Summer Term 2026

Headteacher's End of Year Newsletter

Celebrating Our Incredible Year of Achievements!

As we look back on another brilliant academic year, I am filled with immense pride at everything our school community has accomplished. Our pupils and staff have worked tirelessly, and their dedication has led to some truly remarkable successes.

Here are a few of the high-flying highlights from this year:

Record-Breaking SATs Results
Our children have truly excelled academically this year! We are thrilled to announce that our latest SATs results are well above the national average. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the hard work, resilience, and determination of our pupils, as well as the unwavering support of our teaching staff and families. Huge congratulations to all our young learners!

School Games Platinum Award
We are delighted to have been awarded the prestigious Platinum School Games Mark! This highest possible level of recognition celebrates our long-term commitment to physical education, sportsmanship, and keeping our pupils active, healthy, and engaged in competitive sport.

Stockport Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark
Inclusivity remains at the heart of everything we do. Achieving the Stockport Dyslexia Award highlights our ongoing dedication to creating a supportive, accessible, and nurturing environment where every child regardless of how they learn is empowered to thrive and reach their full potential.

Fairtrade Schools Award
Demonstrating our commitment to global citizenship and fairness, our school renewed the Fairtrade Award again this year. Our pupils have shown wonderful empathy and leadership, learning about sustainability, global trade, and how our choices can make a positive difference.

OUTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
We care, we learn, we grow

Final note from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of another fantastic academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything our school community has achieved together. It has been a year packed with learning, creativity, laughter, and unbelievable growth across every year group.
On behalf of everyone at Outwood I would like to wish you all a lovely break, we hope that you get some family time together.

A Huge Thank You to Our Amazing PTA

Our school community is so much stronger thanks to the dedication of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). From organising unforgettable events like Outwood's Got Talent where our pupils blew us away with their incredible skills to putting on our fantastic Summer Fair, your hard work behind the scenes has been incredible.
The funds raised directly benefit our children, but just as importantly, these events bring us all together. Thank you to everyone on the PTA team and to all parents who attended, volunteered, or contributed!

Celebrating Our Extra-Curricular Clubs

At Outwood, we love giving children the chance to discover new passions through our thriving extra-curricular program. This year, our Coding and Lego Clubs inspired our budding engineers to build and program, The Culture Club expanded global horizons through art and tradition, and our Sporting Clubs saw young athletes showcase fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship in football and beyond. A huge thank you to the staff who give up their time to run these brilliant sessions

Attendance



Total attendance for the school year was 93.7%
The winning class was 5 with 94.6%
Well done!

The class attendance figures this year ended on:
EYFS: 94%
Year 1: 94.4%
Year 2: 92.6%
Year 3: 93%
Year 4: 93.8%
Year 5: 94.6%
Year 6: 94.56%

Fond Farewells & Good Luck to Year 6!

As the year ends, we say a heartfelt goodbye to **Mrs Javed**, **Miss Wheeldon**, and our fantastic **Year 6 leavers**. Thank you to Mrs Javed and Miss Wheeldon for their immense dedication to Outwood over the years. To our Year 6 pupils, it has been a privilege watching you grow into such kind and confident young people. We will miss you all dearly, but we know you will shine in high school. Please join us in wishing them all the very best for the future!

Welcome to the Outwood Family!

We are delighted to welcome three wonderful new staff members to our team in September. A warm welcome to **Miss Hill**, who will be teaching Year 3, and Mrs Southern who will be joining us to teach FS1 (Nursery). We are also excited to announce that **Mrs Patton** will be taking up a vital new role as our Senior Learning Mentor, where she will be dedicated to supporting our pupils' Social, Emotional, and Mental Health (SEMH). Please join us in giving them all a very warm Outwood welcome!

Some highlights from each class…..

EYFS



During our recent educational visit to the Manchester Airport Runway Park, children exclaimed "This is the best day ever!" For some children this was their first experience of the airport and they greatly enjoyed visiting the cabin of a plane where they could roleplay. The children were introduced to a range of different occupations that make air travel possible and dressed up as they completed pretend scenarios. They were even able to sit in the pilots chair in the flight deck! As well as having a great day, the children represented Outwood Primary School so well and we are all so proud of them - well done EYFS!



