

THE OAKS CE LEARNING FEDERATION

NEWSLETTER

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Our School Vision

Connected through the values of love, respect and compassion. Three separate schools, we journey together to grow physically, spiritually, emotionally and intellectually, so that everyone can fulfil their potential. We strive to preserve the wonder of childhood, whilst ensuring our children are future ready.

A Message from Mr Bowen

And just like that, we are now entering the last half-term before the summer break! The weather has certainly picked up and the sunshine is always welcome! Please remember to apply sun cream to your child before school on sunny days, and I wish you all the best of luck in the great summer pursuit of convincing your child it is bedtime—even though it is still light!

Staffing Changes

Many of you may already know that Mr Cooper will be leaving us at the end of this year, as he embarks on a once-in-a-lifetime trip around the world! We hope he will be sending lots of photos back to school for us to share with you all.

Mr Noble has also shared his recent success in securing a new teaching position in Lymington. He will be taking up this new role in September, and we wish him the very best of luck in his new post. We will be seeking to recruit a new Year Lead for September and will keep you updated as this progresses.

Our Federation Site Manager, Mr White, will also be retiring at the end of this academic year. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him a very happy and well-earned retirement.

Mrs Pickering, who has worked across all our schools over the past few years, is currently supporting pupils with their learning across Copythorne and Netley Marsh. She will be working at Copythorne each morning and at Netley Marsh three afternoons each week.

Attendance

We would like to remind all families of the importance of arriving at school on time each morning. Being punctual sets a positive tone for the day and helps students establish good routines, which are essential for academic success and personal growth. When students arrive late, they miss valuable learning time, disrupt the classroom environment, and may feel rushed or unsettled. Consistent on-time attendance also supports the development of responsibility and respect for others—skills that will benefit students throughout their lives.

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring your child starts each day ready to learn. Although our gates are open from 8:30, our school start time is 8:45. Any child who arrives after this time, without prior consent/agreement, is recorded as late. Children who arrive after 9:00 without prior consent/agreement are marked as having an unauthorised session for school attendance. For more information regarding attendance, please see our attendance policy. [Click here](#)

Moving Year Groups

For children moving on to Bartley:

June 2nd, 3rd and 4th – Mrs Andrews (Year 3 Lead) and Bartley's SENCO will be visiting the federation schools to speak with teachers and visit each Key Stage 1 class.

Tuesday 10th June – Year 2 children will visit Bartley with a teacher from our school. This will involve an assembly and activity with Year 3 pupils.

Wednesday 25th June – Our teachers will meet with Bartley's Year 3 teachers to talk through each child, including next steps and learning behaviours.

Monday 30th June – Year 3 teachers from Bartley will be visiting the Oaks Federation and spending time in each class, observing teaching and thinking about pupil learning behaviours.

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July – Transition days (Year Two will visit Bartley in their new classes).

For children moving on to Abbotswood:

Transition Days (Year Two will be visiting their new class at Abbotswood):

Thursday 26th June – 9:30–10:30

Tuesday 2nd July – 9:30–11:00

Wednesday 3rd July – 9:30–2:15

Date TBC – Abbotswood SENCO will be visiting the Oaks Federation to discuss pupils' learning behaviours.

For our Year One and Reception children:

We will begin talking about changes within the school day and exploring the feelings associated with change. Teachers will start visiting our Reception classes more frequently to read stories. During the week beginning 23rd June, the children will receive a letter from their teacher for next year; we will email the same letter to parents that day so you can see what has been shared with your child. Your child will then spend the mornings of Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July in their new learning groups.

Class Reports

Class reports will also be sent to parents on Friday 11th July, summarising your child's learning for the year. There will be an opportunity to discuss these further, for those who wish to, after reports have been sent. More details on this will follow after you have received your child's school report.

Inter-Federation Sports

Thank you to all who were able to attend our inter-federation sports competition. For our Reception children, this was their first experience of an inter-federated sporting competition, and we hope a good time was had by all (spectating and participating alike).

As always, there was good competition for our children in Key Stage One. Copythorne came first in Year One and first place in Year Two went to Netley Marsh. Well done to everyone who took part!

Arbor

Thank you for your patience while we migrate to Arbor for our communications system. We have received really useful feedback, which is helping the schools to adjust the way we use this system. There have been a number of very particular/individualised bugs with our new system. Please do feed this back to the admin team, as it helps us to know what you are receiving from your end and work towards ensuring that our new system is as effective as we hope it will be.

Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that nut products must not be included in packed lunches, as we have children in school with severe nut allergies. **This includes items such as chocolate spreads and snack bars containing nuts.**

We appreciate your cooperation in following this important rule to help us keep all children safe.

"Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid nor be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9

Mark YOUR Calendar

26 th May – 30 th May	Half Term
Wednesday 4 th June	Year 1 Lepe Beach Trip
Wednesday 4 th June	Family Worship – All Welcome
Thursday 5 th June	Bumblebee Class Swimming
Friday 6 th June	Non Uniform – Bottle Donations Please
Monday 9 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 11 th June	Year 2 Lepe Beach Trip
Thursday 12 th June	Butterfly Class Swimming
Saturday 14 th June, 12–3pm	Forest Fest (Summer Fayre)
Thursday 19 th June	Butterfly Class Swimming
Thursday 26 th June	Butterfly Class Swimming
Wednesday 2 nd July	Family Worship – All Welcome
Thursday 3 rd July	Move Up Day
Friday 4 th July	Move Up Day
Thursday 10 th July	Butterfly Class Swimming
Friday 11 th July, 2pm	Year 2 Leavers Party – Parents Welcome
Tuesday 15 th July, 2pm	Leavers Service – All Welcome
Thursday 17 th July	Butterfly Class Swimming
Thursday 17 th July	Summer Party*
Friday 18 th July	End of Summer Term
Thursday 4 th September	Start of Autumn Term

*Please note change of date since previous newsletter

25/26 Inset Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – Safeguarding and Start of Year Updates
 Friday 24th October 2025 – Executive Functioning
 Monday 3rd November 2025 – Subject Leadership
 Friday 13th February 2026 – Executive Functioning
 Monday 1st June 2026 – Curriculum Planning