



# The Orchard School

## Weekly Bulletin

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Dates for your diary

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Doodle Day – pupils only
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 6 Coffee Morning
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Activity Morning
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Support Group
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents Evening
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term

### Headteacher Message

I hope you have all had a good week. My recovery has gone well, it was nice to be back in school this morning and see all our pupils, families and staff.

We have welcomed some of our new pupils to school this week, they all seem to have settled into the routine well and are enjoying new experiences. I look forward to meeting our new families over the half term, if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class team.

### End of the day arrangements

As you will understand the end of the school day is a busy time of day for us, especially at the start of the school year as pupils and staff are getting used to new routines and arrangements.

We have a number of pupils who are transported by Local Authority Transport who require priority boarding due to complex medical needs and their buses are loaded before any other pupils are dismissed. Thank you to the families who collect their child for their patience with this.

There are a number of families who have had previous arrangements to collect their child prior to the end of the day. If this is something which you require, can I ask that you email the school office on [info@orchard.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:info@orchard.sandwell.sch.uk) with the reason for the early collection. A member of SLT will then contact you if we require more information and to inform you if we are able to authorise this. I understand that with siblings attending other schools this can be an issue, and we will work with families who require support, but we need to ensure that pupils are not regularly missing time from school. As from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September the office will not be contacting classes to bring pupils down from class early unless this has been authorised by the Senior Management Team.

## Evidence For Learning

Evidence For Learning is a platform where staff share photographs and comments about the work your children complete in class. Families are also able to upload photographs of activities your children have completed at home.



Log ins for new pupils will be sent home next week.



## Site Safety

Can I remind all parents/carers who drive onto the school site to obey the 5mph speed limit.



This is in place to keep everyone safe.  
Transport and staff have also been reminded of the speed limit.

