



## Year 9 Update

24.04.26

### Equality Week

A group of students proudly represented the school in workshops led by the Anne Frank Trust UK. They explored a number of issues including the difference between prejudice and discrimination as well as deepening their understanding of the impact that discriminatory behaviours have on individuals and groups of people. The students involved will go on to be school Equality Ambassadors.

#### *Student reflections:*

*It taught me about different groups of people and the struggles they may face just being themselves. It became more aware of what some people have to go through - **Orlaith O'Donoghue***

*I have always been bothered when I see unfairness and wanted to learn about how we can all help make the world a fairer place for everyone. The Anne Frank story is a very important one. I learned about Anne Frank's life, what prejudice and discrimination mean, and how they can affect people. I learned about antisemitism and other forms of discrimination - **Charlotte Piepenstock-Ralph***

### Lateness to Lessons

Recently there has been an increase in lateness to lessons throughout the school day. This is due to students meeting up with their peers beforehand or taking their time to get to class. Please could I ask you to remind your child to take the most direct route to their lesson and not meet up with peers at lesson change over.

### Toilets

A number of students are visiting the toilets in large groups. It has been made clear to students that they must not be in the toilets in groups. These spaces should be used as they are intended and not to congregate and socialise in. Students who do not meet this expectation will be sanctioned appropriately.

### Fidget Toys

There are a lot of "fidget toys" being used in lessons where students have not been given permission to have one. If your child is using fidget toys in lessons without permission, it will be confiscated. Likewise if a student is using one in the wrong way this will also be the case.

### Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's safeguarding snapshot refers to the hidden dangers of Pinterest [[click here](#)].

### VLT Information

#### **Slogan Competition**

Oak Farm Primary School joined Vanguard Learning Trust on 1st April 2026. In order to celebrate and acknowledge this, students are invited to take part in a competition to write a slogan; this will be used alongside a new image incorporating all six schools in Trust-wide publications. Please [[click here](#)] for further information. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 13th May 2026.

## Summer Term Key Dates

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	FOV Quiz Night
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Student Photos - Y8, Y9, Y10
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (year groups tbc)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (year groups tbc)
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day (school closed to students)</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 9 reports issued
w/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Silver awards assemblies – Years 7, 8, 9 and 10
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Summer Term (12.20pm finish)</b>