

Great Oaks Weekly

Tuesday 22nd July 2025



End of Year trip to Paulton's Park

We had a great day out at Paultons Park on Friday. Many thanks to our great drivers and escorts, for transporting pupils out there. The weather was perfect and everyone had a good time. Pupils enjoyed the combination of scary and not so scary rides as well as taking opportunity to see all the wildlife at the park. It was a fitting end to a successful year.



Summer Fayre at Great Oaks



Thanks to everyone who came to support the parents evening and summer fayre last Thursday. It was a perfect evening to enjoy the music, the BBQ and the various stalls.

Thanks to all the staff who ran the event especially Jo and the welfare team. Around £500 was raised for the school throughout the evening.

Parent / Carer Survey

See below link to our Annual Parent / Carer Survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GOSurvey25>

If you get chance please do fill this in before the end of term. It helps us know what we are doing well and what we need to work on. It'll take less than 5 minutes to complete. Thank you

Goodbye to Year 14s.....

We said goodbye to Kayley, Shay, Kaunen, Dawid, Carolina, Henry, Sophie, Vikki, Matthew, Freddie, Libby, Rahmu and Kevin today. They have all achieved amazing things at Great Oaks College over the last 3 years.

We held a special Assembly to wish them well in their future placements which include local colleges and day services. This was followed by a party with ice creams and bouncy castles on the Testlands field.



....goodbye to colleagues

We are also saying a sad goodbye to a few colleagues at the end of this term. Emanuel Alves and Maddi Parsons teachers in Pathway 2 are off for new adventures abroad. We are also saying Goodbye to Millie Young, Alex Fearne, Daisy Smith and Trudi Grace from the College. Mike Crowhurst SSA and Dungeon Master is retiring and SSA Mia Higgins is pursuing a change of career. All the very best to all of them.

Last but not least Chris Weston who has worked at Great Oaks and its previous incarnation as Red Lodge School is retiring after 23 years with us working as an SSA and in Speech and Language. We wish her a very happy and well deserved retirement.

....and goodbye from me (sort of)

As reported in newsletters earlier in the year my role is changing in September as I step away from the operational leadership of the school to focus in on some whole school and trust projects including the new school building on a part-time basis.

Thank you all for your support over the years this really has been the best job in the world with wonderful young people, a great staff team and supportive families. I know that you will continue to give Geraldine Lindsay the same support as I have received as she takes over in September.

One of my favourite Friday jobs is editing the newsletter, in 19 years I have never been short of inspirational stories and photos of our young people achieving great things.

Andy Evans

GREAT OAKS SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TERM DATES 2025-2026

September 2025					October 2025					November 2025					December 2025						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	Monday	6	13	20	27	Monday	3	10	17	24	Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	Tuesday	7	14	21	28	Tuesday	4	11	18	25	Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24		Wednesday	1	8	15	22	Wednesday	5	12	19	26	Wednesday	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25		Thursday	2	9	16	23	Thursday	6	13	20	27	Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26		Friday	3	10	17	24	Friday	7	14	21	28	Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27		Saturday	4	11	18	25	Saturday	1	8	15	22	Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28		Sunday	5	12	19	26	Sunday	2	9	16	23	Sunday	1	7	14	21	28
January 2026					February 2026					March 2026					April 2026						
Monday	5	12	19	26	Monday	2	9	16	23	Monday	2	9	16	23	30	Monday	6	13	20	27	
Tuesday	6	13	20	27	Tuesday	3	10	17	24	Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31	Tuesday	7	14	21	28	
Wednesday	7	14	21	28	Wednesday	4	11	18	25	Wednesday	4	11	18	25		Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	1	8	15	22	Thursday	5	12	19	26	Thursday	5	12	19	26		Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
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Saturday	3	10	17	24	Saturday	7	14	21	28	Saturday	7	14	21	28		Saturday	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	4	11	18	25	Sunday	1	8	15	22	Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	Sunday	5	12	19	26	
May 2026					June 2026					July 2026					August 2026						
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School Holidays and weekends
Bank Holidays - school is closed
Inset Days - school is closed to pupils
Year 7 Pupils only



Attendance update

As we come to the end of an amazing year, we wanted to celebrate all the students who have been aiming for MAXimum attendance. Every day our students have been in school has been an opportunity to make friends, learn, have fun and supports their development. Thank you to all the families for working with us and supporting our strive for excellent attendance.

