



# Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

# Newsletter

## Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter: 12th December 2025



## This Week

This week has been a very busy week. On Monday and Wednesday the Year 1 children performed their Christmas Concerts beautifully. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended.

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited the Princes Theatre to watch the Christmas pantomime Peter Pan, whilst Year 1 and Reception were visited by Chaplins Pantomine company at school, who performed Little Red Riding Hood. All the Year groups had a fantastic time and behaved exceptionally. Well done to all the children. I would also like to thank Friends of Oakwood for contributing towards these events.

On Wednesday the children had their Christmas dinner. Thank you to Mrs Fairhead and her kitchen team for all their hard work in creating a super lunch and an amazing Christmas atmosphere.



Thursday saw Christmas Jumper Day and our Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to everybody who came to take part in the event to support the school. There were some fabulous prizes won in the raffle, which I am sure will be enjoyed. I would like to thank Friends of Oakwood for organising this special event and all of my staff for working on the stalls in their own time. Details of money raised for all events will be shared shortly.

## Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Parent Governors. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Parent Governor and what this role involves, please contact the school office to make an appointment to see me. Thank you.

## Next Week

## Year 2 and Reception Concerts

Year 2 will perform their Christmas concerts next Monday and Tuesday at 9.30am and Reception on Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30am (**can all children come to school with a Christmas jumper to wear during their performance—thank you**). If you have not bought your ticket, please purchase them from the school office.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards

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**Mrs K Maguire-Egan**  
**Head Teacher**

	
<b>Key Dates</b>	
<b>December</b>	
15th & 16th	Yr 2 Christmas Concerts
17th & 18th	Reception Yr Christmas Concerts
18th	Carols around the tree
18th	Brass quartet— Christmas Carols
19th	Christingle Assembly and Last Day of School
5th January	Back to School
January	
6th & 7th	Drumming Workshop
12th-16th	Careers Week
<b>Menu</b>	<b>WC 15th December –Wk 1</b>

## Vacancies

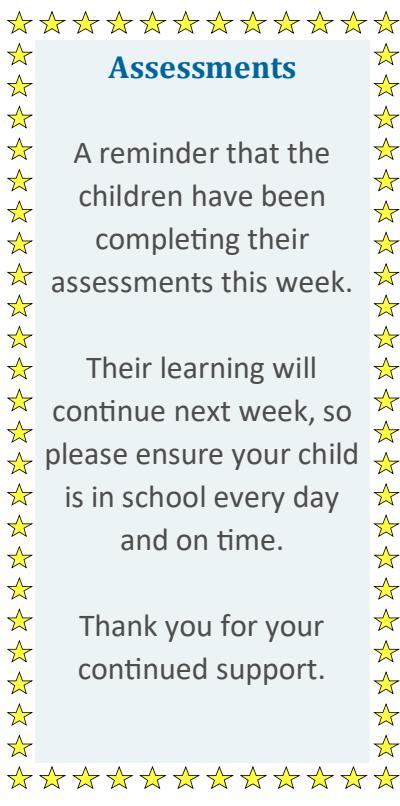
We currently have  
vacancies for the  
following:

## Relief Mid Day Assistants

## Parent Governors

## Volunteer Readers

If you would like to find out more information, please contact the school office.



## Assessments

A reminder that the children have been completing their assessments this week.

Their learning will continue next week, so please ensure your child is in school every day and on time.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Coats

Please make sure your child comes to school in a warm coat and ensure that it is zipped/buttoned up. Thank you for your support.



## Parent Donation

We received a large donation of toys from a parent of one of our children.

Their child had discussed how some children have less than others and how he wanted to help others less fortunate.

These gifts will be given to members of the school community who would otherwise receive little to no gifts at Christmas.

Thank you to the child and parent for their generosity.

## After School Clubs

All clubs have now finished until after the Christmas break. More details of when they will resume will be sent out after Christmas.

## Last Day of Term—Non Uniform

The last day of term is Friday 19th December and will be non uniform. The children will be receiving a visit from the Elves on this day too and will be given a Christmas gift.

Please note that school will finish as usual at 3pm on this day.



## Attendance



The class winners this week were Kingfishers in first place, followed by Squirrels and Ducklings.

Well done to all classes but especially Kingfishers whose reward will be extra time in the adventure playground.

## Reminders

**No hoop earrings are to be worn.**

**All children are to bring a water bottle into school, containing only water**

**Please label all items**

## Reception & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year starting in September 2026

If you need to apply for a Reception/Year 3 place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. Applications are now open and you must complete your application by the statutory national closing date of 15th January 2026. Applications can be made online via

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)



## Reducing our Carbon Footprint

Below are this week's tips on how to save money and reduce our carbon footprint.

### THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- Don't open the oven to look at the food inside—peep through the window to help prevent the hot air inside escaping.
- Inflate your car tyres—this lowers resistance on the road and saves on fuel.
- Take a mug into work instead of using a new polystyrene cup each time.

# Winter Reading Challenge

10 January to 22 February

Join at your local library!



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