Year 1

What a year it has been for Year 1! One of our absolute favourite memories was diving into the magical world of Oliver Jeffers' story called 'Lost and Found'.

After getting to know the familiar story, the children let their imaginations run wild—writing a fantastic script to complete with their very own original characters and unique settings. But the magic didn't stop on the page! Using their wonderful creative skills, the children illustrated vibrant scenes and brought their writing to life by performing a group puppet show for a very excited audience.

Seeing their excitement, engagement, and pride as their stories leapt off the page and onto the stage was an unforgettable highlight for all of us!





Year 2

If you walked past the Year 2 classroom at 2:45 PM on any given Friday, you would hear a sound that didn't happen at any other time of the week: the sound of loud, rhythmic drumming of twenty pairs of hands flat on their desks...
It was Dojo Time.
For five days straight each week, Year 2 worked as a team to build points. Every time someone shared an answer, kept the book corner tidy, or helped a classmate, the smartboard would let out that familiar ding! and our little monster avatars would dance on the screen. But Friday afternoons were when everything culminates into a celebration of the fact that Year 2 had crossed the finish line together. It was the perfect proof that while our Dojo monsters all looked different, Year 2 are one single team.



Year 3



What a truly fabulous year it has been for Year3! We are so incredibly proud of all the children and how much they have grown, discovered, and achieved over the past year. A real highlight was seeing their faces light up during our celebration assembly, where they were thrilled to share their hard work with everyone. They especially loved showing off everything they've learned about Ancient Egypt - from mummies and pharaohs to amazing historical facts! Thank you for all your support this year in making their learning journey so special.

Year 4

Without a doubt, Year 4's standout memories this term have been their wonderful educational trips, which offered a brilliant mix of excitement and history.
Their adventures began with a funfilled morning at the theatre watching the Aladdin pantomime. The room was packed with laughter, music, and dramatic flair as the children cheered on the cast and immersed themselves in the theatrical magic.
Swapping the magic carpet for a step back in time, their visit to Quarry Bank Mill offered a powerful, hands-on history lesson. The children explored what life was truly like for Victorian child apprentices, discovering the grueling routines, long hours, and difficult conditions these young workers endured. It was an eye-opening experience that left a lasting impression, helping the children develop genuine empathy and a deep understanding of how tough daily life was in the past.





Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic year, one huge highlight was the residental to Robinwood. However in school, a stand out highlight was the sensational sizzling Fajitas that the children made!

Year 5 brought their Humanities topic on North America to a delicious finale this half-term by cooking up a storm in DT! The children rolled up their sleeves for a fantastic hands-on lesson, putting their culinary skills to the test. They safely sliced fresh vegetables using proper bridge and claw grips, combined vibrant ingredients, and learned how to balance spices for maximum flavour.

The classroom was filled with mouth-watering aromas, but the absolute highlight was without a doubt setting to sit down and enjoy their tasty creations. Well done, Year 5 chefs!







Year 6

Reflecting on our time together, it is almost impossible to pick just a single standout memory. We have had such an incredible year packed full of special moments, achievements, and non stop laughter!

However, if we had to highlight one particularly unforgettable day, it would undoubtedly be our class trip to the bowling alley, followed by a fantastic group meal. What made this day truly extraordinary wasn't just the strike filled competition and delicious food, but how we got there.

Over the course of the year, the children showed incredible determination, teamwork, and creativity to raise funds through their enterprise projects. Knowing that every roll of the ball and shared bite to eat was funded entirely by their own hard work made the celebration infinitely sweeter. It was the perfect way to reward their dedication and celebrate everything we have accomplished as a class family.



Notices – please read:

School times	The school doors will open at 8.40 with the school day beginning at 8.50am. The school day ends at 3.20pm – these times are the same for all classes.
Uniform	Details of our uniform policy are on the website at https://www.outwood.stockport.sch.uk/page/uniform/54545. Correct uniform must be worn at all times - no trainers or brightly coloured socks/tights. Hoodies are not acceptable.
No jewellery	From September we will be operating a strict no jewellery policy. If the ears are newly pierced and they cannot be removed parents/carers will need to put a plaster over the earrings for health and safety reasons otherwise children will be asked to remove them.
Absence from school	If your child is not in school, please phone us on the first day of absence to explain the reason on: 0161 4371715 and try to avoid appointments during the school day, if this cannot be avoided we will require a copy of the appointment card or letter. If we do not know why your child is in school this will be classed as an unauthorised absence which may lead to prosecution.
Naming of property and personal items	Please name all clothing and personal items brought into school. We always have so much lost property that is unnamed which makes it very difficult to return to its owner. Together we need to encourage our children to take responsibility for their belongings.
Free School Meals	If you are in receipt of benefits, please apply on-line via SMBC's website for Free School Meals, even if your child is receiving a Universal Free School Meal (free meals provided for children in FS2, Year 1 & Year 2). School will then receive additional funding to help your child/children. Please ask at the school office for help and advice in this process.
Paid School Meals	The cost for school meals is increasing to £2.83. Children in FS2 (Reception), Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Therefore paid meal's are only from Year 3. The autumn term menu will be on the school website.
Breakfast Club (Paid and Free provision)	Please don't forget that Outwood is the only school in Stockport offering free breakfast under the Government's new free breakfast club initiative. It opens at 8.15am and there is no need to book, if you arrive earlier than this time you will be charged as we are still be offering our paid breakfast club for those who need an earlier provision. This continues to be open from 7.30am at a cost of £4.00.
AfterSchool Club	Our Afterschool club is open Monday to Thursday from the end of school to 5.30pm. Please note that this has now changed from 6.00pm back to 5.30pm. The cost per session is £7.50
Asthma inhalers and prescription medicines	Please let us know immediately if your child is prescribed an inhaler. Please remember that school can only administer prescription medicines. These must be handed directly to the school office with a completed medical form.
Online secondary school application deadline	A reminder to parents that the deadline for Secondary School Applications is the 31st October.
Site Safety	To ensure safety on the school grounds, we kindly ask that children and adults dismount from bikes and scooters at the school gate and not ride them in the playground. Also dogs are not permitted on the playground even if being held.
Healthy Snacks & Water Bottles	EYFS and KS1 continue to be provided with free fruit via the National Fruit Scheme. Therefore a snack does not need to be brought in from home for these children. The children in KS2 should only bring in a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables or they can buy a snack from our healthy tuckshop. Please only send in a clear reusuable water bottle filled with water and not juice due to the affects of this on teeth.

School Communications & Office Systems Reminder

Confused about the different ways we communicate to parents and carrers? See the list below for clarification:			
School Spider	School Spider is our home – school correspondence system. Our school website contains lots of useful information too. In addition to the website, you can also download the 'School Spider' app (select Outwood Primary School) to give you quick access to the newsletters and parent login which we use for Parents Evenings and surveys. As a cashless school, we use School Spider's online payment system which can be used for school trips, wrap around care, school events, nursery fees etc.		If you would like to contact us via email, we have a number of email addresses. For same day responses always use the admin email address. Mrs Maude: headteacher@outwood.stockport.sch.uk Mrs Penwill (Mon-Tues School Business Manager) Mrs Schofield (Weds-Fri School Business Manager) businessmanager@outwood.stockport.sch.uk Mrs Moon Admininstration Officer: admin@outwood.stockport.sch.uk
SchoolGrid	Our school meals are provided by TLC. School Grid is their online ordering and payment website which enables you to pre- order your child's meals in advance and arrange payment directly to TLC where necessary. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 benefit from Universal Free School meals, so please take advantage of this by encouraging your child to try our school meals service.		Our Reception and Nursery children use the Portfolio section of Dojo as an Online Journal to add observations and photographs of your child for you to view from home. Parents and carers are also encouraged to add details of special moments or activities linked to the curriculum.
	This is how is or main messaging platform. Please make sure that you have the ClassDojo app with your notifications turned on so that you don't miss any important messages. Each week teachers share information and photographs about what your children have been learning.		

Our Socials	
 	Did you know you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram? These are both active social media sites so please do like and share our posts to boost the search and promote the school. This is where we showcase our children's amazing learning. The same information will be shared across these so pick your platform and sign up! Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OutwoodPrimary Instagram https://www.instagram.com/outwoodprimary/

Outwood Primary School

Academic year dates 2026/2027

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School holiday
Bank holiday
Term time
In-service day for all staff - School closed to pupils