



WELCOME TO OAKLEY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prospectus

Welcome



Oakley Cross Primary School and Nursery Unit is a warm, happy and hardworking school, providing high-quality education for children aged 2 to 11. Set within spacious grounds in the rural village of West Auckland, the school benefits from a calm and enriching environment. We are immensely proud of our school community—children, staff, parents, governors and local partners—who work together to ensure every child receives the very best start in life.

At Oakley Cross, our first aim is to welcome the children into a warm, friendly and supportive environment in which they can learn, play and develop their personalities and talents.

Learning is at the centre of everything we do both in and out of the classroom. With so many opportunities at Oakley Cross Primary School we feel your child will flourish and have the best start in life.

Visits from families considering Oakley Cross Primary School for their child's education are most welcome and can be arranged via the school office.

Our School Aims

We have high expectations for all children and want them to be happy, achieve their potential and have the best possible start in life.

We aim to develop children who are:

- Kind to each other first and foremost.
- Confident and active learners.
- Resilient and strive for excellence in all they do.
- Independent and demonstrate a real enjoyment for school life.
- Encouraged to consider a healthy and active life style.

We will achieve this by:

- Providing a vibrant, exciting and safe environment that enables children to thrive.
- Promoting the highest standards of teaching and learning so that all children have the opportunity to become successful independent learners.
- Creating a school where good behaviour, positive relationships and friendship are part of everyday life.
- Offering a wide range of learning opportunities both within and beyond the classroom.



Our Broad & Balanced Curriculum

What Your Child Will Learn

At our school, our mission is to provide a vibrant, inclusive, and ambitious curriculum that builds confident and successful learners from Early Years onwards.

We strive to create a community where children are kind to each other first and foremost, and encourage them to value others, their views, cultures and beliefs.

We are committed to developing confident and active learners who engage fully with their learning and approach new challenges with enthusiasm. Through rich learning experiences, we help pupils become resilient and determined

Our curriculum nurtures independence and a genuine enjoyment of school life, encouraging children to take ownership of their learning and celebrate their achievements. We also promote the importance of living a healthy and active life, supporting pupils to make positive choices that contribute to their physical and mental wellbeing.

Together, these values shape a curriculum that empowers every child to flourish, succeed, and develop a lifelong love of learning.



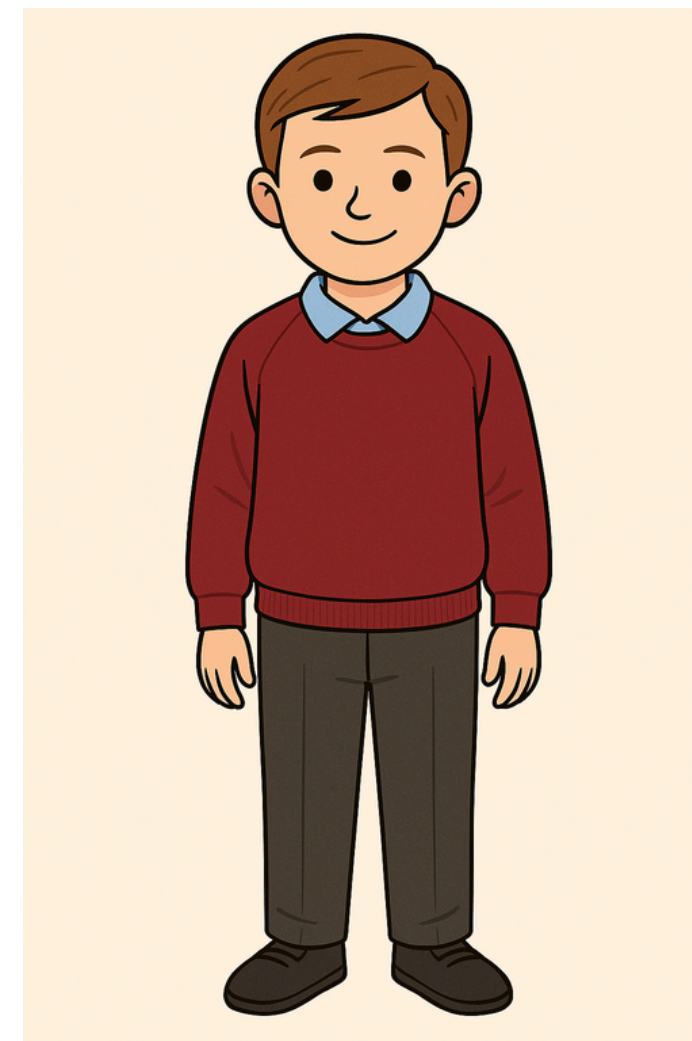
Personal Development

Personal development is a fundamental part of life at Oakley Cross Primary School. We are committed to nurturing confident, resilient and respectful individuals who are well prepared for the opportunities and challenges of the future.

