

# OLD HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



## THE MONDAY MESSENGER



Monday 1st September 2025

### WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone has had a great summer holiday with lots of fun and good times!

We wish our old Year 6 2025 Leavers all the very best for their new schools and their Year 7 adventures to come. We also wish Mrs Jess Jones and Mr Lewis Bailey all the very best in their new adventures and thank them for their commitment to Old Heath School.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you very much for all the end of year gifts and kind words in cards. It is lovely to know that the work of the Old Heath team is appreciated by our families.

We are welcoming our first group of new Early Years children on Wednesday and then the second group on Thursday. All the dates and times for their induction is explained further in this newsletter.

At the beginning of this new school year we welcome Mrs Lauren Turner back from maternity leave and Mrs Nikki Ward to her new position at Old Heath as Year 3's teaching assistant.

There are various other dates and info in this newsletter so please do carry on reading so you have a head's up before the first diary dates list comes out at the end of the week.

I have also enclosed my usual reminders about school start times, uniform and equipment and parking etiquette!!

### RESIDENTIALS

Y4, Y5 and Y6 children have had their letters for the residential;

**Y4 PGL Overstrand Hall**  
in March 2026

**Y5 PGL Grosvenor Hall** in  
May 2026

**Y6 YHA Helmsley,**  
North Yorkshire in June  
2026.

We need 20 children confirmed with deposits for each trip for them to run. The date for the first deposit is Fri 19th Sept. Mrs White will be setting the payments up for Wed 3rd Sept.

### STARTING TIMES & DAYS FOR THE NEW EARLY YEARS CLASS.

**Wed 3rd Sept 8.50am-12pm**

Group 1 in for their first official session.

**Thu 4th Sept 8.50am-12pm**

Group 2 in for their first official session.

**Fri 5th Sept 8.50am –12pm**

All Early Years children in.

**Mon 8th, Tue 9th and Wed 10th Sept 8.50am-12pm**

All Early Years children in.

**Thu 11th & Fri 12th Sept 8.50am-1.15pm**

All EY children in for the morning and lunch. Parents will need to book a school dinner through the School Gateway app (please make sure you have downloaded the app from the invite sent from the school) or provide a packed lunch.

The pick up location for the above dates will be the double red door at the top of the ramp at the front of school.

**Mon 15th Sept 8.50-3.30pm**

Early Years children start full time. Parents will pick up from the playground.

## PROSPECTIVE EARLY YEARS PARENT TOURS FOR PLACES IN SEPT 2026

Essex County Council's application window for Reception/Early Years places for Sept 2026 opens on 10th November 2025 and closes on 15th January 2026. The system does not work on a first come first served basis, so as long as your application is in by the 15th January then your preferences will be acknowledged in the same way as those registered on the 15th November. Our school tours are booked on the following days:

**Wed 5th November 9.45am**

**Tue 11th November 9.45am**

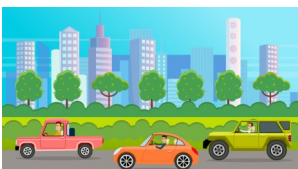
**Mon 17th November 9.45am**

**Mon 24th November 2pm**

**Tue 2nd December 2pm**

**Wed 7th January 2pm**

Our tours involve a walk around of the whole school, visiting classrooms whilst our children are learning ~ they do love to welcome new faces in to our school! We have spaces for six sets of prospective parents/child. We are a bit limited on space for buggies/pushchairs walking around the school.



## PARKING

Just a gentle reminder at the beginning of the new school year to highlight the need for parents who are dropping children off by car to be respectful of our local residents driveways and to park legally and safely so that other parents with their children and buggies etc can walk down the pavements. Please try to avoid doing U-turns from the pavement opposite the school in front of the lollipop crossing! It only takes a few seconds to go down the road and turn around in a safer manner!

It would be nice to start the year with no complaints from the neighbours!!

## OHSA EVENTS

The OHSA are organising their **BACK TO SCHOOL BOUNCE'** for Thursday 18th September. There will be a Non Uniform Day on Friday 12th September to help create the 'raffle' for the event. Friday 24th October is earmarked for the **HALLOWEEN DISCO**.



## Y6 EVENTS

Y6 have their Flatford Mill 'Rivers' trip on Tuesday 9th September. Swimming will start on Friday 19th September, the letters will be coming out on Tuesday 3rd September. We also have the BikeAbility sessions towards the end of September.



## REMINDERS

Our school day starts at 8.50am when the children come into school from the playground and the register is taken.

Scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the school playground or on the path at the side of the school. The path is not very wide and there are lots of children, parents, grandparents and younger siblings who need to be able to walk without getting knocked into. Children need their PE kits, reading books/diary, coats and water bottles every day! Please name items like sweatshirts/cardigans/waterbottles/PE kits as things that have names on can be returned!

Don't forget to order your child/children's dinners on the School Comms App. As it is the start of a new year please be patient if the app isn't playing ball and check with Mrs White on Tuesday. Please remember that if your child is entitled to free school meals you will still need to book their options.