

High Oaks Newsletter

Dates for the Diary

4th October—Donations for the harvest festival

24th and 25th October—INSET days school closed for students

28th October—1st November Half term

4th November students return

Wednesday 18th December Christmas service—venue to be confirmed

Friday 20th December school finishes 1.45pm

6th January—INSET day

7th January—Students return to school

Welcome back to the new academic year. I am sure that parents and children, like the staff, appreciate getting back into the routine of school. I am pleased to see the students are all adjusting to their new routines, getting to know the staff in their class and working hard towards their new targets.

I have attached the term dates for this academic year. Please make a note of these and remember that there are new Government rules relating to term time leave from school. These new rules are summarised on the next page of this Newsletter and it is important that you read and understand these as failure to follow the rules may result in a penalty fine.

We welcome all our new families to the Oaklands community and I look forward to working with you all over the coming years to ensure your child achieves to the very best of their ability.

If you have any questions or concerns please do speak to your child's class teacher . Alternatively you can always call the office on 020 560 3569 and they will arrange an appointment for you.

Best wishes

Mairead Standring Headteacher



Attendance



Term Time Leave – The rules regarding term time leave have recently been updated by The Department of Education. As you are aware, term time leave is not allowed and is an unauthorised absence. However, in very exceptional circumstances, and at the Head teacher's discretion, some leave can be authorised. The new rule, effective from 28th August 2024, is that parents **MUST** request leave in writing before leave is taken. This applies not only to planned holidays but also to emergency travel, which can sometimes constitute exceptional circumstances. Please note that no leave, whether planned or emergency, will be authorised if a leave request has not been completed first.

A copy of the exceptional leave form can be found on the school website. If you require a hard copy, please notify the school office and this can be arranged for you.

Please ensure you have a copy of your travel tickets and submit these with the leave request.

If your child is ill, please ensure that you notify the school reception on the day of absence, either by phone or email. If we cannot reach you on the second day of the absence as per our school attendance policy, a home visit will be carried out by one of our safeguarding teams. This absence will be unauthorised.

It is essential that your child attends school regularly so they have access to the full curriculum and have the opportunity to continue to build on their skills.

If you are experiencing difficulty with getting your child to attend school, please do speak to your child's head of department who will be able to support you.

Thank you as always for your support.

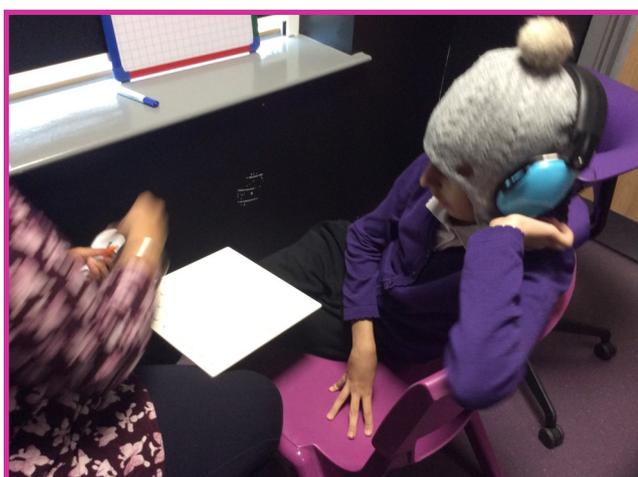
Richmond 1



Hello and welcome to Richmond 1.

This half term we look at building our routines and assessing where we are with our learning. There is a lot to do and sort out but working together helps us all!

Thank you.



