

Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School

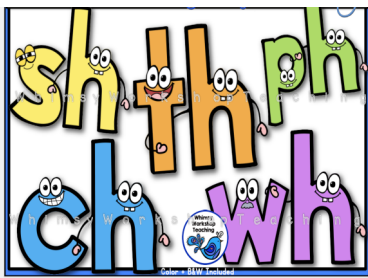


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Friday 24th May 2024

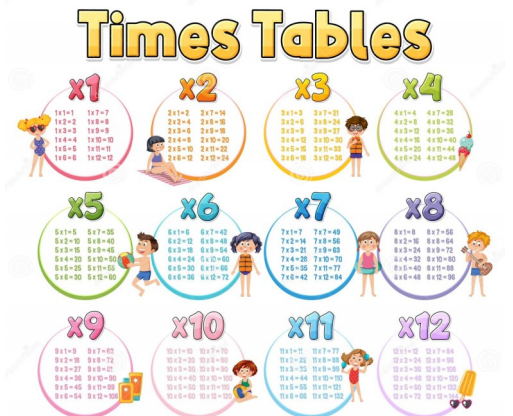
Dear Overleigh Family,

It's been a short, yet very busy, half-term at Overleigh. Our Year 6s are to be commended for their exemplary approach to their SATs tests. They have all been really supportive to each other and have all given of their very best in everything that has been asked of them. Thank you to all the children for their wonderful efforts, and to the parents, carers and teaching staff who have supported them throughout the build up/revision process and during test week. We look forward to continuing to support our Y6s in the remaining time at the school, both academically and socially, in being ready for the next stage of their education.



It is now the turn of our Year 1s and Year 4s to follow that lead and excel in their phonics and times tables tests respectively. Please keep up your reading skills over the half-term, particularly if you are in Year 1/2 and keep firing

those multiplication questions to our Year 4s so they are both in the best possible place to achieve to their highest standard.



There are also a lot of lovely events upcoming in the Summer Term including Sports Days, our Y6 performance and leavers' service, a number of trips, our last few class assemblies and our Nursery Graduation afternoon, which was extremely popular last year. Plus lots of other opportunities across other year groups. All notifications surrounding these key dates will be sent by class teacher/phase leads, some of which will appear on the newsletter itself but also please keep an eye on SCOPAY.



We also would like to remind our Year 5 parents that the final date for booking a place on the Barnstondale Residential in Autumn 2024 is fast approaching. We will send out a reminder and reach out to those who have not yet confirmed in the first couple of weeks after half-term, in case anyone has changed their mind and would like to have their name down. We still have places left that we can offer based on the initial interest shown. Parents can still pay this off on SCOPAY in instalments if they wish to do so rather than having a lump sum at the end.

There was a delightful turn out in green to support our mental health and wellbeing week. There are more photos and details about this later in the newsletter, however it was great to see the Overleigh Community once again demonstrating their togetherness behind such a worthy campaign.



School has also been full of delicious looking cakes today ready for our PTA cake sale. Thank you to everyone who has contributed through either baking cakes or buying them to help raise funds. Ziggy has had an eye on them all day!

Can we please remind everyone of the importance of conforming with school uniform expectations in Summer Term. This relates not just to tops, shirts, shorts, trousers, skirts and dresses but also to footwear. It is essential that footwear follows the school uniform policy as this is an area that sometimes slips in the Summer Term with a particular reminder that trainers are not acceptable.

Attendance continues to be a major focus in education. This week we had our register attendance inspector in school, who informed us of areas that we must focus on to improve areas of attendance.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS

Firstly, LATE ARRIVALS were highlighted as a key area.

There are a number of children who are still persistently late, including some children who have had over 40 late marks. We now have to record the reason if a child is late and this reason must come from the parent/carer who is dropping them off. Therefore, if your child arrives at school after 8.50am in the new half-term, or thereafter, then the adult accompanying them to school must ENTER THE INFORMATION into the screen in the main school entrance.

Anyone arriving at school after 9.00am will be recorded as 'U' for unauthorised and if there are 10 or more 'Us' in a consecutive period, then this can lead to financial penalties. We have been advised that we must issue these from next half-term where applicable.

So please remember, the advice given today:

- School opens at 8.40am
- Registration is taken at 8.50am. After this your child is late.
- After 8.50am the adult accompanying the child to school must supply a reason for the child being late. This must be entered in the screen in the main office area and the child will be marked as late.
- If your child arrives at school after 9.00am then this has to be marked as unauthorised.
- 10 or more unauthorised in a consecutive period of time can lead to a financial penalty being applied.

