



OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

9th September 2022



It is with great sadness that Buckingham Palace announced yesterday the death of Her Majesty the Queen.

Our thoughts and condolences go to the Royal Family during this time of sadness.

We plan to remember the Queen in a number of ways in school and will be there to support everyone in school who may be feeling sad over the week ahead.



Welcome back from Tilly!

Tilly has been so happy to see all the children return to school this week. She was wagging her tail for all the familiar faces and excited to meet our new Year 3 children.

During the summer, Tilly had a lovely rest and enjoyed lots of fun activities that she would like to tell you about.

During the very hot weather, we went for lots of early morning walks. The sunrise was so beautiful but Tilly was always on the lookout for birds and squirrels.



Tilly has been to the beach and played in the sea and she loved cooling off in the pool with her friend, Joey.



When we were out for a walk one day, Tilly hurt her paw and had to go to the vets. She had an injection and felt very sorry for herself for a few days. Luckily for us, she is back to her usual self now.



Message from Mrs Elwill and Mrs Sheridan

Attendance is a vital part of learning and as such Wirral Local Authority Attendance Team have asked schools to remind parents of their responsibilities to ensure good attendance.

Responsibilities and Expectations of Parents and Carers:

- To ensure that their child attends school every day that the school is open, unless there is a genuine and unavoidable reason that prevents them from so doing;
- To ensure that their child arrives at school on time (8.45a.m.). A reason should be offered for any lateness;
- To inform school as soon as possible, by 'phone or in person, if their child is unable to attend on any day, together with the reason for absence. (01516774150);
- To trust that school staff will contact them during the school day if a child is ill in school and needs to go home;
- To ensure that school has at least two sets of full contact details, and that these are kept updated;
- To make all medical appointments outside school hours whenever possible, and to inform school in advance of any medical appointments that cannot be scheduled out of school time. For absence to be authorised as a medical absence, schools do require evidence, such as an appointment card or letter;
- In the case of a primary school child, to ensure that their child is collected on time at the end of the school day;
- To take family holidays during school holiday periods, and to be aware that there is no entitlement to withdraw children for authorised leave of absence during term time. Any requests for leave of absence during term time should be made in writing and at least 2 weeks in advance to the head teacher; (form available on Parentapp or from school office)
- To be aware of curriculum requirements and to be especially vigilant with regards to attendance during particularly important times such as SATs;
- To provide evidence and advice from a health professional when needed to enable school to gain a greater understanding of their child's health issues;
- To talk to school staff as soon as possible should their child be reluctant to come to school for any reason, or if there are any other issues impacting on school attendance. This is so that any problems can be quickly identified and overcome.

The class with the best overall attendance this week is: Lime Class with 100%!!



This Week's Class Attendance Figures

Apple	95%	Cherry	96%
Ash	97.32%	Pine	99.1%
Larch	96.55%	Silver Birch	94.17%
Beech	98.28%	Lime	100%
Hawthorn	93.75%	Rowan	99.55%
Willow	97.41%	Sycamore	96.67%

As a school we must achieve at least 96% attendance.

Congratulations to Lime class for winning the overall school attendance with 100%! This class will receive extra MUGA time and 5 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of lower school attendance is Beech class with 98.28%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of upper school is Lime class with 100%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member



Parking – Local Area

We have received several complaints this week from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking in the area.

Please be respectful of our local community and please:

- 🚗 Do not park on double yellow lines
- 🚗 Avoid parking / stopping in front of the stone wall in front of the school
- 🚗 Do not block driveways
- 🚗 Do not park on grass verges

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

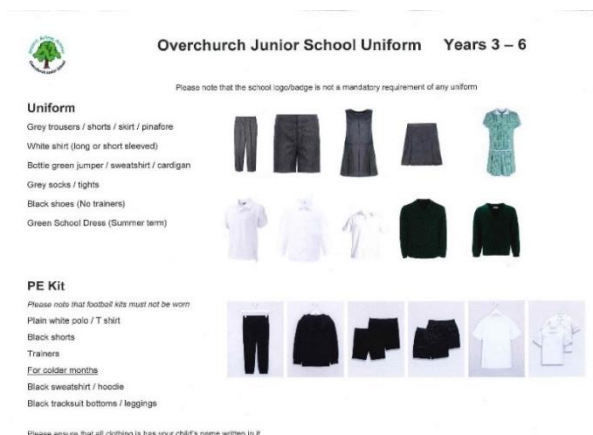
Uniform

At Overchurch Junior School we believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers. This includes our PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit for the summer term.

We do have a wide range of uniform items available from our uniform swap. Please call in to reception and ask if there is anything that you need.

Uniform Details

White polo shirt.



Dark grey skirt or trousers.

Bottle green sweatshirt with the school logo.

Green gingham dresses or grey shorts may be worn in the Summer term.

Black footwear (No open-toe or strappy sandals)

PE Kit

Plain white T-shirt or a plain T-shirt, plain black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings, training shoes or plimsolls.

A plain black tracksuit is also useful for outdoor activities during the winter.

