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#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

As we approach the end of the academic year, we have been looking back over what has been a very successful term. The last few weeks have been packed with events, visits and visitors and here are just some of the recent highlights.

# **Year 4 Sailing**

Year 4 had a fantastic time learning to sail at Hunters Yard, Ludham! We are very grateful to Hunters Yard for offering the children this opportunity and we look forward to visiting them again next summer.





# Music and Art Week 2025

The children thoroughly enjoyed our recent Music and Art week, where they took part in a wide range of creative activities based on the musical piece 'The Carnival of Animals'. Together, they have created a stunning mixed media large artwork, which is already hanging in the Academy. We are so proud of all the children who performed at our Summer Showcase Concerts too – what a talented bunch they are!









### **Summer Fayre**

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support our recent Summer Fayre. It was a lovely occasion and we were delighted to raise £ 1240.00. This money will be used towards resources and events for the children next year.

# **Sponsored Walk**

The children really enjoyed our recent Sponsored Walk and we were thrilled to raise £3800.00! We have met with our School Councillors to listen to their ideas regarding new play equipment and will be ordering lots of new resources for the children in enjoy in September. Children from Nursery through to Year 6 will benefit from the new resources and we look forward to sharing some photographs with you next term.

# **Cliff Park Nursery**

The opening of Cliff Park Nursery has been a tremendous success and we are delighted with all that has been achieved over the past six months. It has been such a pleasure to see our first cohort of pupils make so much progress since joining us in January and to see them confidently prepare to make their transition into reception.

We are very pleased to have secured some additional funding to develop the Nursery further. Over the summer, we will be adding a large canopy to the garden to provide shade in hot weather and to ensure that the garden can be enjoyed by the children in all weathers, throughout the year.

Over October half term, the Nursery Garden will undergo a complete transformation with the addition of new flooring, a climbing structure, a water wall, a brand-new mud kitchen and much more besides – we are excited to see the children enjoying the new space over the coming months!

Spaces at the Nursery are filling up quickly so please contact the academy office if you would like to find out more.







# **Celebrating our Year 6 Leavers**

We have been celebrating the achievements of our Year Six pupils over the past few days. We are enormously proud of all the children as they have worked so hard throughout the year and have grown in so many ways. We know that they will move on to their new schools with confidence and have bright futures ahead of them.

As part of our Leavers' Assembly, we celebrated the sharing of our Annual Awards. Within each category, we celebrated two pupils who were 'highly commended' as well as an overall winner. Selecting pupils for these awards was extremely difficult as all the children have been fantastic throughout the year.

This year's awards went to:

Award	Winner	Highly Commended	Highly Commended
Outstanding Achievement in English	Emi	Teddy	Harley
Outstanding Achievement in Maths	Siya	Henry	Guilherme
Outstanding Overall Academic Achievement	Macy	Henny	Finley
Inspirational Learner	Olivia T	Leo F	Paige
Outstanding Effort and Resilience	Rylie	Alen	Herbie
Outstanding Achievement in Sport	Leo H	Freddie	Finnley M
Outstanding Achievement in the Arts	Jonah	Juan	Zhirou
Outstanding Ambassador for the Academy	Asha	Chloe W	Darcey

#### **Year 6 SATs Results 2025**

We were delighted to receive our latest results, which show that our Year 6 pupils have, once again, performed above the national standard in all curriculum areas.

The children demonstrated maturity and a commitment to doing their absolute best and we are so pleased that the efforts have been reflected in their excellent results and progress.

Test	National result	OCPPA result
Maths	74%	85%
Reading	75%	84%
GPS	73%	81%
% Writing	72%	73%
% Reading, Writing, Maths	62%	71%
combined		

# Year 6 Leavers' Trips

Our Year 6 pupils have really enjoyed their final weeks at OCPPA! They have recently visited the Hippodrome Circus, Wellington Bowl, been sailing on the Broads, enjoyed a beach trip and barbecue. Perhaps the highlight was their trip to London's West End to see the musical 'Matilda'. We hope that they will leave the academy, not only with knowledge and skills but with many happy memories, friendships and values that will stay with them forever.



# **Staffing Update**

As the academic year draws to a close, we are saying farewell to:

Miss Murdoch, who will be leaving us to begin her teacher training in September. We are so proud of Jayne for completing her degree whilst working full time and wish her every success with her next venture!

Mrs Pitcher (formerly Mrs Denniss), who will be retiring at the end of this term. Karen has been such a wonderful member of our team for over 18 years, supporting the children in the classroom and on the playground as well as in Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs too. We know you will join us in wishing her every happiness as she begins her well-earned retirement.

We are also welcoming back some familiar faces:

We're delighted to be welcoming Miss Cunningham back to Year 4 in September.

We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs Lord after the birth of her baby last year. She will be returning to the Year 5 Team in September.

# Returning to the academy in September

#### Arrival at school

A reminder that Monday  $1^{st}$  and Tuesday  $2^{nd}$  of September are Professional Development Days, when the academy will be closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday** the  $3^{rd}$  of September.

On this morning, reception parents will take their children directly to their classroom doors (and collect from the same place). Staff will be available to show you where to go.

Children in Year 1 & 2 will line up on the KS1 playground, where they will be greeted by their new teachers. Parents and carers are welcome to come onto the playground and wait with your until they go into their classrooms on the first morning. From Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September, parents will take children straight to their classroom doors for drop off and pick up.

Children in Years 3-6 will line up on the KS2 playground, where they will be greeted by their new teachers. Parents and carers of children in Year 3 are welcome to come onto the playground and wait with your child until they go into their classrooms and may continue to accompany them for the remainder of the first week (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of September). From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September parents and carers will then drop the children at the front gate, so they can walk in independently thereafter.

We would ask that parents of pupils in Year 4,5 and 6 please drop the children in the usual place at the front gate **from the start of term** and the children will make their way onto the playground independently on the first morning. We will have plenty of staff on hand to ensure that all children are supported to find their new teacher on the first morning. From Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of September, children in Year 4,5 and 6 will walk straight into school as usual.

#### Collection

After school, children in reception and KS1 will be collected from their classrooms and children in KS2 from the designated places on the KS2 playground.

We will ask you to update the list of people with permission to collect your child in September if there are any changes. A reminder please that only pupils in Year 6 for whom we already hold permission will be allowed to walk home by themselves at the start of the new term. We will provide Year 5 parents with the option to give their permission in September and Year 5 pupils will need to continue to be collected until we have received a completed permission form. A polite reminder too that pupils in Year 5 & 6 are not permitted to take responsibility for collecting their younger siblings.

#### Uniform

We politely request that all children return wearing the autumn/winter uniform (including shirts and ties for KS2) from September. Academy jumpers will not need to be worn if the weather is still warm. All children will need to wear smart black school shoes please. Children will continue to come into school in their kit on PE days and these will be shared with you at the start of term. Please refer to our uniform policy for further details.

# **Welcome Reading Cafes**

We would like to invite parents and carers to our Welcome Reading Cafes in September. These will provide an opportunity to meet your child's new year team and to join them in a reading based activity. These will take place in Years 1-6 (please see dates below). For children in reception, we will be offering 'Stay and Play' sessions a littler late in the term, once the children have had time to settle into their new classes and routines.

Year 6	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 2	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 5	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 4	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 1	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 3	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September

All events will take place from 9.00am-9.45am

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to thank our pupils, families and staff for making our academy such a special place. Whether you are moving on to new adventures or returning after the holiday. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Watkins

Principal