from our new Nursery Village to the upgrades across both campuses — this year promises to be one full of opportunity, growth and memorable experiences. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create the very best environment for all our Oxley Parkers. Together, we can make this a truly inspiring year for every child

With warm regards

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