



Primary update

Welcome back to all our children and families. It is great to have all our children back and settled in their new classes, we have had a very positive start to the term working on our 'Welcome Week theme'. On Friday we welcomed our new reception children into our OADV family, and we were extremely impressed with how they quickly settled into their new settings. I would also like to say welcome to all new children and families that are joining OADV for the first time. We have children new to Nursery and Reception classes as well as some children in other year groups.

Thank you for ensuring the children are ready for school by wearing their correct uniform and having all what they need, including their bookbags, and iPads. It really does make a huge difference. Please would you ensure that everything is named, as we want to ensure children do not lose jumpers and cardigans, it is extremely difficult to uphold this without names within them.

We have a fantastic term planned, this first term we will all explore, 'who am I and who am I becoming?'. You can see all our curriculum overviews on our academy website and look out for our brand-new Year group curriculum newsletters which provide you with a summary of the term ahead. [Curriculum Structure - Oasis Academy Don Valley](#)

Year Overviews

Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6

Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Theme	Who Am I? (Who Am I? Exploring)	Discovering and Exploring the World	Heritage and Culture	Building a Sustainable World	Building an Inclusive World	Performance
Writing	Story and Fairy Tales Narrative Writing Who I Am to	My Hero Narrative Writing My Hero	George and the Dragon Narrative Writing The Wizard's Hat	The Stormy Whale Narrative Writing The Jelly Princess	On a Sublime Hill Narrative Writing Pirate Jolly	King of the Sea Film Get Up to the Music

Mrs Michels, Head of Primary

Attendance update



As you will be aware there have been national changes with regard to school attendance and there is a huge drive towards ensuring all children are attending school on a regular basis. Last term we sent letters home informing parents of the changes to the fines for unauthorised absence, please see our website for further details:

[Attendance changes from 19th August letter.pdf](#)
(oasisacademydonvalley.org)

We will continue to support families over the year to ensure all children have good attendance therefore not missing learning and reaching their full potential. We will be in regular communication with all parents and if required invite parents in for meetings so that we can work together on this vital matter.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

OADV primary attendance last summer term	OADV Attendance Target	National Attendance
92.9%	97%	The national target for school attendance is 97% or no more than 5 days of absence throughout the academic year.

Punctuality matters too!

It is important that children arrive at school on time. Lessons and learning start at 8.30am. Where children are consistently late, we will be meeting with families to offer support to see how we can help to improve punctuality. The gates open at **8.20am**. We will soon be having an intercom fitted to the primary gate therefore all children who are late will enter through the primary gate and **NOT** the main reception. Please work to ensure your children are using the correct entrance. The main academy entrance should not be used for ease of drop off.

5 MINUTES LATE PER DAY
Adds up to 3 days lost school time!

10 minutes =
6.5 school days per year

15 minutes =
10 days lost per school year

20 minutes =
13 lost school days per year

30 minutes =
19 lost school days per year

Improved communication

For communication with Parents, we will be using MCAS on a regular basis.

What is MCAS? My Child at School (MCAS) is an online portal in which parents/ carers can view their child's performance and other information at school in real time via the web or mobile app. The portal also provides general useful information about the Academy, such as the Academic calendar and Academy announcements. MCAS also allows parents to access their child's Attendance and up-to-date information

[My Child At School \(MCAS\) - Oasis Academy Don Valley](#)




Primary breakfast Club 8am daily

- **Cost** - The cost is £1.50, per pupil per day and must be paid in advance at the time of booking.
- **Times** - A session is from 8.00am - 8.30am.
- **Place** - The club will run in our Primary Hall and will be led by our staff.
- **Breakfast** - This will be provided by our catering company Sodexo, and choices will be cereal, toast, bagels, fruit and a drink.

If you would like to book a place for your child at our new breakfast club or would like further information, please call into the main reception to pick up an information booklet and booking form.

Extra Curriculum Clubs Autumn Term 1

 Primary Enrichment Timetable AUT1 - September/October 2024				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 - Sewing PSa/Ryo KS2 - Girls Football NFr Cross Phase Homework ACu/Skh Cross Phase Songwriting JLa	KS1 Ready Steady Cook Sfo/Lth KS2 - Board Games AOW UKS2 - Boys Football ASm KS2 - Drawing ABi	Staff training No enrichment	KS1 - Sketching AKh KS2 - Cricket HAI Cross Phase Mindfulness ASh	No enrichment

Last half term we were pleased to welcome Miss Turner who joins us from Oasis Academy Fir Vale, she has joined us as an Assistant Principal, and is now our Year 3, Class Pratchett teacher; Miss Turner will also lead our Key Stage Two Phase and Maths across the primary phase. Mr Amir will also be joining the primary phase as a pastoral manager, he is going to be supporting attendance, punctuality and behaviour and inclusion.

Hello! My name is Miss Turner and I have the pleasure of joining Oasis Academy Don Valley as Assistant Principal and Y3 class teacher this year. Maths is a big passion of mine and I am looking forward to sharing this with the children. When I am not in school you will find me following my beloved football team Sheffield United, who I watch every week with my children. If you see me around school, please come and say Hi – I am really looking forward to meeting you all!



My names Mr Amir, I'm sure many of you have seen me around the Academy by now. I have previously worked in Fir Vale School for four years, as a Deputy Head of Year, managing behaviour. I have been at OADV secondary for four years working with all our pupils from Y7-Y11.

I am excited to be starting and sharing my experience with you all here at OADV Primary. I am extremely enthusiastic to be working with you all and getting to know you individually. I am approachable with a down to earth nature which helps me relate and empathise well with others. I am always on hand when needed so be sure to find me if you need anything. I am sure we will create great memories and achieve plenty along your journey to success.



Parent Talks 2024

Again, this year we will be starting by inviting all parents to our year group parent talks. We will be running these for each year group and during these sessions we will cover a great deal of essential information. Even if you have had children move through our Academy it is still very relevant as it will keep you up to date with any changes. Please make a note of the dates and times for your Child's Year group. Please arrive at the **PRIMARY GATE** to enter.

Year Group	Date	Time
Reception	Monday 23 rd September	8.45am
Year 1	Monday 16 th September	2.15pm
Year 2	Thursday 19 th September	8.45am
Year 3	Tuesday 17 th September	8.45am
Year 4	Tuesday 17 th September	2.15pm
Year 5	Thursday 19 th September	2.15pm
Year 6	Monday 16 th September – this will also go through Year 6 SATS	8.45am



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