



Headteacher Update

2026 - 2027

General Update

I cannot believe how fast the summer holidays have gone and it is time to welcome you to the 2026 – 2027 school year. If you are returning for another school year, welcome back and if you are joining Old Basford School (OBS) for the first time, welcome to our wonderful school.

Within this letter, I wanted to share some general information, reminders and updates ahead of starting back at school on Thursday 3rd September.

Dates

The term dates can be found on the school website: [Old Basford School - Term Dates](#). I will also be sending home Autumn Term dates within the next week or so to hopefully allow you enough notice for events happening in school.

	Start Date	End Date	INSET Days
Autumn 1	Thursday 3 rd September	Friday 16 th October	Tuesday 1 st September Wednesday 2 nd September
Autumn 2	Tuesday 3 rd November	Friday 18 th December	Monday 2 nd November
Spring 1	Monday 4 th January	Friday 12 th February	
Spring 2	Monday 22 nd February	Thursday 25 th March	
Summer 1	Monday 12 th April	Friday 28 th May	
Summer 2	Monday 7 th June	Tuesday 27 th July	Friday 25 th June Wednesday 28 th July

Class Teachers for September

Miss Ahern – EYFS Leader	Nursery (F1)	Miss Rosindell	
	Foundation 2 (F2)	Class 1 - Miss Singh	Class 2 - Miss Ahern
Mrs Kelly – Lower School Leader	Year 1	Class 3 – Mr Ross	Class 4 - Mrs Kelly
	Year 2	Class 5 – Miss Chauhan	Class 6 - Mrs Smythe
	Year 3	Class 7 – Mrs Baguley (M-W) & Miss Booth (W-F)	Class 8 - Miss Beard
Mr Harper – Upper School Leader	Year 4	Class 9 - Mr Brown	Class 10 - Miss Tarlowski (T – F) & Mrs Heywood (M)
	Year 5	Class 11 – Mr Harper	Class 12 – Miss Marrow
	Year 6	Class 13 - Miss McCulloch	Class 14 - Miss Strathmann

Mrs Heywood - SENDCo	Willow	Miss Burrell	
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School Uniform

We try and make sure our school uniform is accessible and affordable for all families and we do ask that your child is dressed in the correct active school uniform each day. All uniform **MUST** be named, we cannot be responsible for lost items that are not named.

If you wish to purchase any jumpers or cardigans for the start of the school year, the school office will be open on Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September from 1:00pm – 3:30pm. Information about school uniform can be found on the school website: [School Uniform Information | Old Basford School](#). The school office has been restocked for the new year with all sizes but once it is gone, all branded uniform will need to be ordered online, as we will no longer be supplying items.

If there are any children not in correct school uniform pupils and parents will be reminded of the expectations

Your child each day will need to bring a named water bottle and small bag for their reading book and diary. Please can we ask that children do not bring large bags as they are hard to store in school on pegs and can get damaged and cause health and safety risks when they fall to the floor.

Your child can wear a combination of any of the clothing shown below on all 5 days of the week. There is no separate PE kit.

- Plain black: joggers, tracksuit bottoms, fitted leggings, PE shorts (at least mid-thigh length) or PE skorts
- White polo T-shirt (with a collar)
- One school-branded top: **jumper, cardigan, fleece or sports top**
- Plain black trainers including black logos/branding

			
White polo tshirt	Plain black trainers	Plain black joggers	Plain black sports shorts
			
Plain black cycling shorts	Plain black leggings	Plain black PE skort	Plain black or white socks

			
Jumper	Cardigan	Fleece	Sports top

No thank you to:

- Hoop or dangly earrings
- Smart watches that have internet connection or ability to take photos/recordings
- Unnecessary use of pimple patches
- Open toed sandals, flip flops, crocs or any other type of current fashionable footwear
- Heeled shoes/boots
- Large hair accessories (bigger than a fist)
- Fashion trends such as make up, nail varnish, colour hair extensions, hair dye, tattoo transfers, fashion haircuts (this list is inclusive but not exhaustive)
- Coloured trainers
- Branded/logo clothing

OPAL

As we head into our third year of being an OPAL school and being accredited as a '100% Platinum award winning OPAL school', we are very excited about opening up more of the school grounds, as well as having new 'loose parts' to get creative with. If your child would like to access these 'muddier' spaces, **they will need some wellies in school.** We have designated year group storage sheds for these wellies, as well as some 'spare wellies' in the welly library. Please make sure your child's wellies are named so we can keep them in school. If you have any out grown adult or child wellies, would be appreciated them being donated to school as spares. Within the first few days, all children who previously had wellies in school will try them on and either move them to their new year group shed or bring them home if they are too small.

As a reminder, we do also play outside in **all weather** so please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather each day; it is always worth checking the forecast for rain even on a sunny morning as we cannot always predict the Great British weather! Your child will need a fully waterproof coat and as we move into the colder months, they might benefit from a hat, scarf, gloves (all named). You know your child best and whether they would also benefit from waterproof trousers or a puddle suit to keep them dry and less muddy.

Please can we ask that children's trainers are also named as 30 black trainers can all look similar when the children have changed into wellies. It will help make sure you get your child's shoes back.

'Clothes can always be washed but memories last a life time'.

Meet the Teacher meetings

Each year, we like to offer the opportunity for Year 1 – Year 6 parents to 'meet the teacher', this is through a 20-minute meeting where you can hear about the year ahead and ask any general questions. Please try and attend but any parents who are not able to will find the information on the year group website page after the event.