If you know that you are arriving late every day, then please try your best to alter your morning routine to allow for that extra time to not impact on school attendance.

If there is good reason for your child arriving late then please provide evidence (ie:- medical appointment card) of this or let the school know the day before where possible.

Secondly, there are still a number of children with VERY LOW ATTENDANCE

There are still a number of children whose attendance is considerably below national expectation. Please remember that we cannot authorise holidays in the school term time and that we are obliged to inform you of attendance that is falling below expected. Again, this can lead to financial penalty. Please help us to avoid this and work with us to improve your child's attendance.

Lastly, we are extremely grateful that the vast majority of our children have '0' late marks and are at least matching good attendance expectations. Thank you for this and for your support in ensuring that this is a consistent factor for your child.



Overleigh has been very lucky to have a lot of children join us during the last half-term or so, many who have moved into our community. They have all settled in beautifully and we have been delighted with the impact they have made. Welcome to Overleigh and long may you remain with us.

Unfortunately, we also have a few children who are leaving us to return to other countries during the half-term. They have all been an absolute credit to our school and their new schools are so lucky to be having them join. We wish these children and their families all the very best of luck for the future and you know that you will always be in our hearts at Overleigh.



We hope that everyone has a lovely, peaceful break, that the sun shines and that you all arrive back at school safely on Tuesday 4th June.

In love and peace,
Miss Emma Drew

DATES FOR THE REST OF TERM: (Please see later on for upcoming Class Assemblies)

Monday 3rd June	INSET Day for Staff
Tuesday 4th June	First Day Spring 2 Values Day: Trust
Friday 7th June	Y3 Trip to Liverpool Museum
Friday 14th June	Y4 Trip to Deva Roman Museum
Week of 24th June	Sports Day Events
Monday 8th July	Healthy & Safe Week Includes Relationship & Sex Education
Wednesday 17th July	Y6 Leavers' Performance
Friday 19th July	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Tuesday 23rd July	Last Day of Term 2.15pm Finish

Class Assembly Dates:

All at 2.30pm on Tuesday (unless stated) in the main school hall.

Tuesday 11th June:- YR Minim Class

Tuesday 18th June:- YR Crotchet Class

Thursday 11th July:- Nursery Graduation Day Assembly 2.00pm in the Nursery Outdoor Area.



Marathon Wonders

Well done to all the Overleigh children who completed the Chester Children's Marathon or Fun Run on Sunday 19th May. We were so proud to see the children with their medals proudly around their necks on Monday morning. Some children had also completed the run for charitable causes which was delightful to hear. You are all running superheroes.

Dates For 24-25

Monday 2nd September	INSET Day for Staff
Tuesday 3rd September	First Day of Autumn 1 Values Day: Christian Love
Wed 4th-Fri 6th Sept	PSHE Themed Days Begin Again
Mon 14th-Thurs 24th Oct	Zoom Parents Meetings
Thursday 24th Oct	Last Day Autumn 1 3,20pm Finish
Friday 25th October	INSET DAY SCH CLOSED
Monday 4th Nov	INSET DAY SCH CLOSED
Tuesday 5th Nov	First Day Autumn 2 Values Day: Hope
14th & 15th Oct	Anti-Bullying & Anti-Harassment Focus Days
Friday 20th Dec	Last Day Autumn 2 2.15pm Finish
Monday 6th Jan	INSET Day for Staff
Tuesday 7th Jan	First Day Spring 1 Values Day: Respect
Friday 14th Feb	Last Day Spring 1 3.20pm Finish
Monday 24th Feb	First Day Spring 2 Values Day: Integrity
Friday 4th April	Last Day Spring 2 2.15pm Finish
Wednesday 23rd April	First Day Summer 1 Values Day: Service & Stewardship
Friday 23rd May	Last Day Summer 1 3,20pm Finish
Monday 2nd June	First Day Summer 2 Values Day: Thankfulness
Tuesday 22nd July	Last Day Summer 2 2.15pm Finish
Wednesday 23rd July	INSET SCHOOL CLOSED

Safe Driving and Parking



Please can we remind all drivers who are accessing school via Old Wrexham Road and parking in front of school to be particularly conscious of driving safely. We have had a number of close calls this week involving a black BMW and a white BMW on Old Wrexham Road, one of which resulted in a parent's arm being knocked by a car, that was accessing either our school or the high school. We realise that there is a lot of traffic, pedestrians and cyclists in those areas but therefore it is essential that everyone is showing the maximum care and attention when driving.

