

Headteacher's Termly Newsletter



Just some of the highlights of 2024!



We achieved the prestigious Primary Science Quality Mark Award which recognises the exceptional science learning that takes place at the school



Outwood has continued to be a strong part of the local community!



For the 3rd year running Outwood has retained its Gold Sports Mark Award for outstanding sporting activities both in and outside of school!

Outwood Primary School is beaming with pride as we celebrate our achievements in SATs and phonics!

	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21
Reading	81%	74%	32%	28%
Writing	87%	72%	25%	32%
Spaen	84%	73%	46%	34%

Y1 PHONICS: 100% MEETING THE REQUIRED STANDARD AT OUTWOOD PRIMARY
Y1 PHONICS: 80% MEETING THE REQUIRED STANDARD - NATIONAL AVERAGE



We care, we learn, we grow

Update from the Headteacher

2024 has been another successful year at Outwood! We are so proud of all that our children achieve and the way that they embrace our ACORN values in all that they do, whether that be in the classroom or representing the school in activities outside of school. Many of these are shared on our socials so please have a look, the details to access these are below.

Our motto 'we care, we learn, we grow' is evident more than ever as the children have continued to excel in their learning with all year groups who have to sit statutory tests such as SATS and phonics achieving some of the best results in the country!

I hope that you have enjoyed joining us in our festive celebrations this month. Thank you for supporting our many events such as the Christmas Fair and the children's performances. The EYFS and KS1 children shone in their nativity performance of The Apprentice and the KS2 carol concert at St Catherine's Church was amazing. The children sang beautifully and it was lovely to see them share Christmas poems that they had written themselves. Our youngest children in school really enjoyed sharing their Christmas sing along with their families this week and having a special visitor join the event too! As we move into 2025, I am looking forward to seeing even more future successes of our aspirational and gifted children.

After School Club is extending it's hours!

As from Monday 27th January we will be extending this provision until 6pm. More details will follow in the new year.

Attendance



Total attendance for the autumn term was 93%

The winning class was 5 with 95.1% Well done!

The class attendance figures this year so far is:

- EYFS: 91.2%
- Year 1: 90.3%
- Year 2: 93.4%
- Year 3: 94.8%
- Year 4: 91.2%
- Year 5: 95.1%
- Year 6: 93.4%

Online Safety Hub

The Online Safety Hub is a brand-new online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online as a parent/carer:

<https://stockport.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

It includes information on the latest hot topics when it comes to keeping children safe, such as how to manage your child's screen time, understand the latest gaming platforms, what they mean for your child's safety and lots more. We are also in the process of updating our website with further information on how to keep our children safe online, so watch this space!

Welcome back Miss Wheeldon!

We are really happy to be welcoming Mrs Wheeldon back to Outwood in January. She will be rejoining the EYFS team as due to the increased numbers of children joining EYFS we now need an additional teacher.

I would like thak you all for your continued support in 2024 and to wish you a lovely festive break on behalf of all at Outwood and see you all on the 6th January 2025!

Attendance Matters!

We love it when you're in school! Regular attendance is the most important thing that can help your child with their learning and to develop strong friendships. Parents are responsible for getting their children to school every day on time but as a school we have a duty to ensure good attendance and we regularly monitor individual pupils. Our school attendance target is 95%. If your child isn't here, they can't learn. The attendance policy can be found on the school website.

Illness: If your child is ill, it is your responsibility to contact the office on the first day of absence to let us know the reason.

Emergency Medical Appointments: Routine appointments should be made after school hours or in the holidays. Please inform the office if your child has an emergency appointment.

Observance of a religious festival: Please inform school if your child is off school due to a religious festival.

Holidays should be taken during the 13 weeks of school holidays over the year. Term time holidays will not be authorised and may lead to you being issued a Fixed Penalty Notice (EPN). Please ensure that you and all other family members refer to this when booking holidays, as absences for holidays are unauthorised and penalty notices may be issued.

Penalty Notice Fines

From the start of the 2024-2025 school year, the government has created a new system of escalating penalties. These new rules mean that:

First Offence: The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or unauthorised irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence: The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or unauthorised irregular attendance in relation to the same child the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

Third Offence and any further offences (within 3 years) The third or subsequent time an offence is committed in relation to the same child for term time leave or unauthorised irregular attendance within three years of the first fine, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and instead the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' Court fines can be up to £2500 per parent per child.

Reminders!

Start of the school day: All children need to be in school by 8.50am as this is when external gates will be closed promptly. If the gates are closed then please sign them in at the main entrance. Doors open at 8.40am.

Punctuality: Please make sure that children are in school before 8.50am when school starts. Regularly arriving late to school is unsettling for your child and can have a negative impact on their engagement in school life which can also lead to feelings of stress and anxiety.

Site safety: To ensure safety on the school grounds, we kindly ask that children and adults dismount from bikes and scooters at the school gate and not ride them in the playground.

Healthy Snacks: EYFS and KS1 continue to be provided with free fruit via the National Fruit Scheme. Therefore a snack does not need to be brought in from home for these children. The children in KS2 should only bring in a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables or they can buy a snack from our healthy tuckshop. We aim to work in partnership with parents and carers and so are very grateful to have your support in the healthy eating standards we have adopted.

Parking: Our local residents are politely requesting parents/carers to park sensibly and safely when dropping off children. We have received numerous complaints about cars being parked on double yellow lines and also blocking driveways belonging to our neighbours. For the safety of all members of our school and local community, please walk to school where possible. If it is absolutely essential to drive then please consider where and how you park your vehicles so that it does not endanger our children or inconvenience others.