Our approach promotes the development of the whole child. Through a supportive and inclusive environment, we help pupils build strong relationships, develop self-confidence and understand the importance of wellbeing. We actively encourage children to demonstrate positive values such as kindness, resilience, independence and collaboration in all aspects of school life.

Personal, social and emotional development is embedded throughout the curriculum and daily routines. Pupils are supported to understand themselves and others, manage their emotions and develop empathy. This enables them to form positive relationships and contribute positively to the school and wider community.

We enrich children's experiences through a wide range of opportunities, including educational visits, visitors, sporting activities and extracurricular clubs. These experiences broaden horizons, build confidence and help children discover new interests and talents.



We ask that all pupils wear our school uniform everyday.

Our uniform consists of:

- burgundy jumper/cardigan
- light blue/white polo shirt
- black or grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
- black sensible shoes

EARLY YEARS: THE BEST START IN LEARNING

At Oakley Cross Primary School, we aim to provide a welcoming, nurturing and supportive environment where children feel safe to learn, play and develop their individual personalities and talents.

We have high expectations for all pupils and strive to ensure they are happy, achieve their full potential and are given the best possible start in life.

Our curriculum begins in the Early Years, where learning is carefully planned around high-quality core texts. These themes are designed to engage children and provide meaningful opportunities to learn through curiosity, exploration and play.

If you are considering a nursery place for your child, we encourage you to contact the school. We would be happy to arrange a visit so you can view our setting and ask any questions.

Nursery admissions are managed directly by the school rather than through the Local Authority.

We offer nursery provision for children from the age of two. Funded places are available for families who meet the eligibility criteria. In addition, we offer paid sessions, subject to availability.

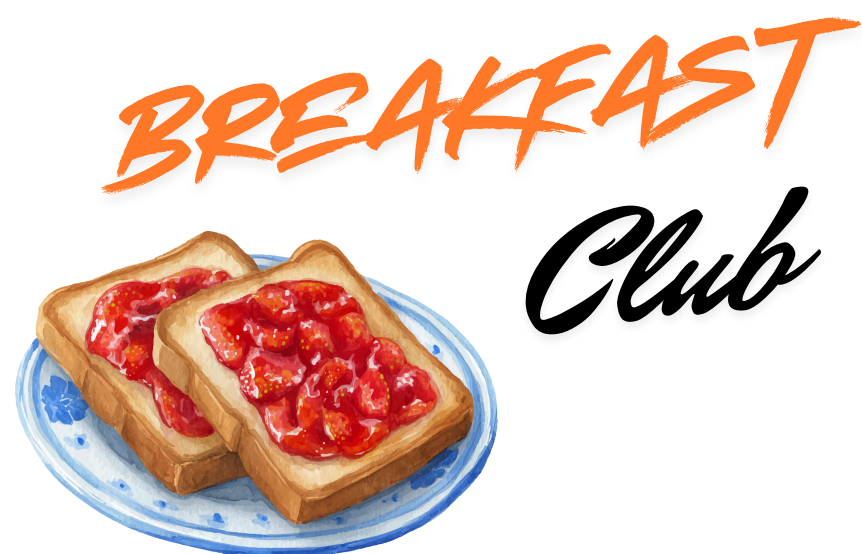
For further information, please contact the school directly.



A Day at Oakley Cross

8:00 am - Breakfast Club
8:45 am – Morning Session
10:45 am – Morning break
11:45 am - 12:45pm EYFS Lunch Break
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm – KS1/KS2 Lunch Break
1:00 pm - 3:15 pm – Afternoon sessions begin
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm – After School Clubs

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Late arrivals can cause anxiety for children and create additional administrative challenges for staff. If someone other than a parent or guardian will be collecting your child, please inform the school in advance.



