

Oakwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter: 16th January 2026



Key Dates

19th-23rd	Presentation Week
21st	Space Dome— Yr 2
February	
10th	Reception Valentine Disco
11th	Year 1 Valentine Disco
12th	Year 2 Valentine Disco
13th	Valentines Dinner
16th-20th	Half Term Break
23rd Feb	Non Pupil Day
Menu	WC 19th January –Wk 2

This Week

On Monday, Year 1 children dressed up in medieval costumes to support their new topic, Castles and Dragons. There were some fabulous costumes and I hope the children enjoyed taking part in this topic event.

On Thursday I held an assembly which focused on Trying our Best. The children learnt why it is so important to try their best and ways they can do this, such as listening carefully to their teacher, even when learning is really hard.

Next Wednesday Year 2 will take part in a Space Experience Day.

Cold Play

When temperatures are far too low, for the children's wellbeing, playtime will be restricted to ten minutes with any remaining play taking place indoors.

After School Clubs

An email has been sent with the link to use to book after school clubs. Alternatively, there are posters containing QR codes that you can scan on your phone which will take you to the booking page directly. QR codes can be found in the school lobby or on classroom doors.

Nut Free School

A reminder that due to having children in school with severe nut allergies, we do not allow any type of nuts into school. This also includes any type of chocolate spread that contains nuts such as Nutella. Thank you for your support.



Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

Attendance	
The class winners this week were Woodpeckers in first place, followed by Hedgehogs and Ducklings.	
Well done to all classes but especially Woodpeckers whose reward will be extra time in the adventure playground.	



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.

Head Teacher's Surgery

I hold a surgery every Thursday afternoon. If you would like to see me to discuss any issues, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Warm Coats

In view of the colder weather, please make sure your child comes into school in a warm winter coat and ensure their coat is zipped/buttoned up.

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

Applications closed on 15th January 2026. If you missed the deadline, please visit www.essex.gov.uk/admissions to submit a late application.

Reminders

Please make sure:

Each child comes to school in a warm coat.

Your child comes to school with a water bottle containing water only.

No jewellery to be worn on PE days.

Please read with your child daily and complete their reading diary.

Please support your child with any homework given and ensure it is returned on time.

Thank you.

VALENTINE DISCOS

There will be a Valentine Disco for each year group during February. The dates are as follows:

Reception—Tuesday 10th February

Year 1—Wednesday 11th February

Year 2—Thursday 12th February



Each disco will start at 2.45pm and end at 4pm. You will need to collect your child from their classroom door.

Your child must come into school in school uniform, however, they are welcome to bring clothes to change into for the disco.

Tickets can be purchased for £2.00 from the school office from Monday 26th January.

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



- Minimise use of tumble dryers as they are very expensive to run.
- Turn down radiators.
- Turn your thermostat down by 1 degree.