

19th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back

Welcome back to Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy for the new school year. A special welcome to any parents that are new to us, we hope you feel very welcome, and your children have settled quickly into their new classes and routines. It has been a delight to see all of the children coming through the gates with their smiling faces and smart new uniform. I have been impressed with how quickly they have adjusted to being back in school, with their new teachers and new classrooms.

Curriculum

Over the next two years we are looking at making some changes to the curriculum we teach, to ensure we are delivering the best content we can in a way that engages children in these subjects. Currently our Science, Computing, Art and RE curriculum have changed to the OAKs National Academy curriculum, which was first developed during the covid lockdown. The principles of the curriculum fit well with our own beliefs on what good learning looks like. You can find more out about these curricula at [Free curriculum plans aligned with National Curriculum | Oak National Academy](#). Later in the term we will also be looking at making some changes to our Maths curriculum, more details on that to follow.



BBC Concert Orchestra

We are very lucky to have the BBC Concert Orchestra visiting us again on Tuesday 30th September. They last visited us two years ago where we were able to see them perform in our school hall and then at the Drill Hall in Great Yarmouth later on. This is part of a tour that they undertake around schools in East Norfolk. Music and drama are both strong features of our curriculum we are so pleased children get to experience professional musicians in action.

Building improvements

Over the summer we had building contractors in making further improvements to the building in two areas:

- Outdoor play area – The climbing frame has been resurfaced underneath and fenced in, with a new surface added to the bottom of the new ramp. The outdoor continuous provision activities for that new area will be installed over the next few weeks.



- Heating – Our old pipes and radiators have been replaced. The original pipes ran under the building and were difficult to access if there were any issues. With the new radiators and pipes joining onto our relatively new boilers we will be nice and cosy over the winter. Air conditioning and new heating has also been added to our top floor, so we no longer get the extremes of temperatures we use to get in those classrooms.



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Academy uniform

The children have looked very smart on their return to school, thank-you for your support in this. I have placed a link below to our uniform policy on the academy website [Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy - Uniform \(edwardworlledgeoa.co.uk\)](http://Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy - Uniform (edwardworlledgeoa.co.uk)). Children do need to wear their full academy uniform including black school shoes or plain black leather trainers. Year 3 to Year 5 wear an academy tie with Year 6 being presented a special tie shortly. On days that the children have PE they will change in and out of their uniform before and after their PE lesson. We are more than happy for girls to continue wearing summer dresses whilst the weather is warm.

If you have any questions or issues with getting the correct uniform, please see your child's teacher or the office as we have a large amount of second-hand uniform in stock. Can you also ensure uniform is labelled with your child's name as that makes finding missing uniform so much easier.

Attendance Matters

Our attendance figures have been excellent the last couple of weeks, so again thank-you for your support with this. Being at school all day every day does make a significant difference. We know from our experience and data that children who are regularly at school, with an attendance of over 96% do go to high school with better outcomes in phonics, maths, reading and writing than those pupils with poor attendance. Excellent attendance is a continuing priority for us this year and we have made several changes to how we support good attendance, including:

- **Scores on the door** – child's name is added to a spinning wheel for each day they are in school, this is spun on a Friday with a random name chosen to win a prize of their choice.
- **Attendance-opoly** – monopoly style game played in assembly on Fridays to win a whole class treat.
- **Autum term 'In it to win it'** – Prize Bonanza earn stickers over 3 weeks to earn a treat.
- **Summer term and Spring term random days** - win a treat if you're in school that day.
- **Summer term - Final Assembly**
 - Gold Badge – 99%
 - Silver Badge – 97%-98%
 - Bronze Badge – 96%+
- **Garden Party reward** for all pupils achieving a badge.

Calendar

We want to give parents as much warning as possible on important dates throughout the year, such as parents evenings, half term dates, Christmas concerts, sports days etc. We are in the process of finalising our calendar for this school year which will be sent out as a paper copy and via Parentmail next week. We will also send you regular reminders on Parentmail of any upcoming events and activities closer to the time.

Parentmail

Please ensure that all accounts are regularly checked and payments made on any outstanding balances (a minimum of every 2 weeks).

Any accounts which continue to have a high outstanding balance may mean suspension from that service until the balance is paid (this applies to school dinner ordering, attending wrap around or enrichment clubs).

Clubs

This terms enrichment clubs are well under way – we do still have some spaces available for pupils of all ages (Year 1 to Year 6).

For more information or to sign up, please contact the office on 01493 603462.

New enrichment club sign up will go out after October half term, which will include a club for Reception aged pupils!



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KS2 Residentials

This academic year we are pleased to be offering two residentials which are open to pupils in KS2.

Residentials are an important part of the whole education experience here and have many benefits for pupils. They can have a positive impact on relationships both peer to peer and between pupils and staff, increase confidence in those that attend, create a unique learning experience away from the classroom and enhance engagement with learning.

'Long-term follow-up responses after a residential experience found that 84% of KS2 students felt that they knew their teachers better, and 75% felt they got on better with their peers.' (Independent research by York Consulting.)

Due to the options available, they can also develop leadership skills in children in exploring different environments with their peers. Pupils who have attended these in the past create memories that stay with them forever.

This year we are offering PGL- Overstrand Hall, North Norfolk for Years 3-5 and Derbyshire for our Year 6 pupils. Please look out for letters coming home with further details over the next two weeks.

TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

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Academy holidays are highlighted in YELLOW.

Bank Holidays are highlighted in RED.

Staff training days are highlighted in GREEN.

Edward Worlledge Academy will be closed to pupils on all of the above occasions.