Summer 1 Term 2026

Headteacher's Termly Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of Summer Term 1, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you. Your continued support whether through attending school events, helping with homework, or simply ensuring your children arrive ready to learn is what makes our school community so special.

We have had an incredibly busy and inspiring half term filled with wonderful achievements across all year groups. On behalf of everyone at Outwood, I wish all of our families a restful and happy half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for our final half term of the school year on Monday 8th June.

Here are a few highlights but please have a look at our socials to see even more exciting events that have taken place this term and beyond!

Please save the date! We are looking forward to our PTA summer fair when we return!



OUTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We care, we learn, we grow

A few highlights and some key information...

Multicultural Day

We are incredibly proud of our diverse school community. This term we held our first Multicultural Day where we celebrated the rich variety of backgrounds, languages, and traditions represented here at Outwood. It was a beautiful day filled with cultural learning, yummy food and shared stories. Thank you to all of our parents who got involved in such a great day.

Fairtrade Week

We are really excited to share that we have achieved the Fairtrade Award again this term. The Fairtrade Council led the way by leading an assembly about global sustainability and ethical trading during Fairtrade Week. Children across all year groups have participated in activities that highlighted how our choices impact farmers and workers worldwide, promoting social justice and ethical consumerism.

Year 5 Residental

An unforgettable adventure was had by our Year 5 pupils on their residential trip to Robinwood! The children had so much fun and developed independence, conquered outdoor challenges, and built fantastic lifelong memories through teamwork and problem-solving.

Well done Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils worked tirelessly to prepare for their official SATS assessments, which took place this half term. We are incredibly proud of their determination, focus, and mature attitude throughout the week. They truly gave it their absolute best!

Attendance



Total attendance for the school year so far is 94.15%
Our target is 96%

The class attendance figures so far this year are:

EYFS: 94.3%
Year 1: 94.2%
Year 2: 92.1%
Year 3: 93.3%
Year 4: 94%
Year 5: 94.7%
Year 6: 95.9%

Mental Health Week

Mental health and well-being remain at the heart of our school values. During this dedicated week, the children took part in mindfulness workshops, discussions, and activities designed to give them practical tools to look after their emotional well-being and support one another.

Our Champion Chef

We are so proud to announce that our chef Colin has secured a well-earned place in the School Chef of the Year (SCOTY) national final this term. The competition's focus is on producing nutritious, delicious meals for primary school pupils. We wish him the very best of luck in July...although he is already a winner to us!

Goodbye Mrs Billing

Yesterday, we said a very fond farewell to Mrs. Billings as she officially retires. We want to thank her for her immense dedication, warmth, and hard work during her 18 years at Outwood Primary School. She has made a lasting impact on so many of our children and will be missed dearly by staff and pupils alike. We wish her the absolute best of luck, good health, and every happiness as she begins this exciting new chapter of her life!

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What has been happening this term…….

In EYFS

EYFS have reflected on the concepts of peace and conflict and pondered the question: how can we work together? Our magic storybox delivered us tiny caterpillars that we have nurtured as a class throughout their journey of metamorphosis. The children have developed their skills of categorising and sorting insects as well as developing their scientific vocabulary. They have also reflected on their own growth as they prepare for the next stage of their school journey in Reception or Year One. The children celebrated our fantastic learning this half-term with a Bug Ball! Well done everyone for all your hard work.







In Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about The Windrush generation and all about Floella Benjamin and her experience as a child through the picture book, Coming to England. They have been very creative and enjoyed creating collages inspired by the Caribbean artist Brianna McCarthy.

In maths, they have been learning about fractions - one half and one quart. In art, they have explored printing and have printed natural and man-made objects and have created their own printing block using string, glue and cardboard.

The children have enjoyed reading the story That Rabbit belongs to Emily Brown and have produced some fantastic writing around this.





In Year 2

This half term, Year 2 have been enjoying their maths. They have been learning about fractions and are becoming more confident finding fractions of numbers. They have also been collecting data in the form of pictograms. Year 2 are loving their explorers topic. They have been learning about explorers, past and present and will continue to learn about this in the next half term, our final term in Year 2!



In Year 3





What an incredibly fast-paced and wonderful half-term it has been! Time has absolutely flown by, and we could not be prouder of how fantastic the children have been. Their energy, enthusiasm, and deep engagement with their learning have shone through every single day. A particular highlight of the last few weeks was our eye-opening project on "fast fashion," where the children explored the real-world impact of the clothing industry. They tackled this complex topic with maturity and creativity, culminating in a fantastic design session where they created their own t-shirts featuring powerful Fairtrade messages. It has been a truly inspiring half-term!