In light of this, could we request that all parents dropping off, or picking up, in front of school, arrive in good time to drop their children off and are not rushing in at the last minute.

Alongside the high school, we will be communicating with police any irresponsible driving to help ensure the safety of all pedestrians and cyclists accessing our school grounds.

Thank you for your support with this as we all realise that the safety of our children and parents is paramount in our everyday thinking.



Wear It Green Day

Everyone made a real effort for Wear it Green Day on Friday 17th, helping us to raise awareness of mental health and raise money too.

Our school 'Wellbeing Warriors' helped to collect donations and have lots of ideas for resources to buy for school. Thank you for your support!



Secrets to Success

Remember to try and complete all 6 challenges and then you will be invited to a special awards ceremony in July to celebrate your achievements.



If you need more information, ask your class teachers.

Friday Certificates 17.05.24



Class	Value	Comment
Crotchet Miss Evans	Hope	Griff has been awarded the star of the week for Hope this week. He has shown great resilience with his phonics and has been working hard at home to blend his words with learnt digraphs and trigraphs. This has helped with his reading which has become quicker and more fluent. It is great to see all your hard work paying off Griff
Minim Miss Burns	Wisdom	Oaklee has been really trying his best this week to show Wisdom through the good choices we can make in line with our school values. Oaklee has began to develop a strong sense of what is right and what is wrong and demonstrated how we can make great choices. He has been following instructions wonderfully, sitting on the carpet ready for learning time as soon as an adult asks and shown lots of enthusiasm for our Silly Doggy writing!
Ballad Mrs Birchall Mrs Barnes	Integrity	Amr can always be relied upon to make fantastic choices within the school environment. He has a great attitude to learning and is always ready to listen on the carpet. He enjoys phonic sessions and showcasing his skills during reading sessions. Well done
High Note Miss Hunter	Thankfulness	This term Lidia has shown great effort when completing her work. She has been paying attention to detail, making sure her handwriting is beautiful and her drawings are fabulous - Lidia is very creative and loves Art, creating stories and making things. This week she has been doing great teamwork, preparing for our class assembly making science posters - Making sure everybody got a turn. Well Done Lidia!!
Melody Miss Morgan	Integrity	This week's nomination is to Elijah for Integrity. I am so pleased that Elijah has been trying so hard to stay focused and on task. His maths recently has been particularly impressive. I am also extremely proud that Elijah now puts his hand up to share his
Glissando Miss Griffiths Mrs Jones	Wisdom	Muhammad has been really focusing on his writing this term. He has earned his pen licence after working hard on his handwriting. He has also produced some brilliant pieces of writing. Well done, Muhammad!
Harmony Miss Holdstock Miss Odunaiya	Peace	Star of the week is Logan for the value of peace. Logan joined Overleigh just a couple of weeks ago and has been a joy to teach. He's made lots of friends and settled in beautifully to life here at Overleigh. Well done!
Maestro Miss McFaul	Wisdom	Ivy has been trying her best to focus and concentrate on her work this week. The work that she has written in her English lessons especially, is evidence of the excellence she can produce when she tries her best. Her handwriting and use of capital letters and full stops in all her work has improved due to her determination. I'm very proud of her. Keep up the fantastic work, Ivy!
Note Miss Noakes	Friendship	The star of the week in Note class is Olivia for the Christian value of friendship. Olivia has lots of good friends in the class but she particularly impressed me this week with her friendly nature during our team building session with Chester Community Trust. The children were asked to partner with someone they wouldn't normally work with and Olivia threw herself into the challenge, working brilliantly with lots of different children. Well done, Olivia.
Maestoso Mr Mander	Hope	This week I am nominating Joel for hope. Joel has been making a particular effort in PE recently. He is joining in, working well in small groups and has a can do attitude! Well
Pizzicato Mr Pillow	Integrity	The nomination for Pizzicato class this week is Alfie Coleman for integrity. I have been really impressed with the maturity and hard work Alfie has demonstrated working in different groups recently. He has worked hard with different children helping his groups
Allegro Miss Axam	Integrity	Elle has made a big effort to settle into her new class. She is showing great pride in her work and actively listening to the teaching and learning, therefore producing some
Joyeux Miss Jones	Wisdom	As always, Devon has been extremely focused in school in preparation for her SATs. She has been trying extremely hard in each lesson and participating regularly in discussion or answering questions. She has used her knowledge in English to create a fantastic adventure narrative, which was exciting to read. Well done Devon, you have
Heptatonic Mrs McGoldrick Mr Skinner	Integrity	We are so proud of Charlie's attitude towards his work in recent weeks - and our SATs tests this week. He is motivated to try his hardest and is facing the challenges with positivity. Well done Charlie - keep it up!
Finale Mrs Dickson Mrs Flanagan	Wisdom	Sav has really impressed us with her attitude to learning over the past few weeks, especially in English lessons. She has been thinking meticulously during both the planning and writing stages of her adventure narrative, whilst taking on a very mature and conscientious attitude to editing and improving her own writing throughout.

