



# Headteacher Update



## 2025 - 2026

### General Update

I cannot believe how fast the summer holidays have gone and it is time to welcome you to the 2025 – 2026 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 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### Dates

The term dates can be found on the school website: [Term Dates | Old Basford School](#)

	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>INSET Days</b>
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>Spring 1</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	
<b>Summer 1</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	
<b>Summer 2</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July

### Class Teachers for September

Mrs Priddy – EYFS Leader	<b>Nursery (F1)</b>	Miss Rosindell	
	<b>Foundation 2 (F2)</b>	Class 1 - Miss Singh	Class 2 - Mrs Priddy
Mrs Kelly – Lower School Leader	<b>Year 1</b>	Class 3 - Miss Marrow	Class 4 - Mrs Kelly
	<b>Year 2</b>	Class 5 - Mrs Richards (T – F) & Mrs Thomas (M)	Class 6 - Mrs Smythe
	<b>Year 3</b>	Class 7 - Mr Summersby	Class 8 - Miss Beard
Mr Harper – Upper School Leader	<b>Year 4</b>	Class 9 - Mr Brown	Class 10 - Miss Tarlowski (T – F) & Mrs Heywood (M)
	<b>Year 5</b>	Class 11 - Mrs Tindsley (M – W) and Mrs Black (Th – F)	Class 12 - Mr Ross
	<b>Year 6</b>	Class 13 - Miss McCulloch	Class 14 - Mr Harper

Mrs Heywood - SENDCo	<b>Willow</b>	Miss Dourneen	
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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 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 uniform for the start of the school year, the office will be open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 1:00pm – 3:30pm. Information about school uniform can be found on the school website: [School Uniform Information | Old Basford School](#)

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.**



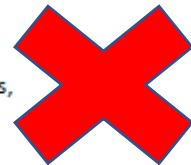
#### PE Uniform (to be worn on designated PE days)

- Plain white t-shirt,
- Plain Black shorts (no sports logos)
- Plain black/white trainers
- Plain black joggers/leggings
- Plain black jumper/hoodie (no sports logos)



#### No thank you to:

- Hoop or dangly earrings
- UGG style boots
- 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
- Large branded/logo clothing



### PE days in September

Your child will need to come to school in their PE uniform on their set PE days. Please make sure earrings are removed for PE days.

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	<b>Indoor PE</b>	<b>Outdoor PE</b>
F2 (class 1 & 2)	Monday	
YEAR 1 (class 3 & 4)	Thursday	Monday
YEAR 2 (class 5 & 6)	Tuesday	Thursday
YEAR 3 (class 7 & 8)	Thursday	Tuesday
YEAR 4 (class 9 & 10)	Wednesday	Tuesday
YEAR 5 (class 11 & 12)	Monday Swimming	Wednesday
YEAR 6 (class 13 & 14)	Wednesday	Friday

**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 3 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 include 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 shoes are also named as 30 black school shoes 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 8 <sup>th</sup> September	2:45pm
Year 2 – Class 5 & 6	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	3:40pm (straight after school)
Year 3 – Class 7 & 8	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	3:40pm (straight after school)
Year 4 – Class 9 & 10	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	2:45pm
Year 5 – Class 11 & 12	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	2:45pm
Year 6 – Class 13 & 14	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	2:45pm

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8:30 for Year 1 – Year 6 pupils and parents to gather on the playgrounds (on Wednesday and Thursday 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 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 8.50 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 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.
- **School finishes at 3:20**, meaning all pupils should be collected on time. Persistent late collections could result in an After School Club charge.

### **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. 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 (7:45 – 8:40am) £3.00 per session**

**School Meals £3.00 per day (£15.00 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.

### **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 (Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **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.

As a staff, 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 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.