Every Moment Matters

Welcome to the Oakway Academy Parent Newsletter – 06.11.2026

Important Dates for your diary

Parents evening –
9th and 10th December – Early Years to Year 5

Open morning for September 2027 Reception intake – Tuesday 10th November at 9.15am

OFSTED

As you will be aware, OFSTED inspectors have been on site on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November. The visit was anticipated and in line with their schedule for reinspection. I'm sure you will appreciate that **staff at Oakway are unable to share any feedback** from the visit until the full report has been quality assured and released to the general public. We will share this with you all via Parentmail at our earliest opportunity. The published timeline from OFSTED gives a timeframe for the release of the full report at 30-35 working days after the visit ends.

I am thankful to parents and carers who took the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings with the inspection team, either via the feedback form or through conversations on the playground.

What I can say at this time, on behalf of myself and the entire staff at Oakway Academy, is that we are incredibly proud of the community that we are building and the work that we do to support the young people who come to the Academy.

Over the past few days, we have had reassurance that your children are thriving.

Welcome, Oakway Nursery

We are pleased to announce that after a successful transition process, the staff and children at Oakway Nursery have officially joined Oakway Academy. We have enjoyed a strong working relationship with the Nursery for many years, and we look forward to an exciting future together.

E-Scooters

Before the half term holiday, whilst on their journey home, a child from Oakway was seriously injured by a member of the public on an E-scooter.

We encourage all parents and carers to speak to your children about e-scooter safety.

- ☐ If your child owns or uses an e-scooter, make sure you understand where they are riding it and whether this is legal.

- ☐ Make it clear that privately owned e-scooters must not be ridden on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes.
- ☐ Talk to your child about the risks of speeding, weaving through traffic, riding near pedestrians and using an e-scooter in poor weather or low visibility.
- ☐ Reinforce the importance of never using a mobile phone or headphones in a way that prevents them from concentrating on their surroundings.
- ☐ Discuss the dangers of carrying passengers on an e-scooter.
- ☐ Please do not purchase or provide an e-scooter for your child to use illegally on public roads or pavements.
- ☐ If your child currently uses an e-scooter as a method to travel, please consider an alternative, legal and safer method of transport.

Our priority working together as a team (The Academy and home), is the safety and wellbeing of every student. We do not want to see a young person seriously injured, or a family facing legal or financial consequences, because the risks associated with e-scooter use were underestimated.

We appreciate that parents and carers play a crucial role in reinforcing these messages, and appreciate any help and support you can give in advance.

Changing Weather – Appropriate Clothing

As the weather changes, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately with coats, hats, and gloves for all weather conditions. Children will be enjoying an active outdoor lunchtime even in a little bit of rain.

Important: Please ensure all items of clothing and school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name or initials.

HELP! - OPAL Donations Needed: We are currently looking for donations of "Small World" toys and dress-up items to support our OPAL play sessions. If you have any items to spare, please drop them off at the school office!