



Luminous Oak
Academy

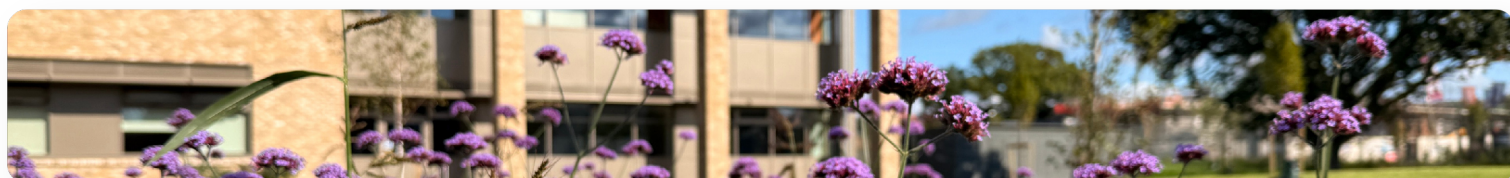
Weekly Newsletter

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Academies Trust



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Our vision

At Luminous Oak Academy our pupils grow strong roots, find their voice and learn to believe that they can achieve great things.

Key Dates

Autumn Half-Term

19th October – 30th October 26

Christmas Holiday

21st December – 1st January 27

February Half-Term

15th February – 19th February 27

Easter Holiday

26th March – 9th April 27

May Day

3rd May 27

Summer Half-Term

31st May – 4th June 27

Summer Holiday

23rd July – 1st September 27

Inset Days 2026/2027

4th January 2027

12th February 2027

12th April 2027

7th June 2027

Welcome to Luminous Oak Academy

Dear Families,

It has been a privilege to welcome you all into your new school over the last few weeks.

As a team, we have seen your children make friends, enjoy school, and want to be here. For some children, this can sound like 'normal'; for others, these are significant milestones to be enormously proud of.

These milestones are not possible without the support and encouragement of you, our families. So, thank you.

Next week is the first week that some of our pupils will be here full-time. For those who still need a little more settling time, we will review this at the end of the week. As ever, each pupil's journey is personalised.

A few reminders:

- Our children get thirsty, so please send them in with a refillable water bottle.
- Our pupils spend time outside, come rain or shine, so old spare clothes and shoes are always a good idea.
- If you have any old wellies or clothes that your children have outgrown, they will be gratefully received as spares for our school.

Have a fantastic week, and we look forward to welcoming you to school next week.

With best wishes, Louisa & Team.

Driving on the school site

Please note that the speed limit in the school car park is 5 mph. This helps to ensure the safety of our pupils, families, staff, and visitors.

We kindly ask all drivers to follow the designated one way route, adhere to the 5 mph speed limit, and remain vigilant for pedestrians at all times.



General Enquiries

To help us manage communications efficiently and ensure that enquiries are responded to promptly, please note that teachers' email addresses are not monitored and should not be used for parent correspondence. All enquiries, messages, requests and correspondence should be sent to the school admin inbox on admin@luminousoak-academy.net where they will be directed to the appropriate member of staff as required. This helps us ensure that important information is not missed and that all communications are logged and responded to appropriately.

Smoke-Free School Site

A reminder to all parents, carers and visitors that our school is a smoke-free site. This means that smoking and the use of e-cigarettes or vapes is not permitted anywhere on the school grounds, including car parks and entrances.

If you wish to smoke or vape, please leave the school premises completely before doing so. We kindly ask everyone to respect this policy to help us provide a safe, healthy and welcoming environment for our pupils, staff and visitors.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a healthy school community.

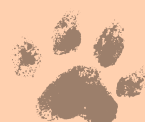
A MESSAGE FROM YEAR 5

Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the new school year! They have been building positive relationships with staff and peers, settling well into their new class, and growing in confidence as they explore new challenges and areas of the school.

The children have adapted brilliantly to new routines, including breakfast and lunch in the dining hall, and are becoming increasingly independent. They have also enjoyed using the school's excellent sporting facilities, developing key skills such as teamwork, sharing, and turn-taking through a range of games and activities.

We are incredibly proud of how well everyone has settled in and look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Harri



**Dogs on the
School Site**

A reminder that dogs are not permitted **anywhere** on the school site. This helps to ensure the safety and comfort of all pupils, staff and visitors.



Jarlath O'Brien

Director of School
Improvement

A Friendly Face to Look Out For

When possible, we like to share pictures of visitors with our pupils to help prepare them for new faces they may see in school.

We are pleased to let you know that Jarlath will be a regular visitor. His role is to work with our schools to help ensure pupils receive the best possible education, supporting staff development, teaching and learning, and school improvement across the trust.

If you see Jarlath around school, please feel free to say hello and give him a hi-five.

Transport



Most of our pupils will be coming to school by taxi. If you have not yet had confirmation of pick up time, please contact the taxi company directly. A few reminders:

- Mobile phones may be used during journeys if headphones are used, no photos/videos/recordings are taken, and only appropriate content is accessed. Devices must be switched off and stored securely on arrival at school.
- Be ready on time: taxis will wait for a maximum of 3 minutes before leaving.
- No food or drink is permitted in transport vehicles, but food will be available at school.

Arbor Messages

We will be sending the majority of messages via Arbor. To ensure you don't miss out on any information, please ensure you have downloaded the app and have notifications switched on.

- 1: Download the app:** Search for "Arbor" in the App Store.
- 2: Logging in:** Use the email address registered with the school. If you don't have a password, select "Forgot password" and follow the instructions.
- 3: First time setup:** Verify your child's details when prompted.

