

# **Oughtrington Primary School**



### **Newsletter Friday 5th September 2025**

As we embark on a new academic year, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our returning families and a special greeting to those who have recently joined our school community, particularly our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) parents. It is a joy to see the children's smiling faces and to witness how smart they look in their uniforms, ready for a year of learning and exploration.

This morning our Head girl/ boy and Deputies introduced themselves to everyone in our whole school praise assembly. They were confident, well-prepared and made a great start to their new roles.

The 2025/2026 academic year promises to be yet another busy one with lots of exciting opportunities on offer for all our children. If you would like to find out about some of the things your child will be learning this year, please visit the curriculum tab on the school website or use the following link: <a href="https://www.oughtringtoncps.co.uk/page/year-group-overviews/117382">https://www.oughtringtoncps.co.uk/page/year-group-overviews/117382</a> for year group overviews.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We are excited about the year ahead, filled with learning adventures and personal growth. Together, we can ensure that your child has a fulfilling and enjoyable experience here at Oughtrington.



#### Year Ahead

Please see the attached document, which gives you key events and important dates for this academic year.

#### School Meals

Dear parent/carer

Please be advised that the cost of a school meal is set to increase from £2.80 to £3.05 per meal from 1st of October 2025. This will result in an overall weekly increase of £1.25 per child.

This does not affect children accessing Free School Meals. The government continues to support the universal infant Free School Meals (FSM) project and this means that all children from reception, year 1 and year 2 will be provided with a school meal free of charge. Any child in years 3-6 can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. To find out if you are eligible, please visit: <a href="https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals">https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</a>\*

The council has been subsidising the service over the last few years to try and keep the cost of a meal down. However, increases in food and staffing costs mean that we unfortunately have no option but to increase the price of a school meal.

The three weekly rolling menu detailing each day's main course and dessert, with the additional daily offer of a vegetarian option and jacket potato will remain in place. The school meals service will continue to provide a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises. We will continue to offer theme days, treat lunches and inviting families to join children for special lunches through the year.

\*If your child is eligible for means tested free schools meals you could also be eligible for other funded support, such as <a href="Household Support Fund">Household Support Fund</a> (funding for food and utility bills) and <a href="Holiday Activities and Food">Holiday Activities and Food</a> (summer holiday free activities and food). There are also other financial support schemes available, which you can find on the council website: <a href="harmonic warrington.gov.uk/localsupportscheme">warrington.gov.uk/localsupportscheme</a>

Regards

School Meals Management

#### Values

As we embark on this half term, I wanted to take a moment to discuss the important values we will be focusing on: mutual respect and kindness. These core values are vital not only for creating a harmonious classroom environment but also for helping our children grow into compassionate and understanding individuals.

Mutual respect forms the foundation of our interactions, whether within the classroom or beyond. It encourages our children to appreciate and celebrate differences, fostering a sense of belonging and inclusivity. When children learn to respect one another, they are more likely to collaborate, share ideas, and support each other in their learning journey.

Kindness is equally essential, as it promotes empathy and understanding among peers. When we encourage kindness, we help our children recognise the impact of their actions and words on others. Small acts of kindness can create ripples of positivity, making our school a better place for everyone.

To support these values, please take a moment to read the attached posters with your child and discuss examples of when they can show our core values at home and in school.

#### Dickensian

We are excited to let you know that the Lymm Dickensian Christmas Festival is taking place on Saturday 13th December. If you would like to join us, we will be taking part in the parade in Elf outfits. More details for timings and location will be sent nearer the time. The organisers have requested volunteers to be marshals during the parade. We have been advised that the marshals can walk in the parade with school but will be required to attend a briefing beforehand and wear a high-viz. If this is something that you are able to support with, please contact the school office. Many thanks.

## Clubs







