



The Orchard School

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 11th April 2025

Dates for your diary

More information to follow – Dates are subject to change

Friday 11 th April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 28 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 20 th May	Parent support group
Wednesday 4 th June	Community Day
Wednesday 11 th June	Father's Day Activity Morning
Tuesday 17 th June	Parent Support Group
Thursday 19 th June	Make Music Day (pupils only)
Monday 23 rd June	Time to Shine Awards - Lower School
Tuesday 24 th June	Time to Shine Awards – Middle School
Wednesday 25 th June	Time to Shine Awards – Upper School
Wednesday 25 th June	Parents Evening
Friday 4 th July	Sports Day – Rebound Therapy
Monday 7 th July	Sports Day – Rebound Therapy
Tuesday 8 th July	Parent Support Group
Wednesday 9 th July	Sports Day – Rebound Therapy
Thursday 10 th July	Sports Day
Friday 11 th July	Leavers Prom
Wednesday 16 th July	Garden Party
Monday 21 st July	Leavers Assembly
Monday 21 st July	Break up for Summer Holiday

Attendance Matters

The whole school attendance so far for this academic year is **85.7%**.

Last week's whole school attendance was **83.8%**.



The Orchard School's attendance target is **92%**.

Thank you

As we end a very busy term I want to say thank you to all families for your continued support. Working together supports the progress and development of your child as well as ensuring a consistent approach between home and school. It is very much appreciated.

We are saying some sad goodbyes to staff today. Charlene, EHCP co-ordinator and class teacher of class 10 and Courtney from class 6. We thank them for all of their work they have done to support pupils and families and wish them well as they move to new ventures.

A big thank you to the following companies who have made donations to enable us to give each child an Easter treat. We are very grateful for their generosity.

- EIC Electrical
- Langley Supermarket
- Langley Pharmacy
- Langley Vape Shop
- Blue Bells Productions LTD
- Heavenly Heaven
- Jane Pugh Charlees Langley
- Black Country Aquatics
- Queens Fish Bar
- Luxe Barbers
- Taper Haus Barbers
- Crosswells Inn

Also thank you to the staff (Sarah, Cathy and Tina) for sourcing the donations, it is appreciated and has helped support a wonderful day in school of Easter activities.

There have been a number of wonderful Easter Bonnet creations come into school today, thank you for your time and creativity in making these to support the enjoyment of the pupils during the Easter Bonnet parade.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter, fingers crossed the lovely weather we have enjoyed this week continues over the holiday.



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Safeguarding – Mini Eggs Warning

When you're stocking up for the Easter Bunny, please remember that mini eggs can choke small children. They're just the right size to block their airways and their hard texture can make them difficult to dislodge with standard first aid techniques. So, stay safe and choose another treat for your little one.

Safe from choking

“ I always thought choking would have been more obvious. But the silence and the panic in his eyes will stay with me forever. ”

A child who's choking can't breathe, so there's no sound to alert you. As scary as this sounds, you can stop this happening. It takes some simple steps.

Why do children choke?

- 👉 Children can choke at any age. Young children are at greater risk.
- 👉 Their narrow airways are more easily blocked.
- 👉 Anything smaller than a 2p can choke them.

Small objects

Babies and toddlers put things in their mouths. It's how they explore. So they can choke on small objects in their reach:

- 👉 Cheap toys can have small parts that come off. Check them over first.
- 👉 Use older children's toys in a specific area and check the floor afterwards. Use a tray underneath to catch small parts, like Lego.
- 👉 Don't let young children blow up balloons and clear away broken pieces.

Baby bottles

Never use a self-feeding baby pillow or prop your baby's bottle up to feed. They need an adult to help them feed.

First aid

1. Give up to five back blows between the shoulder blades – it can force the object out.
2. For babies, give up to five chest thrusts. For children over 1 year of age, give up to five abdominal thrusts squeezing above the belly button from behind – it forces air out of the lungs to clear the object.
3. If 1 & 2 don't work call 999 and keep trying until help arrives.

Food

- 👉 Choking on food isn't just about young children not chewing properly. It takes time to learn to breathe, chew and swallow in harmony.
- 👉 Until then, they need you to cut up or avoid anything that could block their airway. And to teach them to sit still to eat.

Size and shape matter

- 👉 Cut lengthways and quarters – grapes, blueberries, strawberries, cherries and small tomatoes.
- 👉 Remove skin, pips or stones from fruits or vegetables.
- 👉 Cut thin strips – sausages, cheese, vegetables and large fruit like melon, apple, carrot, cucumber and mango.
- 👉 Steam, mash or grate foods to soften them – carrots, chickpeas, butter beans.
- 👉 Cut strips and remove bones, skin or fat – meat and fish.
- 👉 Toast bread – to stop doughy balls. Cut all bread into narrow strips.

Save for later

- 👉 Round hard sweets, including mini eggs and lollipops
- 👉 Whole grapes and nuts
- 👉 Globes of peanut butter
- 👉 Popcorn
- 👉 Marshmallows
- 👉 Jelly cubes



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