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Dear families,

It has been absolutely lovely to see everyone back after the summer break — the school has come alive again with the smiles and laughter of our children. A very special welcome to all our new families joining the Oakmeadow community; we’re so pleased to have you with us.

We’ve had a fantastic first week, filled with happy children, productive learning, and a real sense of excitement for the term ahead. Thank you for helping make the return to school so smooth and positive.

We’re also pleased to share that The Beeches pub has kindly extended its complimentary parking to 30 minutes, allowing parents extra time to drop off and pick up children safely and conveniently. We’re very grateful for their continued support of our school community.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Colour Run last term. We’re delighted to announce that we raised an incredible £731.18 for each of our three chosen charities: Children’s Cancer UK, The MND Association, and The Friends of Oakmeadow PTA. What a wonderful achievement — your generosity and enthusiasm made it all possible!

This bulletin looks a little different this week containing a few reminders to help the year run smoothly, please particularly note the importance of updating Arbor. Thank you! We will include important dates for the term next week. Here’s to a joyful and successful term ahead.

Warm regards,
Samantha Hill



REMINDERS & NOTICES:

• **School lunch menu:**

The week commencing 8th September we will be on **Week 1** of the Spring/Summer 2025 menu.

• **Important: Update Your Child’s Details on Arbor**

Thank you for your feedback about communication. To make things simpler and more accurate, we are asking all parents to **update their child/ren’s details on the Arbor app**.

From **Monday 8th September**, we will use Arbor as our main source of information, including:

- Permissions for walking home (Year 5/6 only), along with other permissions
- Dietary and medical information
- Key contacts

Updating Arbor helps us:

- Avoid sending duplicate Microsoft forms
- Reduce errors from manual input

Quick steps to update:

1. Log in to the Arbor app (or via a web browser).
2. Select your child’s profile.
3. Review and update **Medical, Dietary, Permissions, and Contacts**.
4. Save any changes.

If you have any issues using Arbor, please email admin@oak.mmat.co.uk

Grants and Funding update:

Tesco Stronger Starts Grant

We are delighted to share that we have been successful in securing a **Tesco Stronger Starts Grant** for our sustainability project.

Our aim is to bring together the wider community through our allotment area, helping children (and families) learn about the food web—from planting and growing, to managing food waste responsibly and sustainably.

How you can help:

Voting will run from the **first week in October 2025 until mid-January 2026** in the Tesco stores listed below:

- **4464** Shrewsbury Pride Hill Express, SY1 1DP
- **5332** Shrewsbury Extra, SY1 4HA
- **6631** Shrewsbury Ditherington Express, SY1 4BD

The project with the most votes in the region will receive **up to £1,500**, with runners-up receiving between **£500–£1,000**.

Please support us by casting your vote when shopping at one of the above stores and encouraging friends and family to do the same. Every vote will make a big difference!

Thank you for your continued support.

Bargain Booze on the Parade

We are delighted to announce that Bargain Booze has generously donated £75 towards bedding plants and vegetable plants for our school planters and allotment. We are very thankful for their support and encourage our school community to show their appreciation in return.

Tesco Supporting Our Local Community

A huge thank you to Tesco at Battlefield, who have kindly donated £250 worth of cereals, milk, and other breakfast club essentials.

Their generosity helps us continue to deliver free breakfast club sessions, and we are truly grateful for their support.

Help Us Improve Our Sensory Outside Area!

We're excited to develop our sensory outdoor provision to give the children an inspiring space to learn, explore, and play. To make this happen, we're asking for your support. If you're a tradesperson who could offer time, or if you're able to donate materials or resources, we would be so grateful. Every contribution—big or small—will make a real difference.

We've included some photos of the ideas we're working towards, so you can see our vision for the space.



If you're able to help, please email admin@oak.mmat.co.uk for the attention of Lisa Oliver
Thank you for supporting our school community! 💜

Free School Meals:

If you think your child is eligible for Free school meals then please follow this link and apply online:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/>

If you have any questions regarding Free School Meals the school office would be more than happy to advice you as best as possible.