Children are welcome to arrive at school from 8am to enjoy a healthy breakfast provided by our Breakfast Club team. The club is free for all pupils, thanks to our sponsorship from Greggs. Alongside breakfast, children can take part in a range of activities that support their social, physical and creative development, helping them start the day settled, confident and ready to learn.



Extra Curricular Activities



We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities that enrich children's school experience and support their interests and talents. Clubs run at different times throughout the year and may be led by school staff, parents or visiting specialists. Activities take place during lunchtimes and after school, with after-school clubs running from 3:15pm to 4:00pm.

Sport

We provide regular after-school sports clubs for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils. These clubs encourage teamwork, fitness and enjoyment of physical activity, and where possible, children are given opportunities to take part in inter-school competitions.

Music

Children in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. These sessions help develop confidence, discipline and a lifelong appreciation of music.

Educational Visits and Visitors

All children take part in educational visits that are carefully chosen to enrich and reinforce classroom learning. We also welcome a variety of visitors into school, such as brass bands and specialist sports coaches, to enhance the curriculum. Parental consent for visits is requested when your child starts school and remains in place unless withdrawn in writing.

Safeguarding

At Oakley Cross Primary School, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. We are fully committed to ensuring that all children feel safe, secure and able to learn in a supportive environment. We believe every child has the right to be happy, protected and given the opportunity to thrive. We take our statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children very seriously. All adults in school maintain a vigilant approach, recognising that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that concerns must always be acted upon.

Our Commitment to Keeping Children Safe - We ensure that:

- The welfare and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority
- Each child is respected, valued and treated as an individual
- We foster a listening culture where children feel confident to share their thoughts and concerns
- Our curriculum supports children in understanding how to keep themselves safe, both in school and beyond
- All concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing are taken seriously and responded to promptly and appropriately

All staff and volunteers are trained in safeguarding and understand their responsibility to report concerns to the school's safeguarding team.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are:

- Mrs Atkinson – Head Teacher
- Mr Howe – Deputy Head Teacher and SENCo

A safeguarding policy is available on our school website and it applies to all members of our school community.

Behaviour

At Oakley Cross Primary School, we promote high standards of behaviour to create a safe, calm and positive environment where all children can learn and succeed. Our approach is consistent and fair, and is underpinned by our core values of respect, resilience, confidence, kindness and tolerance.

We encourage children to be kind, respectful and responsible, to listen and work hard, and to take care of their school environment.

Positive behaviour is recognised through praise and rewards, helping children to develop confidence and make good choices. Where behaviour falls below expectations, staff provide clear guidance and consistent consequences to support children in improving their behaviour.

We work closely with parents and, where needed, provide additional support to ensure every child can succeed both socially and academically.

Special Educational Needs Provision

"The curriculum is ambitious for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities."
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At Oakley Cross Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that every child, regardless of ability, has full access to a broad and balanced curriculum and can achieve their personal potential academically, socially and emotionally.

Our approach is inclusive and child-centred. We work to remove barriers to learning by providing high-quality, differentiated teaching alongside additional support where needed. SEND provision is carefully tailored to meet the four main areas of need: communication and interaction, cognition and learning, social, emotional and mental health, and physical or sensory needs. We ensure that pupils with SEND engage fully in school life alongside their peers.

Early identification is a priority. Staff monitor progress closely and work with the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO), parents and, where appropriate, external specialists to identify and meet individual needs. Once identified, pupils receive targeted support through a graduated approach of assess, plan, do and review, ensuring provision is regularly evaluated and adapted.

We place strong emphasis on partnership with families. Parents and carers are actively involved in decision-making, reviewing progress and setting targets, and we value their insights as key to supporting children effectively. We also work closely with outside agencies, including health and educational professionals, to provide a coordinated and holistic approach to support.

Staff training is a key strength, ensuring our team has the knowledge and skills to meet a wide range of needs. Through ongoing professional development and a collaborative whole-school approach, we ensure that all children feel supported, included and empowered to succeed.

Celebrating Success

Our Achievements at Oakley Cross Primary School

At Oakley Cross Primary School, we celebrate every child's achievements. From outstanding academic results to sporting triumphs and creative performances, our pupils shine in everything they do.

Great
work!



Academic Excellence



Sports Day Champions



Arts & Music Stars



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WE'D LOVE TO WELCOME YOU!