

## Supporting your child

### How do I find out what my child will be learning?

Full details of what your child will be doing at school can be found on the school website: [www.overstone.eschools.co.uk](http://www.overstone.eschools.co.uk).

In the section on Curriculum you will find:

- details of the reading and phonics scheme
- how maths is taught (calculation policy)
- what your child should learn at each age – assessment without levels
- Curriculum plans that show what your child will learn each term
- Homework outlines for each stage of school.

### Homework

Each week your child will have homework to share with you; this gives them an opportunity to show you what they have been learning. Allowing them to 'be the teacher' and explain an activity or process is one of the best ways of helping them to remember and practice what they have learnt in school.

### How to help your child get the most out of their homework:

- Pick a good time to do the homework
- Allow your child to take the lead
- Read the notes on the sheet with your child
- Be positive—praise them to reinforce their learning.



Homework expectations change as your child progresses through the school. For details of the type of homework your child will receive please visit the school website.

### Additional support (Pupil premium funding)

Children of low income families may be eligible for additional funding for their education as well as free school meals. This funding is paid to the school and is used to provide academic support to boost progress or as a means to enrich children's experiences in education.

Although all children in Key Stage 1 receive universal school meals your child may be eligible for this additional funding to support their education. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, so that the school receives all the funding it should for your child. If you would like to see if your child is eligible for Pupil premium please contact Mrs Edwardson.



## Overstone Combined School Parent's Handbook 2016-2017



Welcome to the start of a new school year. This handbook contains details of

- The school day
- How to contact your child's teacher
- PE and forest school sessions for your child
- PE and forest school kit
- Key school dates
- Where to find additional information to help you support your child.

### The school day

08.35	Doors Open
08.45	School day begins
08.50	Registration
08.55	Assembly
10.20	Morning break
11.45	Nursery ends
12.15	Lunch
13.15	Afternoon session begins
15.15	School day ends

### How to contact your child's teacher or the Headteacher?

- Leave a message with Mrs France at the door in the mornings or speak to the teacher after school
- Email our office who will ensure your message reaches the right person: [admin@overstone-wing.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@overstone-wing.bucks.sch.uk)
- Arrange a telephone conversation or meeting via Mrs Edwardson in the office on 01296 688799.



## The 2016-2017 School Year—key dates



### Autumn term 2016

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET DAY
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET DAY
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Term starts
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the teacher - Year 2 & 6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the teacher – Year 5
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the teacher – Year 1
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the teacher – Year 3 & 4
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Preparation Test – 11+
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Transfer test 11+
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl dress up day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival – Year 3 & 4 – 9.15am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest produce distribution – Year 3
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening: 3.45 – 5.00, 6.00 – 8.00pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening: 3.45 – 5.00, 6.00 – 8.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Reading Breakfast & Open Morning – whole school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	End of Half Term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Return to School
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Night
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Open Classrooms
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime in Milton Keynes
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Church Service and term ends

### Spring term 2017

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Term starts
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	French Breakfast – Year 6
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening: 3.45 – 5.00pm, 6.00 – 8.00pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening: 3.45 – 5.00pm, 6.00 – 8.00pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	End of half term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Grandparents Morning – Whole school
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term

### Summer term 2017

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Term starts
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Senior Citizens Tea Party & End of Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day – KS2
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Infant Sports
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Isle of Wight Residential - YEAR 5 & 6
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Isle of Wight week presentation 2.00pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers concert
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Lunch and last day of term

## When your child will have PE or Forest school lessons?



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery	PE/Games				PE/Games
Yr R Ash			Forest School	PE/Games	
Yr R Beech				PE/Games	Forest School
Yr 1 Cedar	Forest School	PE/Games			PE/Games
Yr 1 Elm	PE/Games	Forest School	PE/Games		
Year 2		PE/Games	PE/Games	Forest School	
Year 3				PE/Games	
Year 4	PE/Games				
Yr 5 Pine		PE/Games			
Yr 5 Redwood			PE/Games		
Year 6					PE/Games

### What PE and Forest school kit should your child have?

**All kit and equipment should be labelled with your child's name**

**For PE:** Plain blue/white T-Shirt/polo shirt, Navy Blue shorts  
**For games:** Plain blue/white T-Shirt/polo shirt, Navy Blue shorts, tracksuit for cold weather, Plimsolls (KS1), trainers/football boots (KS2)

**Reception to Year 2 only: Forest school/cookery:**

**Forest school:** Long-sleeve top, wellies and waterproofs  
**Cookery:** Apron, lidded container (Jan to Feb half term only)

### What lunchtime and after school clubs could your child attend?

We aim to make clubs available at lunchtime and after school so that every child can get involved. Some clubs are for set year groups while others are for everyone. Children are made aware of all lunch time clubs via school assemblies and details of our after school activities are sent out by letter by the member of staff running the activity.



### 2016-2017 term dates:

**Autumn** Monday 5 September 2016  
Monday 31 October 2016  
**Spring** Thursday 5 January 2017  
Monday 20 February 2017  
**Summer** Tuesday 18 April 2017  
Monday 5 June 2017

Friday 21 October 2016  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
Friday 10 February 2017  
Friday 31 March 2017  
Friday 26 May 2017  
Friday 21 July 2017