Jewellery and Hairstyles

On Health & Safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school except for simple studs when ears have been pierced and a watch. Hairstyles should be sensible and suitable so that children can concentrate on learning. (No severe shaves, tramlines or patterns. No mohawks or hair colours.

N.B: On Health & Safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this are stud pierced earrings. We ask the children to remove these during PE lessons or, if they cannot be removed, to cover them with a plaster brought in from home. This is to prevent them from causing injury. Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Headteacher has given permission.
<https://www.overchurch-junior.wirral.sch.uk/school-uniform/>



Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	William E-W	Cherry -	Reagan G
Ash -	Lucas Mc	Pine -	Jessica-Mai F
Larch -	Freya W	Silver Birch -	Chloe C
Beech -	Theodore P	Lime -	Jayden S
Hawthorn -	Myla-Rose A	Rowan -	Darcy B
Willow -	Dan B	Sycamore -	Alfie H

Well Done to All!!!



Oak Tree Diner News

THE OAK TREE DINER

Our new OJS Lunch Menu is available in the Letters for You section of the ParentApp

**ROALD
DAHL**

We will be serving a Roald Dahl Themed Menu Tuesday 13th September to celebrate Roald Dahl Day. There is no need to book in advance.



*The Twits Wormy Spaghetti & Chicken Meatballs
in Tomato Sauce*

Jacket Potatoes with Boggis Bunce beans

Snozzcumber Salads

*Bruce Bogtrotter Chocolate Mud Cake
Oompa Loompa Jelly*

Full Deli Bar will also be available



Year 3 Family Dining Thursday 15th September

We are inviting Year 3 parents / carers into school to enjoy lunch with their child/ren. The cost will be £2.60 per guest and there is a maximum of 2 guests per child.

The item will soon appear on your child's ParentPay account (activation codes have been sent home with the children) and your payment will be your booking. We will be unable to take cash on the day. Bookings/ payments must be made in advance.

The hot meal is Cottage / Veggie Pie. Our deli bar will also be open as normal.

Children can enjoy a school dinner with their guest or a packed lunch from home if they prefer.

We have also sent a message out on the ParentApp. Please ensure you book by end of day on Monday 12th September to allow our catering team to plan.

Menu

**Cottage Pie / Quorn Mince Pie with Peas and Onions
Carrots**

Full Deli Bar

Chocolate Brownie with Cream or a School Cake

Weekly Subject Focus

Each week we focus on a different subject which includes taking part in projects and conducting experiments. This helps to give the children a more in-depth knowledge of the subject as well as a greater interest. For your information, please see below the schedule of our weekly subject focus for this half term.

Week Commencing 12 th September 2022	Years 3 and 4 – Computing Week Years 5 and 6 – Art Week
Week Commencing 19 th September 2022	Spanish Week
Week Commencing 26 th September 2022	Science Week
Week Commencing 3 rd October 2022	History Week
Week Commencing 10 th October 2022	Geography Week
Week Commencing 17 th October 2022	RSE Week
Half Term Break	
Week Commencing 31 st October 2022	Science Week
Week Commencing 7 th November 2022	Design & Technology Week
Week Commencing 14 th November 2022	Geography Week
Week Commencing 21 st November 2022	Years 3 and 4 – R.E Week Years 5 and 6 – Computing Week
Week Commencing 28 th November 2022	Science Week
Week Commencing 5 th December 2022	History Week
Week Commencing 12 th December 2022	Years 3 and 4 – Computing Week Years 5 and 6 – R.E Week

Upcoming Events

Year 3

Family Dining Event Thursday 15th September at 11:30am

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Year 4

Year 4 Coffee Morning, Tuesday 13th September 9am

This is an opportunity to meet and ask any last-minute questions regarding the upcoming Barnstondale trip.

We will be serving tea / coffee and bacon butties.

If you would like to attend please complete the Coffee Morning attendance form which can be found in the Forms section of the ParentApp.

Barnstondale Residential Trip Thursday 15th – Friday 16th September

Permission Forms have been sent out via the ParentApp along with a letter detailing drop off and pick up times as well as other final details.

Please ensure you have submitted the permission forms and have paid in full.

Year 5

Swimming Programme

The year group will take part in a swimming programme as part of the PE Curriculum. Swimming will take place every afternoon for two weeks starting on Monday 10th October. A letter containing more details will be sent out soon via the ParentApp.

Year 6

Conway Centre Residential Trip – Monday 7th November – Wednesday 9th November

Deposits should now have been paid to secure your child's place on this trip. If you have not yet paid the £25 deposit, please do so as soon as possible. The balance is to be paid by Friday 28th October.

Permission Forms will be sent out via the ParentApp closer to the time of the trip.

Whole School

Parent / Teacher Meetings

The meetings will take place during week commencing Monday 3rd October. We operate on online booking system for these meetings and more information and instructions of how to book will be sent out next week

Individual Pupil Photos

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 18th October.

Upcoming Secondary School Open Evenings

Upton Hall School FCJ – Thursday 15th September 2022, 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Weatherhead High School – Thursday 22nd September 2022, 5:45pm – 8:00pm