

*"Smell the sea and feel the sky, let your soul and spirit fly"*  
*Van Morrison*

Dear Parents and Carers, Staff and Students

We have finally reached the end of term! It has been a fantastic year and I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of you for being part of our journey through from September 2022 to July 2023. It seems to have whizzed by, but I know that that has happened because we seem to have filled every day with something wonderful.

Through this school year, we have been inspected by Ofsted (twice!), been examined by outside agencies and we have been looked at by our peers and colleagues, and there seems to be a running theme—that we are doing well! This can only have happened because we have an amazing staff team—to those who keep our school running by looking after the buildings, feeding us and making sure everything is clean, those of you who help out in the classrooms supporting teachers and each other, those of you in the offices who keep the school ticking over in the background, those of you who lead the teams with confidence and assurance. We all work together to make this school a place where we do make a difference to our children. Orchard Manor couldn't be what it is today without the support from every one of our team. I am sure that our parents and carers would join me in saying thank you to all of you.

As with every end of year, this is a time to say goodbye and bon voyage to those who are moving on and following their dreams. Thank you for being with us and good luck with your next steps.

I do have to take a moment to wish Alex Caven, Adele Thomas and Rupert Hamilton the very best, these three have been a big part of our school life over the years. Keep in touch! We will miss you.

So, all that is left to say is have a fantastic and restful summer holiday. We will see our students back in school on September 6th in school uniform please!

Best Wishes

*Nicola Jones, Headteacher*

