

NEWSLETTER

**Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery
Newsletter : 8th September 2023**

Message from the Head

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back everyone. The classes are full, the new children are settling in well and all is good in the world of Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery.

I spent some of the summer popping in and checking up on the new build. It has been amazing to see the progress and quite unbelievable to think that only 8 weeks ago there was a 50 year old mouldy, decrepid classroom on site. I started Offley at the same time that our current year 6 children started Reception! It was always a goal of mine to open a Nursery and provide brand new classrooms for the children to enjoy. We now have a thriving nursery and modern classrooms in both our Early years and Key Stage 1 settings. You may think we're done ... I have a few more ideas to further improve the school; watch this space.

Enjoy the weekend. Mr Edwards and Sir Bandalot.



New Challenge!

Mr Porter and Mr Sinclair are our new PE coaches. They will be working on Tuesday and Fridays replacing Mr Smylie. Mr Cook will be helping in year 1 and our Nursery. Welcome to Offley.

REWARDS

Nursery– Aurora and 'ALL'

Reception– All

Year 1– Emily S and Alynna

Year 2– Leo, Ben and Esme

Year 3 - Alfie and Alex

Year 4/5 - Anthony, Evie and Ella

Yr 5/6 - Josh B, Joshua O-H & Zack

Happy Birthdays. Today we celebrated the birthday of Sebastian. I also popped into Reception to give Poppy and Cooper a belated birthday certificate as they didn't attend the Church service at the end of last term to collect them.

Hot Chocolate with the Head.

I'll be catching up with Zack for a chat and a drink really soon.

Summer works



As well as the new year 1 classroom, other improvements were made around the school in the summer break. Year 3 have had their wonky floor repaired and we decided to freshen the room up with a brand new carpet. Not the most exciting photo ever included in a newsletter, but there was major works undertaken to the school's electrical distribution with a new distribution board and submain circuits. This ensures we are up to date with our health and safety obligations. Once again, Tidey Electrical company did an amazing job and also completed the electrical and data work on the new classroom. Thanks Tom et al.



I'm sure that any parents dropping their children off this week have been mightily impressed with the new classroom. The building includes an intervention room as well as a fit for purpose disabled toilet. The classroom has been complimented with a brand new 75" interactive whiteboard and has an in-built kitchen area, large store room and two separate toilet cubicles. I think the best feature of the classroom is the huge windows providing a quite stunning panorama, stretching over the horses into the distance, for the children to enjoy whilst learning in a modern, clean, fresh learning environment.

My thanks go to The Diocese of St Albans for giving the school 55% of the total project cost. The Diocese have helped the school so much over the past 3 years. Also, thanks to The Salusbury and Burroughs Education Foundation for their generous contribution and all of our parents for their OSA contribution of £5,000. I have to say that Vertis have done a brilliant job and they worked tirelessly over the 6 week holiday period to ensure that we were ready to move in on the Inset day, so the children could enjoy their new classroom on the first day back.

Day	Date	Mth	Offley Endowed: Future Dates for your diary
Tues	12th	Sept	First swimming lesson for year 3 and 4
Wed	20th	Sept	PHOTOS—individual and siblings
Wed	27th	Sept	Herts for Herts clothing collection—keep your old clothes until then please
Thur	5th	Oct	Year 2 trip to Winsor castle