



The Orchard School

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 20th September 2024

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 24th September	Parent Support Group - Curriculum
Friday 27th September	Doodle Day – pupils only
Wednesday 2nd October	Year 6 Coffee Morning
Friday 4th October	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Thursday 10th October	Parent Activity Morning
Tuesday 15th October	Parent Support Group
Wednesday 23rd October	Parents Evening
Monday 28th October	Half Term

Parent Support Morning

A reminder that we are holding a parent support morning on Tuesday at 9:30 to share our school curriculum with you. This is a good opportunity for parents to come into school to meet with Laura to gain an understanding of the curriculum your child follows, teaching methods and how you can support at home. This will be particularly useful for new parents or those parents who have been unable to attend in the past, although all parents are welcome to attend it will be a repeat of previous years. We look forward to seeing you there if you can attend.

Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial for pupil success, as it ensures they stay engaged with learning and build consistent routines. Parents are reminded to contact the school by telephone and leave an answerphone message by 8am if your child is going to be absent from school. This allows us to maintain accurate records and provide timely support, as well as support the school with staffing. Additionally, parents can expect a call from the office or pastoral team on the same day to check in, offer any assistance and confirm if they will be attending the following day.



School Fund

As I am sure you are aware school budgets are tight and each year, we seem to rely more on the contributions our parents make to School Fund. Contributions can be made through Parent Pay.

If you feel you can donate this year it would gratefully received and go towards providing resources and opportunities for all pupils.



ASDA Cashpot for Schools



Parentkind are working with ASDA, who are making millions of pounds available to every state primary school in the UK.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all — every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops.

All you have to do is opt in through the ASDA Rewards app, choose our school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com to be part of this scheme. Can I encourage any families who shop in ASDA to download the app and choose The Orchard School.

Sandwell Special Educational Needs and Disability Family Experience Survey

Sandwell are asking for families of young people who have Special Educational Needs to participate in their family experience survey. This is an important opportunity for you as families to share your experiences and provide essential feedback that will help shape the future of SEND services in Sandwell.

I would encourage you to participate in this survey and have a voice in Sandwell. It is quite a tight deadline to respond and all responses need to be in by mid-day on Monday 23rd September. The link to the survey is below.

You are invited to take this:

Sandwell Special Educational Needs & Disability family experience survey

Hi! Would you mind taking 10 minutes to complete this form? It would be great if you can submit your response by mid-day on 23 Sept 2024. Thank you!

[Start now](#)