In Year 4





This term the Year 4 children have taken part in a lot of fun and exciting learning! Children have carried out experiments in science for their topic of states of matter. They have also practised their coding skills looking at the topic of repetition in games as part of their computing learning. The children have also continued learning how to play flutes in their music lessons.

In Year 5



Year 5 have been keeping active! They were lucky enough to be invited by Stockport County to Edgeley Park this week to take part in an exciting sports day. The children spent a memorable morning playing directly on the professional pitch, where they truly rose to the occasion. Throughout the various events, they displayed fantastic teamwork and exemplary sportsmanship, representing the school with pride while enjoying the incredible experience of being in a stadium. They have also linked up with Cheetham Hill CE Primary School this term as part of our School's Linking Project where the children have completed some joint learning about identity and made some great connections.

In Year 6

All of our Year 6 children do us proud! They all work so hard and this half term the children have had only one thing on their mind: SATs. The children worked their socks off and did us proud. We celebrated the end of SATs with ice cream and, even better, found out what our production will be! As we go into their last half term at Outwood, the children are even more excited to showcase their acting and singing skills, looking forward to their residential, and lots of exciting end-of-year things. They truly deserve a well-earned break!



Reminders – please read:

School times	The school doors 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 ... Correct uniform must be worn at all times - no trainers or brightly coloured socks/tights. Hoodies are not acceptable.
No jewellery	No jewellery: especially no earrings for P.E! 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 £2.75 per day (£13.75 per week). Children in FS2 (Reception), Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Therefore, paid meals are only from Year 3. The menu is on our website.
Breakfast Club (Paid and Free provision)	Please don't forget that Outwood is the only school in Stockport offering free breakfast club, to all school aged children under the Government's new free breakfast club initiative. It opens at 8.15am and is proving to be popular with our families. You don't need to book, just come along! 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 £4.50.
After School Club	We operate an after-school club to assist with your childcare needs. This is open Monday – Thursday, until 6pm at a cost of only £7.50. Sessions can be booked in advance or on the day using your School Spider account.
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 nursery place application deadline	A reminder to parents and carers that the deadline to apply for a nursery place in September 2026 is 31st March 2026. Visits ahead of this date can be arranged with the school office. Here is the link for applications: https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/apply-for-a-maintained-nursery-place.
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 tuck-shop. Please only send in **a clear reusable water bottle filled with water** and not juice due to the effects of this on teeth. **Following NHS & LA guidance we are now a NUT AWARE school – therefore no snacks can be brought into school which contain nuts.**
Contact Details	Please ensure that you inform the school office if there is a change to any of your contact details, many thanks.

School Communications & Office Systems Reminder

Confused about the different ways we communicate to parents and carers? 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 - Administration 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/

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* Provisional dates awaiting governors ratification

Date *	Summer Term 2025: Monday 8th June – 24th July 2025
Monday 8th June	School reopens for summer term
Tuesday 9th June	Book Club for Year 5 & 6
SATURDAY 13TH June	Outwoods Summer Fair – 1pm – 3pm
Tuesday 16th June	Book Club for 3 & 4
Wednesday 17th June	Year 2 – Legacy Trail Bramhall Park
Thursday 18th June	Great Science Share for Schools
Friday 19th June	Year 4 Trip to Quarry Bank Mill
Friday 19th June -22nd June	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 24th June	New Starters 2026 – Reception and Nursery Transition Night
Monday 29th June -pm	Year 4 Class Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 30th June -am	Year 3 Class Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 1st July	SHAPES KS2 Spirit Olympics – (select children)
Wednesday 1st July	EYFS Class Celebration Assembly
Thursday 2nd July	Year 6 Transition Day
Thursday 2nd July – AM	Year 5 Class Celebration Assembly
Thursday 2nd July – pm	Year 2 Class Celebration Assembly
Friday 3rd July – am	Front Row Assembly
Monday 6th July – 10th July	Sports Week – PE KITS to be worn ALL WEEK
Monday 6th July	Martial Arts Workshop
Tuesday 7th July	Book Club Year 5 & 6
Wednesday 8th July	FS1 Nursery Sports Day
Thursday 9th July - AM	KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 9th July – PM	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 10th July	Whole School Colour Run
Monday 13th July – Thursday 16th July	Transition Week
Tuesday 14th July	Book Club for 3 & 4
Wednesday 15th July	EYFS Trip To Manchester Airport Runway Park
Thursday 16th July	KS2 Water Safety Assembly
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Production 6 – 7pm
Monday 20th July	'Go All In' Reading Workshop – Years 1 – 5
Tuesday 21st July	Silent Disco's
Thursday 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Friday 24th July	PTA Break the Rules Day
Friday 24th July	Celebration Assembly
Friday 24th July	LAST DAY of TERM

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Outwood Road, Heald Green

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