



Newsletter

This Week

This week I took an assembly that focused on Anti Bullying Week. We spoke about what bullying is, why does it happen and why we need to speak out if we see or hear it happening. We also looked at ways in which we can all be different and discussed what we should do if we were being bullied.

Thank you to all Reception parents/carers who attended the Road Safety sessions with their children. These sessions are vital for our children and having the support of you on the day, certainly ensured the sessions met our objectives.

Our visit to the Food Bank was postponed. I shall let you know the revised date once I have it.

Children in Need

We raised £137.37 which will be given directly to the Charity. Thank you to everybody who donated.



Next Week

A reminder that Monday is a non uniform day in exchange for donations for our Christmas Bazaar.



First Day Back After Christmas Break

Please remember our return date for after the Christmas break has changed and all children will now return on Monday 8th January.



Have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

| KEY DATES | |
|-----------------|--|
| November | |
| 27th | Non Uniform Day - Donations for Christmas Bazaar |
| December | |
| 5th | Treasure Island Panto |
| 6th | Christmas Lunch |
| 7th | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 7th | Christmas Bazaar |
| Menu | WC November 27th Week 1 |

Attendance

| Year | Last Week | This Week |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Reception | 81.4% | 93.7% |
| Year 1 | 91.2% | 90.4% |
| Year 2 | 94.5% | 93.5% |

Please be advised we will ask you for medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.



Reminders

Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school.

Only water is permitted in water bottles please.

Please read with your child every day and complete their reading diary.

A reminder that we are a nut free school.

Please make sure your child comes to school in a warm coat

Christmas Dates for your Diary



| Date | Event |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 5th December | Treasure Island Panto (in School) |
| 6th December | Christmas Dinner |
| 7th December | Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Bazaar |
| 11th December | Year 2 only— Aladdin at Princes Theatre |
| 13th December 10.30am & 2.15pm | Nursery Christmas Songs |
| 12th & 13th 9.30am | Reception Christmas Concerts |
| 14th & 15th December 9.30am | Year 1 Christmas Concerts |
| 18th & 19th December 9.30am | Year 2 Christmas Concerts |
| 20th December | Christingle Assembly & Last Day of School |
| 8th January 2024 | Back to School |

Return of Christmas Dinner Slip

This should have been returned already. If you have not returned your slip, please ensure it is with us by Monday 27th at the very latest. Thank you.

Christmas Bazaar Raffle Tickets

Please visit the school office to purchase raffle tickets for £1 a strip.



Christmas Bazaar

A reminder this is being held on Thursday 7th December. There will be lots of amazing activities and prizes to be won.



Spare PE Kit & Uniform

We are in need of uniform items, children's underwear and spare PE shorts and plimsoles in all sizes. If you have any spare items at home you would like to gift, so we can replenish our stock, we would be extremely grateful. Thank you.

Extra Information

School admission arrangements 2025-26

Essex County Council, as the admission authority for Oakwood Infant School, is consulting on a reduction to the published admission number (PAN) at the school for the 2025-26 academic year. The proposal is to reduce the published admission number (PAN) from the current 120 to 90.

This is to enable the school to organise classes more effectively and efficiently into 3 forms of entry. [There are sufficient school places available in the overall area to ensure a school place for every child. Oakwood Infant School is currently undersubscribed. No child for whom this school is the nearest school is expected to be denied a place in the normal admission round if this proposal proceeds.](#)

Interested persons are entitled to comment on the above proposal.

The consultation period is open between 27 November 2023 and 12 January 2024.

Any comments should be submitted in writing to Shamsun Noor, Head of Operations by email shamsun.noor@essex.gov.uk or by post to Shamsun Noor, Head of Operations, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1GS.

Following the end of the consultation period, the Council, having considered any responses, will set the admission arrangements for the school by 28 February 2024.

Essex Libraries Winter Reading Challenge

Essex Library's plucky penguin is back! This time she's setting off with her magic book and a map in hand. Lyra is on a mission to find out more about endangered animals around the world and how she can help protect them.

*You can find out lots of fun facts about endangered animals around the world on our website, and by following Lyra's journey on their YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/essexlibraries
Your mission is to complete at least 6 of the 12 challenges in your booklet. You can use library books, audiobooks, e-books, e-comics or e-audio for each challenge. It's up to you which challenges you do! Pick up your challenge booklet from any library between 25 November and 3 February to take part. You will receive a Certificate on completion and either a pack of seeds or a book (while stocks last)*

Essex County Council
Libraries

Essex Library Service
**Winter
Reading Challenge**

Saturday
25 November
to Saturday
3 February

TRAVEL
183.50

Travel around the world with Lyra this winter and meet lots of new animal friends!
Collect your booklet from any Essex library.

QR code

YouTube Instagram Facebook X @essexlibraries

Penguin icon

Clacton Library events for children

Saturday 3 December - Saturday 3 February

Winter Reading Challenge - Join Lyra the Penguin this Winter and meet lots of new animal friends.

Further information can be found by following the link [Winter Reading Challenge | News | Essex Library Service](#)

Promotional Video: <https://youtu.be/-kUnNp3aX5>

Saturday 9 December - Christmas Craft

Join us for a FREE Christmas craft session from 10.30 -11.30. Suitable for all ages. No booking required.

Saturday 16 December - Christmas Stories

Join us for our wonderful FREE festive story-time with a colouring session afterwards 10.30 11.00. Suitable for all ages, no booking required.

Saturday 16 December - Festive Lego session

Join in our Christmas Special from 2.30pm-3.30pm - booking required.

you can book on Essex libraries website or follow the link. <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events/location/tendring/96>

Saturday 30 December -Storytime puppet special

Come and join Jake, Gloria and friends for this fun filled FREE session. 10.30 -11.00am suitable for all ages, no booking required.



www.essex.gov.uk



BAKE VS BUY



In this short, FREE course we will look at the costs of home baking & cooking vs buying ready-made. Helping you save money and learning how to budget, in a fun & relaxed environment.

FREE!

Attend this course & receive a FREE £10 shopping voucher! & GIFT!


 **The Dovercourt & Harwich Hub**
276 High St, Harwich CO12 3PD

 **Friday 1st December 2023**

 **10:30am to 11:30am**



 call our friendly team on
0345 603 7635

 www.aclessex.com/multiply/

Multiply