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Year 1 – Class 3 & 4	Monday 7 th September	2:45pm
Year 2 – Class 5 & 6	Tuesday 8 th September	3:40pm
Year 3 – Class 7 & 8	Thursday 11 th September	3:40pm
Year 4 – Class 9 & 10	Tuesday 8 th September	2:45pm
Year 5 – Class 11 & 12	Wednesday 9 th September	2:45pm
Year 6 – Class 13 & 14	Thursday 10 th September	2:45pm
Willow pupils	Monday 7 th September	9:00am

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September – Start of the day

As we start a new year, there will be some pupils (and parents) who are apprehensive about being in a new class, being with a new teacher or just coming back to school after being at home for the summer, so to help with this I will be opening the gates at 8:35 for Year 1 – Year 6 pupils and parents to gather on the playgrounds (on Thursday and Friday only). Staff will then come outside, so you can meet them, update them on anything over the summer and help your child feel welcomed back. At 8:48 the whistle will blow and we will ask **ALL parents** to leave the school site. If parents are not with their child or do not feel as though their child needs them, pupils will still come to the playground with their peers.

From Monday 7th September onwards, we will return to the gates opening at 8:40 and pupils taking themselves into class after parents say goodbye at the top of the gates. No parents/carers should enter the school building in a morning, this is for safeguarding reasons. As in previous years, there will be members of staff available each morning on the gate to pass messages to, as class teachers are not available after 8:40 due to being in class. Parents please do not block path ways for those independent children walking themselves into school, say goodbye away from the double white doors into school.

Attendance

- The school gates open at **8.40** and **all pupils need to be in lessons by 8.50am at the latest**. If they arrive after this time, they are late and need to be signed in at the office by an adult and will receive a late mark in the register.
- If you know your child is going to be off school, please contact the school office before 9am each day they are off stating the reason for the absence.
- If you know your child will be having a planned absence, an absence request form is available from the school office and needs to be complete before the absence – ideally at least 6 weeks before.
- **School finishes at 3:20pm**, meaning all pupils should be collected on time. Persistent late collections could result in an After School Club or Stay and Play charge.
- Permission is needed for Year 3 – Year 6 pupils to walk home alone/leave the school site without an adult. Pupils in Foundation Stage and Year 1 – Year 2 must be collected by someone over the age of 16.

Arbor

Arbor is the school's only app that we ask all parents to download and use. This app is used to communicate with parents; this might be whole school or individual messages, sending home positive PROUD points and informing about behaviour incidents. You can also use the app to check your child's attendance and update personal information. Arbor is also used for booking clubs, paying for trips, prebooking school meal choices etc. Please can I remind all parents to check the Arbor app on a daily basis. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the office team who can help or refer to the school website - [Arbor Parent Portal and App | Old Basford School](#)

Money into school

Ahead of the school year starting, please can we ask that your child's Arbor account is in credit if you know your child will be having paid school meals or attending Breakfast Club or After School Club. All money should be paid in advance, so that the account is always in credit. If there are any problems, please contact the school office who will help.

Stay & Play (3:20 – 4:15pm) £3.50 per session

Afterschool Club (3:30 – 6:00pm) £12.00 per session

Breakfast Club (7:30 – 8:40am) £3.00 per session

School Meals £3.10 per day (£15.50 a week)

Bikes and Scooters

We do allow pupils to bring bikes and scooters to school but we do ask that they are not ridden on the school site, this is for the safety of all parents, pupils and staff. Bikes and scooters are left at your own risk during the school day and you are of course welcome to use a lock (provided from home) to keep them secure. Before and after the school day, parents are responsible for their child on their bikes/scooters, although any unsafe or misuse of bikes and scooters could lead to individual pupils being asked not to bring them to school. We ask that parents remind their children that if they ride their bike or scooters to school, not to congregate at the bottom of the pedestrian path as the area needs to remain clear, as it causes congestion and makes it difficult for other parents and children to safely use the school crossing and come up to school.

E-scooters and Travel to School

We would like to remind you that pupils should not travel to school on privately owned e-scooters. Under current UK law, it is illegal to use private e-scooters on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes and other public spaces, as they do not meet the legal requirements for insurance, registration and vehicle standards. In the interests of safety and legal compliance, e-scooters must not be brought onto the school site, pupils will be reminded of this. We appreciate your support in helping to keep all members of our school community safe.

Medicines including inhalers

If your child is prescribed medicine, including an inhaler and they are needed to be used during the school day, please make sure they are brought to school on the first day (Thursday 3rd September). All medicine should be handed into the school office and a 'Parental Agreement for School Staff to Administer Medicine' form will need to be completed by an adult: [Medicines in School | Old Basford School](#). Any child with asthma will need an 'Asthma Care Plan' completed by an adult. If your child is feeling unwell but with medicine will be ok at school, please provide the medicine they will need. We only have it for emergency use.

Enjoy the last few days of the holidays...

I hope this has given you the information you need ahead of the new school year starting. I will always try to make sure you have dates, information and updates in a timely manner to try and stop any 'last minute surprises' although, as you can imagine in a large school this does sometimes happen. We encourage parents to follow school on Facebook as we try and give reminders via this platform as well. [Old Basford School | Facebook](#)

As a staff team, we are here to support your child and your family; if there are any changes to family dynamics over the summer, please speak to one of us so we can try and help.

See you on Thursday 3rd September.