



# Oulton News

## News from Oulton First School

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Autumn 1: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Christian Value: Thankfulness

[Thankfulness - home learning resources](#)

### Weekly Attendance

C1: 95.3% C2: 94.1% C3: 94.5%

Whole school: 95.5%

Dear Parents,

Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Ford Green Hall this Wednesday and have added to their knowledge about the Great Fire of London. We have celebrated national poetry day this week with the theme of refuge. In worship this week, children in Class 3 shared the places that they seek refuge such as books, the garden, sea, dens and nature.

Mrs Elliott will be sending home data sheets today. Please check that all information is correct and return to school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Media permission sheets will also sent home in case there have been any changes.

### **Attendance Matters!**

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up! When a child misses 7 days a term, their overall attendance for the year will be 89%, reduced attendance means it is less likely for a child to achieve expected, and the best outcomes for them. Education is more than just a mark, it also offers children the opportunity to form relationships, build self-esteem, have fun and gain confidence, feel safe, achieve, belong and experience new things.

### **Young Minds Hello Yellow Day/ World Mental Health Day**

Next Tuesday we will be supporting World Mental Health Day and invite children to wear a yellow accessory to school if they wish. We will be holding a special assembly focusing on this theme. For further information [mentalhealth.org.uk](http://mentalhealth.org.uk)

### **PTFA Support**

All parents and staff at Oulton First School become automatic members of our association when joining our school. The PTFA meets on average every term and it is our commitment to organise events that are fun, enhance community relations and provide social entertainment for all of Oulton's community. At the same time, we are committed to

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raising funds for the benefit of our children. *We have a small team of committed members and desperately need more support in order to provide fundraising events...can you help?*

**AGM – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm, Crown Wharf, Stone.**

### **Harvest Festival**

We will be holding our Harvest Festival service at St. John's Church next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm and all families are invited to this event. We are supporting Stone Food Bank again this year so welcome donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries and cleaning products. They are currently short of tinned meats, milk and juice. Please bring your donations to the Reception area and put them in the box, which will be available throughout the week.

### **Flu Vaccines Reminder**

If you would like your child to have this vaccine, please complete the Microsoft Forms. The deadline for this is 9.10.23.

### **School Uniform**

Can you please ensure that your child's clothing is labelled and the clothing they bring home does belong to them. A number of parents currently have missing clothing.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

All clubs have successfully restarted this week. Please ensure Payment is made via ParentPay. Please ensure you collect your child promptly at the end of the session.

Monday	Choir	3.30-4.30	School hall
Tuesday	Yoga	3.30-4.30	School hall
Tuesday	Gardening	3.30-4.30	Outdoor area
Thursday	Football	3.30-4.30	Field
	Trekkers	3.30-4.30	Rainbow Room
Friday	Kung Fu	3.30-4.15	No session 6.10.23
		School hall	

### **Reception and Middle School Applications**

The online application process for Reception and middle schools will open on 1<sup>st</sup> November and can be accessed following this link [Staffordshire Online Admissions](#)

The open morning at **Christ Church Academy (CCA)** is on **Saturday 7th October, 10-12noon** and the open morning for Oulton is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 10-12noon.

**Please see diary dates below.**

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Melling

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### Diary Dates:

These dates are correct at the time of print but may be subject to change in which case we will inform you as soon as possible.

### Autumn Term 1 (4.9.23 - 27.10.23)

07.10.23 CCA Open Morning

10.10.23 Young Minds - Hello Yellow Day

World Mental Health Day (Mental health is a universal human right)

Flu Vaccines (PM)

11.10.23 PTFA AGM (The Crown Wharf, Stone) TBC

13.10.23 Harvest Festival @ St. John's Church (2pm)

16.10.23 C3 Derby Faith Trail

18.10.23 Family Worship & Bible Presentation to YR (2.15pm)

20.10.23 Inset Day

21.10.23 Open Morning (10-12noon)

24.10.23 Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)

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26.10.23 PTFA Disco (6-7pm)

27.10.23 Break the Rules Day

End of half term

30.10.23 - 03.11.23: School closed for half term

01.11.23 Reception place online applications open until 15.01.24

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