Go to settings and switch ON push notifications for the Parent App. You may be prompted to allow notifications immediately after downloading the app.

"Arbor" Would Like to Send You Notifications

Notifications may include alerts, sounds and icon badges. These can be configured in Settings.

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School Timings

Monday - 08:45 - 15:00

Tuesday - 08:45 - 15:00

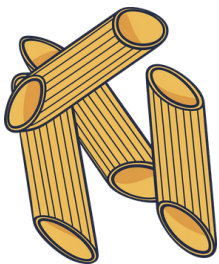
Wednesday - 09:45 - 15:00

Thursday - 08:45 - 14:00

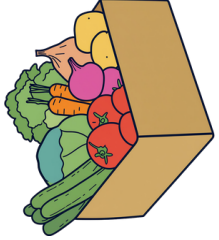
Friday - 08:45 - 15:00

To ensure pupil safety, the school gates will open at 08:40, 09:40, 13:55 and 14:55





Lunch Menu



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Week 1 7th Sept, 28th Sept, 2nd Nov, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec				
	Mains	Sides	Dessert	
Mon	Option 1: Macaroni Cheese V Option 2: Flaky Quorn Twist V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Lemon & Ginger Oatcake OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Tues	Option 1: Chicken & Bean Curry with Rice Option 2: Frittata V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Peach Upside Down Cake & Custard OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Wed	Option 1: Beef Cobbler Option 2: Lentil Roast V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Coleslaw V	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Chocolate Orange Shortbread OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Thu	Option 1: Pork Sausage Pasta Option 2: Vegetable Goujons V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Date & Cocoa Swirls OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Fri	Option 1: Salmon Fish Cake & Fries Option 2: Baked Bean Lasagne V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Beans VE	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Fruity Flapjack OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	

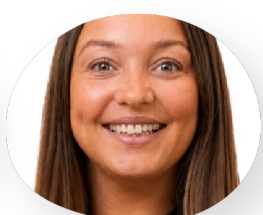
Week 2 14th Sept, 5th Oct, 9th Nov, 30th Nov				
	Mains	Sides	Dessert	
Mon	Option 1: Southern Quorn burger in a bap Option 2: Vegetable Wellington V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Apricot Oatle OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Tues	Option 1: Chicken & Thyme Pie Option 2: Chickpea Burger V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Lemon Drizzle Cake OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Wed	Option 1: Lasagne & Garlic Bread Option 2: Soy Balls with Tomato Sauce & Pasta V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Coleslaw V	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Pear Pastry Puff OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Thu	Option 1: Roast Chicken & Roast Potatoes Option 2: Veggie Pasta Bake V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Apple & Cinnamon Sponge OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Fri	Option 1: Fish Fingers & Fries Option 2: Meatless Chilli & Rice V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Beans VE	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Fruit Pie & Custard OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	

Week 3 21st Sept, 12th Oct, 16th Nov, 7th Dec				
	Mains	Sides	Dessert	
Mon	Option 1: Cheese, Pepper & Tomato Pizza V Option 2: Boston Quorn Sausage & Beans V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Banana Muffin OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Tues	Option 1: Roast Pork & Roast Potatoes Option 2: Chickpea Roast V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Coleslaw V	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Cinnamon Bun OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Wed	Option 1: Shepherd's Pie Option 2: Vegetable Goujons V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Beans VE	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Sultana Cookie OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Thu	Option 1: Hawaiian Street Pan Chicken Option 2: Cheese & Onion Turnover V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Coleslaw V	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Oatle Fruit Crumble & Custard OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	
Fri	Option 1: Tuna Pasta Bake Option 2: Beanie Wraps V Option 3: Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Choice of at least 2 vegetables & choice from the Salad Bar	Chocolate Brownie & Chocolate Sauce OR Fruit OR Yogurt OR Cheese & Crackers V	

Staff at Luminous Oak Academy



Louisa Paston
Principal



Jess Kennedy
Vice Principal



Lauren Wilkinson
High Level Teaching
Assistant



Sophie Sanderson
Administration Lead



Louise Noyce
Administration Officer



Harri
Year 5 Teacher



Beth
Year 6 Teacher



Charlie
Year 7 Teacher



Amy
Year 7 Teacher



Jess
Year 8 Teacher



Charlie
Teaching Assistant



Katie
Teaching Assistant



Laura
Teaching Assistant



Sophie
Teaching Assistant



Mariette
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Alice
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Kara
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Our Safeguarding Team



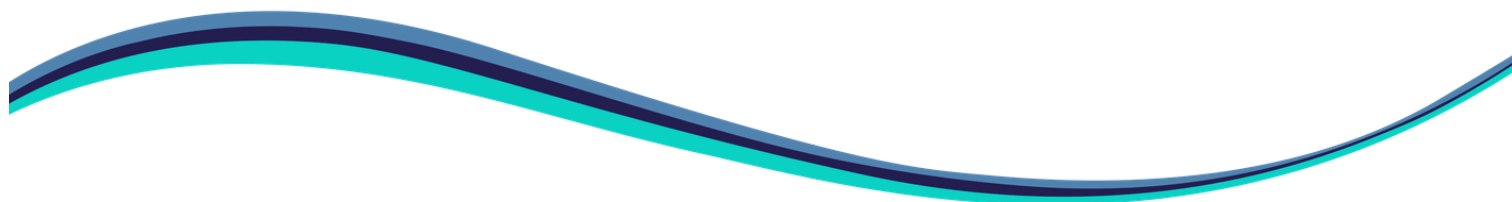
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