Water bottles: Please only send in clear reusable water bottle filled with water and not juice due to the affects of this on teeth.






School uniform: Please check the school website for full details. This includes wearing black shoes and not trainers except for P.E.

P.E kits: should be non branded.



No jewellery: especially no earrings for P.E (if the ears are newly pierced and they cannot be removed parents/carers will need to put a plaster over the earrings for health and safety reasons).

School Communications & Office Systems

Confused about the different ways we communicate to parents and carers? See the list below for clarification:

	<p>School Spider is our home – school correspondence system. Our school website contains lots of useful information too.</p> <p>In addition to the website, you can also download the ‘School Spider’ app (select Outwood Primary School) to give you quick access to the newsletters and parent login which we use for Parents Evenings and surveys.</p> <p>As a cashless school, we use School Spider’s online payment system which can be used for school trips, wrap around care, school events, nursery fees etc.</p>		<p>If you would like to contact us via email, we have a number of email addresses. For same day responses always use the admin email address.</p> <p>Mrs Maude: headteacher@outwood.stockport.sch.uk Mrs Penwill (Mon-Tues School Business Manager) Mrs Schofield (Weds-Fri School Business Manager) businessmanager@outwood.stockport.sch.uk Mrs Moon Administration Officer: admin@outwood.stockport.sch.uk</p>
	<p>Our school meals are provided by TLC. School Grid is their online ordering and payment website which enables you to pre- order your child’s meals in advance and arrange payment directly to TLC where necessary. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 benefit from Universal Free School meals, so please take advantage of this by encouraging your child to try our school meals service.</p>		<p>Our Reception and Nursery children use the Portfolio section of Dojo as an Online Journal to add observations and photographs of your child for you to view from home.</p> <p>Parents and carers are also encouraged to add details of special moments or activities linked to the curriculum.</p>
	<p>This is how is our main messaging platform. Please make sure that you have the ClassDojo app with your notifications turned on so that you don't miss any important messages. Each week teachers share information and photographs about what your children have been learning.</p>		

Our Socials

 	<p>Did you know you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram? These are both active social media sites so please do like and share our posts to boost the search and promote the school. This is where we showcase our children’s amazing learning. The same information will be shared across these so pick your platform and sign up!</p> <p>Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OutwoodPrimary</p> <p>Instagram https://www.instagram.com/outwoodprimary/</p>
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Spring Term 2025: Monday 6th January – Friday 11th April

Monday 6 th January	School reopens for the spring term – Happy New Year!
Tuesday 7 th January	Year 1 parents evening
Tuesday 14 th January	Year 6 parents evening
Wednesday 15 th January	Year 6 parents evening
Thursday 16 th January	Taster Lunch Day – all children invited to lunch
Thursday 30 th January	Year 6 SATS meeting for parents and carers (3.30pm)
Monday 3 rd February	Children’s Mental Health Week begins
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term break
Monday 24 th February	School reopens for the spring 2 nd half term
Thursday 27 th February	Thumbs Up Thursday (8.30 – 9.15am)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 14 th March	Year 5 Residential to Robinwood
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief
Monday 7 th April	Parents evening begins for all classes
Friday 11 th April	School closes for Easter break



WINTER

Holiday Clubs!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: LASER TAG, RUGBY, HOCKEY, ARCHERY, DODGEBALL, BASKETBALL, DANCE, AXE THROWING, GYMNASTICS, LACROSS, ARCHERY, CRAZY GOLF, TENNIS, KURLING, CRICKET, GLOW IN DARK DODGEBALL, ULTIMATE FRISBEE, TABLE TENNIS, CHEER & MORE! *

*sports are random per day

EARLY BIRD
SPECIAL
10%
DISCOUNT
ENDS
02/12/24

Cheshire



HURDSFIELD PRIMARY,
MACCLESFIELD, SK10

9am-1pm

PAID: 23RD & 24TH DEC
2ND & 3RD JANUARY
£15 PER DAY

FUNDED: 23RD & 24TH DEC/ 2ND & 3RD JAN (9AM-1PM)

Stockport



OUTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL,
HEALD GREEN, SK8

9am-3.30pm

PAID: 23RD & 24TH* DEC
2ND & 3RD JAN
£20 PER DAY

FUNDED: 23RD & 24TH* DEC/ 2ND & 3RD JAN (9AM-1PM)
DAY EXTENSION AVAILABLE TO 3.30PM

BOOKING &
SIBLING DISCOUNTS
SEND accessible
contact to discuss

LIMITED FREE PLACES

*eligibility criteria applies
SNACKS & LUNCH INCLUDED FOR FUNDED PLACES.

In partnership with HAF #HAF2024:



*FESTIVE PARTY
24TH DEC
ONLY £15
COLLECTION 1PM

Cheshire



CLEDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL,
MIDDLEWICH, CW10

9am-3.30pm

PAID: 23RD & 24TH* DEC
2ND & 3RD JAN
£20 PER DAY

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Manchester



SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS
MORE, WYTHENSHAW, M22

9am-3.30pm

PAID: 23RD & 24TH* DEC
2ND & 3RD JAN
£20 PER DAY

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www.sportscoolcheshire.org/holidayclubs
bookings@sportscoolcheshire.org

FUNDED PLACES MUST NOW BE BOOKED THROUGH YOUR RESPECTIVE COUNCILS BOOKINGS SYSTEM

FULL INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

PAID PLACES AND DAY EXTENSION SHOULD BE BOOKED DIRECTLY

Ages 5-11

