Monday 14th September 2026

Dear Oak Class Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Oak Class! The children have settled back into school brilliantly and it has been lovely hearing about their fun-filled summer holidays. There is already so much going on – we have hit the ground running!

The start of the new school year is always busy, so please can I make you aware of the following:

- We understand that Year 1 can feel like a big step up from Reception, especially as there is less learning through play. We work hard to make this transition gradual and supportive for all children. While the structure of the day becomes a bit more formal, I am committed to ensuring that there are still meaningful opportunities for learning through play, especially in the early part of the year.

- Just like last year, we ask that children are heard to read **AT LEAST** 3 times a week at home and could their books and reading records come to school daily. This way we can monitor progress and change books when necessary. Reading regularly has such a positive impact in every area of a child's learning, so your support would be much appreciated. All children are required to read R.W.I scheme books twice, to aid their fluency of sight word recognition. Children will also pick and take home a **'book to share'** every week. This is a book of a higher reading level that can be read to and shared with your child.

- This year, your child will also be expected to complete 15 minutes of Doodle Maths each week. This can be done all at once or spread out over the week to suit your routine. Your child's login details have been stuck into their reading journal and a letter has already gone home with instructions on how to get started. The activities will reflect what we have been learning in class.

- Finally, the children will also receive 5 spellings a week, 4 relating to their phonic learning for the week and 1 of the Year 1 Common Exception Words. These will be stuck into reading records every **Friday** and buddy spellings will take place the following Friday. Beginning **18.09.26.**

- P.E. is on a **Monday** this term. Please could children wear the correct kit (Longvernal P.E. t-shirt, black shorts or sports trousers and daps/trainers) to and from school on this day.

- Forest school is on a **Wednesday.** Forest sessions will take place regardless of the weather (unless extreme) so please can you ensure your child is wearing the appropriate items of clothing: long sleeve tops and trousers. If you haven't already done so, please can you make sure that your child has brought their Forest Kit and wellies to school and they are both **NAMED.** Please note it is extremely difficult to provide spare Forest Kits for individual children, so please ensure your child has got their wellies and waterproofs for Forest Sessions.

- Finally, please could you provide the office with an up to date 'approved pick up list' for your child, which we can update in records. This should include anyone who may be likely to pick your child up at the end of the day. For safety reasons, I will not let your child go home with anyone who is not on the list or been discussed with either myself or the office prior to pick up, regardless of whether the child knows the person or not. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

As always, if you have any worries, concerns or notices, please do not hesitate to speak to me before or after school or alternatively, you can contact me via email through the office. I will endeavour to reply, talk to you or set up a meeting if needed. As always, thank you for your continued support. I am really looking forward to a brilliant year and watching the children flourish in Oak Class.

Best wishes,
Daisy Love