

Friday 11th September 2026



Osmotherley Primary School

Small school. Big family.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all the children, parents and families of Osmotherley Primary School, and a particularly warm welcome to our wonderful new starters in Reception. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. We have enjoyed a fantastic start to the term, with lots of smiles and laughter as children and staff reconnect. There has been a real buzz around the building and in the playground. Thank you for supporting the children with this successful return.

After a long break, it may take some children a while to get back into routine, which is perfectly normal. Some days can be harder than others and there is some useful advice on the BBC website for helping your children settle into the new term over the first few weeks: [Six ways parents could make the return to school a little easier - BBC News](#)

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few arrangements at the start of term:

Timings for the School Day

Once the main door is opened at 8.45 am, children can make their way calmly to their classrooms to start their morning activities. Registers close at 9 am. From Monday, these are the timings for all year groups:

Acorns: 8.45am - 3.15pm

Saplings: 8.45am - 3.30pm

Oaks: 8.45am - 3.30pm

Newsletters

Newsletters will be sent approximately once per month. More urgent messages and day-to-day updates will be communicated via text message, email or separate letters. If there is anything you would like to see included in future newsletters, please let me know. Calendar information will be sent out next week, which will include key diary dates for parents, community events, trips and visitors.



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Staffing Overview

	Acorns		Saplings		Oaks	
	Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	Mrs Jervis	Mrs Jervis	Mrs Brash	Mrs Brash	Mr Sellers	Mrs Brash
Tues	Mrs Jervis	Mrs Jervis	Mrs Brash	Mrs Brash Mr Sellers	Mr Sellers	Mrs Brash Mr Sellers
Wed	Mrs Jervis Mr Sellers	Mrs Edgeworth Mrs Bridge	Mrs Edgeworth Mrs Brash	Mrs Bridge	Mr Sellers Mrs Brash	Mrs Bridge
Thur	Mrs Edgeworth	Mrs Edgeworth	Mrs Brash	Mrs Jervis Mrs Bridge	Mr Sellers	Mrs Jervis Mrs Bridge Mr Sellers
Fri	Mrs Edgeworth Mr Lofthouse (PE)	Mrs Edgeworth	Mrs Pearson Mr Lofthouse (PE)	Mrs Pearson	Mr Sellers Mrs Pearson Mr Lofthouse (PE)	Mrs Pearson

Our teaching assistants, **Mrs Haynes, Miss Turner and Mrs Atkinson**, will be supporting pupils across the school and during lunchtimes throughout the week.

School Uniform

Please send your child to school in the Osmotherley school uniform as follows:

School Uniform • dark green sweatshirt, hoodie or fleece (branded or not) • white or dark green polo-shirt (branded or not) • grey or black trousers/skirts/pinafore dresses	PE kit • dark green t-shirt (branded or not) • black shorts	Footwear • black shoes • wellies (EYFS and for Forest School)
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Jewellery (unless for religious reasons) and smart watches should not be worn. If your child has their ears pierced, they may wear simple, plain stud earrings but they must be able to take these out for all PE lessons and sporting activities. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn.

Uniform Swap Shop

We have a large amount of uniform in school from former pupils, along with unnamed items that have remained in our lost property for some time. During periods of good weather, we will set up a Uniform Swap Shop on the front playground. Please feel free to donate items your child has outgrown and no longer needs, or help yourself to anything that may be useful.

Attendance Matters

At Osmotherley Primary School, we are committed to promoting excellent attendance and are proud of our strong attendance record, which is essential in helping pupils achieve their potential. Evidence shows that pupils with no absence are significantly more likely to achieve highly by Year 6 than those whose attendance



falls below 90%. We know that all parents and carers want the very best for their children, which is why it is imperative that all pupils attend school whenever possible.

Reporting Absence

Of course, there are occasions when children need to be absent due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances. If your child is absent, please contact the school - ideally prior to 9 am - on the first day of absence. Any parent or carer who has not reported an absence will be contacted by the school via telephone, email or text message.

Healthy Snacks

If you are sending your child to school with a snack for break time, please ensure it is a healthy choice such as:

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- A healthy cereal bar

Please do not send chocolate, sweets, crisps, cakes or cake bars. As we are a **nut-free school**, snacks **must not contain nuts**. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

Communication with School

Positive communication between home and school helps us work together to support every child. For most **non-urgent matters**, we find that face-to-face conversations are often the most effective way to resolve queries. If you would like to discuss something in more detail, please arrange a meeting with your child's teacher. For **urgent matters**, such as difficulties with collection arrangements, please telephone the school office.

Mrs Mansfield will be in the office each morning from **8.30 am until midday**, and arrangements are in place for urgent messages to be received in the afternoon. If you need to share documents or contact school via email, please use: osmotherley@ycatschools.co.uk

We aim to respond to emails within **48 working hours**. Emails received during evenings, weekends or school holidays will be responded to within 48 working hours of the start of the next working period.



Parent Teacher Association

Following the departure of several key PTA members in July, I am keen to re-establish the group as soon as possible. The PTA plays a vital role in raising funds, organising social events and strengthening links between school and the wider community. If you would be interested in supporting the PTA in any capacity, please contact the school office. Your help, whether regular or occasional, would be greatly appreciated.

Forest School

Mrs Bridge will start Forest School for the Acorns on Wednesday. A separate letter will be sent out with further details. Oaks will have their first Forest School session before half term. A date will be sent out for this nearer the time.

After School Clubs

After-school clubs will begin on **Monday**. All clubs run from **3.30 pm to 4.30 pm**. There is a charge for **Minecraft Club, Sports Club and Art Club**. Please **see Mrs Mansfield's email** for booking details. Clubs for Reception children will be available later in the year. Families requiring wraparound childcare are also able to access the excellent provision offered by Osmotherley Pre-School, located next door to the school.

DAY	CLUB	DETAILS
Monday	Minecraft Club (Y2 to Y6)	Mrs Haynes will run the very popular Minecraft Club.
Tuesday	Board Games Club (Y1 to Y6)	Mr Sellers will run this. Please bring a board game to school.
Wednesday	NO CLUBS	
Thursday	Sports Club (Y1 to Y6)	Jamie will run a multi-sports club on the school site, for those who are keen to work on their skills, teamwork and fitness.
Friday	Art Club (Y1 to Y6)	Ruth will return to run her very successful art group.

Have a lovely end to the week and enjoy the weekend. Please do come and speak to me if there is anything you need.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Sellers

Head of School