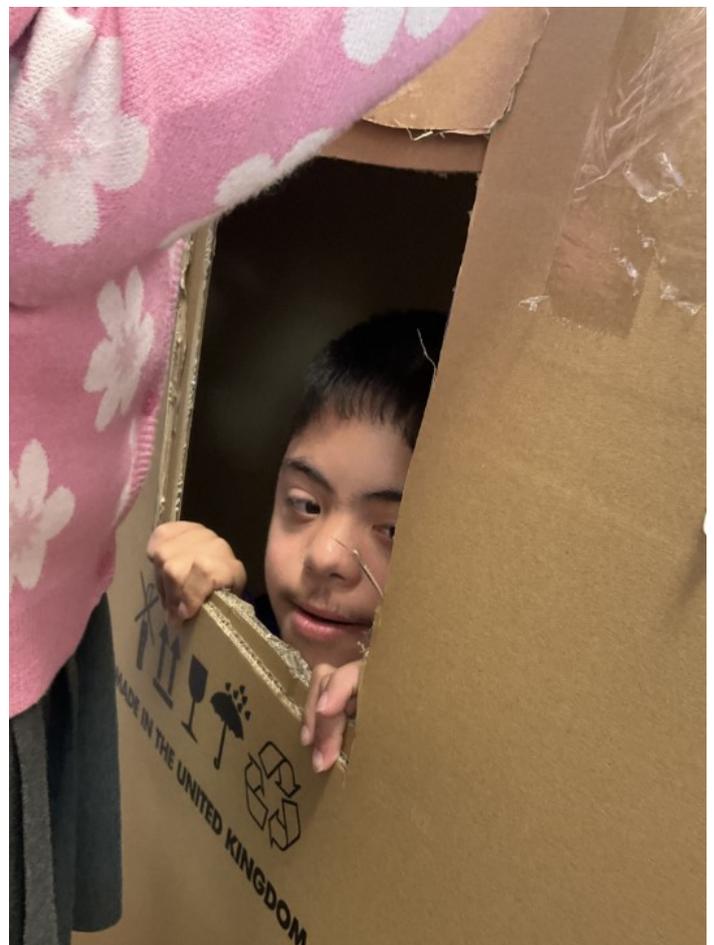
Kew 1

This term Kew 1 are working hard to get back into the school routine:-Establishing new routines and building on existing ones, so that everyone can work hard and show their full potential in all the learning they will be doing this school year.



Syon 1

Syon 1 students had a wonderful start to the new term as they settled in and got to know one another. They worked together on an exciting project, transforming an ordinary box into a creative house. It was a great opportunity for teamwork and imagination, and everyone had lots of fun bringing their ideas to life!



Here to listen: our safeguarding team



**Designated safeguarding lead (DSL):
Mairead**



Deputy DSL Earl



Deputy DSL David



Deputy DSL Agnes



Deputy DSL Barry



Deputy DSL Alexander

We strive to provide a safe and welcoming environment at Oaklands where everyone is respected and valued. The student's best interests are considered at all times. We are committed to dealing with concerns quickly and putting into place early help where necessary. All staff are trained and alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow procedures to ensure that children receive effective support and protection. If a child is in danger or at risk of harm, action will be taken immediately to protect that child.

Safeguarding is not just about protecting children from deliberate harm. It also relates to aspects of school life including:

- Students health and safety
- The use of reasonable force (restraint)
- Meeting the needs of children with medical conditions
- Providing first aid
- Educational visits
- Intimate care
- Online safety
- Appropriate arrangements to ensure school security

At Oaklands

- All our staff are trained in Safeguarding children's welfare and update their training yearly.
- All are staff are DBS checked (formerly known as CRB checks)
- We are vigilant about our pupils' safety.
- We have an internal reporting system where all concerns are logged and brought to the attention of the Safeguarding leads.
- We will ring you to discuss anything we notice that concerns us.

If you have a concern, please do come and speak to a member of the safeguarding team as soon as possible, we want to work with you in an open and transparent way.

Term Dates 2024-2025

Inset Day – Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 Students return

Inset days – school closed to students Thursday 24th and 25th October 2024

October Half Term 28th October - Friday 1st November

Christmas Holidays Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025

INSET – school closed to students Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 7th January 2025 Students return

February Half Term Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2025

Easter Holidays Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April 2025

INSET – school closed to students Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Wednesday 23rd April Students return

Monday 5th May – Mayday

May Half Term Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025

Summer Holidays Tuesday 22nd July 2025 – Tuesday 2nd September 2025