



Orchard Manor School News

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"I know it is wet and the sun is not sunny, but we can have lots of good fun that is funny."

Dr. Seuss, "The Cat in the Hat"

Hello and WELCOME BACK everyone!

It is so lovely to see you all back again after the summer holidays! I hope that you all had a great time and enjoyed the sunshine - it's been really good to see all of our students back and full of enthusiasm for the coming year. Everyone is looking fabulous in our school uniform, so a big thank you to all the parents who have put so much effort into making our students look so smart!

As you can probably imagine, we have hit the ground running! Our transition period at the end of last term has really helped our students to settle in this week. Work and projects have begun and we are well on the way to another great half term full of learning and fun.



As you may have seen on our social media and our website, we were given the rating of Outstanding for our Residential offer by Ofsted who came to visit at the end of last term. We are incredibly proud of our young people and our amazing Residential Team for achieving this. Well done to everyone! If you would like to read the full report [click here](#).

The end of term play, [Wind in the Willows](#), was a great success too. For those of you who were not able to attend, Flo, our Creative Arts teacher (who directed the play), has put together a video which has been put on Facebook. It's well worth a look as it has some fantastic photos of the cast and a peek behind the scenes. So much work went into this production including hours of rehearsals and it all paid off beautifully! It really was superb, lots of parents and carers wiped away a proud tear or two in the audience!

In the Sports Department, we are very pleased to announce that we have been awarded the School Games Gold Medal for 2024/2025. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme which celebrates schools' commitment to developing competitive sport within their school and community. Our Sports Team makes this possible and of course the involvement of the children too, so it's been great to be recognised again this year. Well done everyone!



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Finally, there are just a few little bits to mention before I go today, one of which is that we are a Nut Free School. We have to keep all of our students safe - especially those with severe allergies, so we kindly ask that snacks, lunches, and classroom treats be free of peanuts, tree nuts, and nut products.

And lastly, as we are having such changeable weather recently, please would you send your child in with a waterproof coat and/or wellies for their outside play and sensory breaks. Our young people still love heading outdoors, puddles and all, and this will keep them dryer and more comfortable for the rest of the day. We do have a number of spare waterproofs and umbrellas, but most children do prefer wearing their own coat. Thank you so much!

Right, I think that's it! All that's left to say is have a great weekend everyone! Fingers crossed for sunshine!

Nicola Jones, Headteacher