

Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Oaklands Junior School – Ofsted Inspection Report

We are delighted to share the findings of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 6th and 7th October 2026. Our [report](#) recognises many of the strengths that make Oaklands Junior School such a special place for our children to learn, grow and thrive.

In the new framework, Ofsted have removed the single word grading, such as 'Outstanding' or 'Good' and instead provision is judged in 7 categories, each of which is assigned a grade. Schools are then issued with a 'report card' that also includes a description of the inspection's findings.

Oaklands Junior School are proud to share our grades with you in each category:

Strong standard (excellent provision that consistently makes a significant, positive impact on children and learners):

- Attendance and Behaviour
- Inclusion
- Personal Development and Wellbeing

Expected standard (a high, secure level of quality rather than a minimal threshold):

- Curriculum and Teaching
- Achievement
- Leadership and Governance

Safeguarding standards were also confirmed as met, reflecting the open and positive culture in which keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.

Among a very positive report, there are some particularly pleasing observations:

- Inspectors described Oaklands as "a highly inclusive school where leaders know pupils well" and identified our pastoral provision as "a notable strength";
- Inspectors found that pupils "behave very well across the school", with classrooms and shared areas described as "calm, orderly environments";
- Enrichment opportunities are "exceptionally equitable and impactful";
- Ofsted also recognised the strength of our relationships with families, noting that "parents and carers are full of praise about many aspects of the school's work".

We are ambitious for every child, and we know there is always more we can do. The inspection identified further work to strengthen writing, building on the 8% increase achieved in 2026, particularly to help more pupils achieve greater depth, and to ensure that pupils build and retain knowledge securely across the wider curriculum. We welcome these findings as they are a key focus on the current school development plan.

I would like to thank all our staff for their dedication, our children for the pride and enthusiasm they bring to school each day, and you, our parents and carers, for your continued support. This report recognises the strength of our school community and provides a clear foundation for our next steps.

We will continue to work together to ensure that Oaklands Junior School is the very best it can be for every child.

Finally, if you would like to understand more about the new Ofsted framework, please follow [this link](#).

With best wishes,



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