Friday Certificates 24.05.24



Class	Value	Comment
Crotchet Miss Evans	Integrity	Corey is always focused in phonics lessons which show in his phonics writing. He understands his number bonds to 20 well and should be so proud of his overall progress this term. Always choosing to make the correct choices, he understands wise and unwise decisions which links to our value of wisdom for this half term. Well done Corey
Minim Miss Burns	Integrity	Nicholas makes his own decisions when he knows something is not quite right and chooses to make good choices in line with our school rules. We are really proud of how Nicholas has come on with his reading and writing this term, he has been trying his hardest to hear each and every sound in a word before he writes it down - allowing him to accurately spell words. Each day you keep making your teachers proud and I am confident you will keep this up next term in preparation for Year 1!
Ballad Mrs Birchall Mrs Barnes	Integrity	Esme for an AMAZING attitude to learning. Esme consistently works hard and puts every effort into all aspects of the curriculum. She is a hard working and conscientious girl and a delight to have in the classroom. She always tries to complete all the challenges and extensions during lessons. Well done Esme, what a great term you have had. We are very proud of you.
High Note Miss Hunter	Thankfulness	Darcey is always ready to learn, she shows respect to her class friends and all adults around school. During learning, Darcey always has her hand up to answer questions and her independent work is beautiful. I could have given Darcey one of every badge it was hard to decide on the value!! Darcey is a super hard worker and always tries her best, she is kind and helpful to all of her friends. Well done - Darcey! Keep up the hard work - you are nearly ready for Y2!
Melody Miss Morgan	Integrity	This week's nomination is to Eva for Integrity. It is a great pleasure to award Eva with this award as she is simply just an outstanding pupil to have in Melody class. She is always hard working, compassionate, respectful, caring, and so much more. Eva is a perfect role model to have at Overleigh, and I could not be prouder to have her in my class. Never stop being you!
Glissando Miss Griffiths Mrs Jones	Wisdom	Eva is such a fantastic role model, she always shows integrity by making the right choices, helping others and trying her best. She has been working really hard on her writing this half term and we are so proud of her. Well done Eva!
Harmony Miss Holdstock Miss Odunaiya	Wisdom	Star of the half term is for Alfie for the value of wisdom. Alfie has been working exceptionally hard all year in all subjects which has had a positive affect on his learning and I am very proud of him. He has also recently received his pen licence for taking such great care with his handwriting which is very well deserved. You are a great friend and always put a smile on everybody's face including mine! Well done, Alfie! You are a star!
Maestro Miss McFaul	Compassion	Throughout the term, Kyla has been showing compassion to everyone she meets. She has been a fantastic helper around the classroom, helping her friends when they find something difficult to understand and supporting her table group to gain stars by following our classroom rules. Kyla has also been showing herself compassion by learning that's it's okay to ask for help when it's needed and remembering that all practice brings progress. Keep up the fantastic work superstar!
Note Miss Noakes	Compassion	Celeste is always kind and compassionate towards other children in the class and also towards adults in school too. Celeste's friendly and good-humoured nature means that she can always bring a smile to our faces and she is a brilliant part of Note class. Well done, Celeste!
Maestoso Mr Mander	Hope	Marie is always a fantastic role model in class. She always listens in class and has made amazing progress in her work across all subjects. She has developed in confidence throughout this year and is really starting to fly. She will be sorely missed when she moves back to Germany but I know that, with her attitude to work, her friendship skills and her general positivity, that she will continue to soar. We will miss you Marie!
Pizzicato Mr Pillow	Respect	We have all be impressed to see how well Mauro has been listening in class in recent weeks and how hard he has worked to actively take part in lessons always trying to contribute.
Allegro Miss Axam	Wisdom	Ruby impresses us everyday with her attentiveness and her excellent efforts in her work. In every single lesson she engages with the learning and motivates other students around her to do the same. She stands out as there never seems to be a lesson where she takes it easy. Ruby is a brilliant role model to others in the school. Well done Ruby.
Joyeux Miss Jones	Integrity	Alex is a fantastic pupil to have in the class. He will always ensure he is doing the right thing and encourages others to do the right thing. Alex comes into school every day with such a positive attitude towards his learning and any activity he completes. Alex is certainly a role model to others around him! Well done Alex, keep up the amazing work!
Heptatonic Mrs McGoldrick Mr Skinner	Wisdom	Please can we nominate Liam for wisdom... he has worked so hard this year and we are so proud of the progress he has made. He has grown massively in confidence and progressed well in all areas of the curriculum. You were so ready for SATS and are so ready for high school. We are so proud of you Liam!
Finale Mrs Dickson Mrs Flanagan	Integrity	Mert always does the right thing in and out of the classroom, even when nobody is watching. He is an absolute joy to teach and can always be relied on to set a positive example to those around him. He has had a fantastic year in year 6 and we are very proud of him.

