

# Oakwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter: 9th January 2026



## Key Dates

19th-23rd	Presentation Week
21st	Space Dome— Yr 2
13th Feb	Valentine's Dinner
10th	Reception Valentine Disco
11th	Year 1 Valentine Disco
12th	Year 2 Valentine Disco
Menu	WC 12th January –Wk 1

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## Attendance

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

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

## Driving and Parking

I have had many complaints regarding parking in unauthorised areas and dangerous driving. Please do not park on residents drives. I have contacted North Essex Parking Partnership to request a presence of wardens in the mornings and afternoons and I will be contacting our local MP too. I will update you once I receive a reply.



Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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



## 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 to school in a warm winter coat and ensure their coat is zipped/buttoned up.

## Reception & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year starting in September 2025

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## 100% Attendance Winners

The winners of the smart watches for 100% attendance in the Autumn Term were: Shade—Cygnets, Princess—Hedgehogs and Nazat—Woodpeckers. Well done to all the children. I hope you enjoy your prize.

All children who have 100% attendance for this Spring Term will have their names put in a hat and will have the same chance of being selected to win an amazing prize.

## Reminders

All children should come to school with a water bottle, containing only water  
Please support your child with their homework and hand it in on time  
Please read with your child daily and complete their reading diary

## Book Bags

Book bags are now back in stock at £4.50 each and can be purchased from the school office.

## 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



- Use a slow cooker or an air fryer - with a slow cooker you can cook a meal for about the same cost as powering a lightbulb
- Keep track of your spending with a smart meter and spot energy-guzzling appliances
- Switch to LED lightbulbs they use up to 80% less energy.

## After School Clubs

Please find below a list of the after school clubs for the Spring term. All clubs will commence on Monday 19th January 2026, with the exception of Dance/Cheerleading which will start next week. (These have been booked separately on a different system)

**Booking links will be available from 12/01/2026. A text message will be sent containing the link to be used.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Football Y1 (SW)	Dodgeball Y1/Y2 (SW)	Basketball Y1/Y2 (SW)	Football Y2 (SW)
Cookie-Story Y2 (MG)	Music Singing Y2 (KW)	Construction YR (LT)	Creative Art Y2 (KME)
Colouring-Film Y2 (TW)	Art and Craft Y1 (JH)	Construction Y2 (RH)	ICT Y1 (NC)
Colouring-Film Y1 (TY)			
Construction Y1 (IB)			
Reading YR (AD)	CHEERLEADING Y1/Y2	DANCE/CHEERLEADING YR	DANCE Y1/Y2