Nursery



It's been a week of sunshine and showers in Nursery this week. Tasting honey and splashing in muddy puddles!



Year R

In Reception, we have been busy learning about artist Georges Seurat and pointillism. We made our own sunflower art inspired by him using tiny dots to create a bigger picture. We have also planted our own sunflower seeds and can't wait to



Year R

Reception have been enjoying the sunshine by having our snack outside.

Wearing Green for 'Mental Health Awareness Week'.

"We need to look after our minds just as much as our bodies"



Year R

A special shout out to Mabel and Avie from Minim class and Monty and Isla from Quavers class for completing the Chester fun run on Saturday!

They were helping to raise money for their special friend with Miochondrial Disease and raised enough money for a brand new chair and activity frame.

Wow, what an achievement! We are so proud.

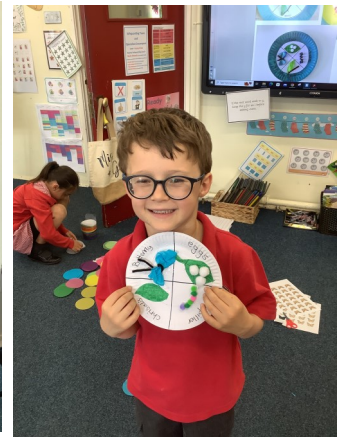


Year 1

In Science we have been busy learning all about our senses, we have enjoyed exploring the tongue and taste and learning all about touch with our skin.



Year 2



In science we have been learning about different life cycles. We have been lucky enough to have real caterpillars in our classroom to observe their life cycle closely. After the butterfly emerged from its chrysalis we realised them into the playground.



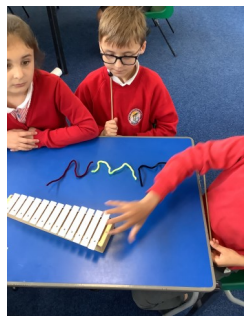
Year 3

We have a really enjoyed this half terms unit of making clay dragon eyes in art. We practised lots of different skills like rolling, pinching and carving before making our final design.

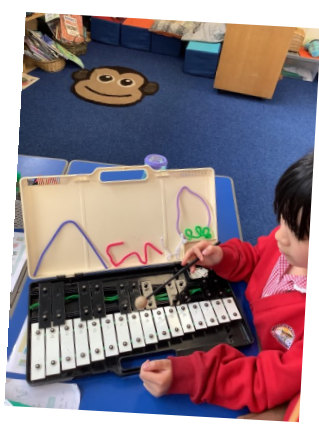
What do you think of them?



We made a model of a flower and labelled the parts and how they were important for the life cycle of a plant.



Music has been all about replicating every day sounds. We have made music that sounds like sounds at a park and created our own graphic scores using pipe cleaners.



Year 4



This half term, the children in Year 4 have been starting to learn to play the violin. They have all shown such enthusiasm for the instrument and have acted respectfully and with maturity towards our violin teachers. Well done Year 4 on such a great start to learning



In Science, we have been observing pond life! We explored some pond water and found duckweed, tadpoles, water fleas and even leeches. We then classified and sorted the plants into different categories.



As part of mental health week, child participated in some team building activities with Cheshire Community Trust. The children had great fun and learnt that exercise makes us feel better.



Year 5

As part of our science work learning about the life cycles and habitats of different living animals the children in Year 5 have had a go at dissecting eggs.



As part of our DT work we have made lunches fit for a Viking. It was a lot of fun making and then testing the Viking lunch.

Year 6

Year 6 celebrated the end of SATs week by receiving their 2024 Leavers' Hoodies! Here are some group photos of us showing off our amazing hoodies!

