

Oakwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter: 13th February 2026



Key Dates

February

23rd Feb Non Pupil Day

24th & 25th Chinese Cultural Day

March

2nd-6th World Book Week

4th Bible Story Drama Session

5th World Book Day

10th Year 1 Visit St James Church

17th & 19th Ramayana Indian Dance Workshop

20th Red Nose Day

Menu WC 24th February February-Wk 2



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

This Week

This week the children attended 2 assemblies. The first focused on Careers Week and what the children want to do when they grow up. I discussed lots of different jobs and what they entail. We also discussed why it is so important to attend school and how this can help us achieve our dreams.

Our second assembly introduced the children to Chinese New Year. We discussed where China is and the dates that it is celebrated. The children learnt how it is celebrated and listened to me reading them story of Chinese New Year. After Half Term the children will take part in more activities relating to this topic.

To support our Careers Week assembly the children had visitors from different professions talk to them this week. Our visitors included Firemen (for Year 2), Dentists (whole school), a Nurse (whole school) and a Policeman (whole school).

Yesterday we had three visitors from My Dentist in Old Road to speak to the children about their jobs. We had Lauren, who was a Treatment Co-Ordinator, a Dentist called Diyang and a Dental Nurse Lois. They explained to the children what they each did in their jobs and then spoke to the children about the correct way to brush your teeth. They finished with a game where the children had to guess how much sugar was in a choice of chocolate bars, sweets and drinks. The children were very engaged and enjoyed listening to our visitors.

The Firemen will be returning after Half Term to visit Year 1. Thank you to all the professionals for giving their time to the children free of charge.

Parents Approaching Parents

I would like to repeat my request that parents should not approach other parents about school related matters. If you have a situation, please come to the office and make an appointment to see me. This will enable me to investigate any situations and provide a resolution without having raised voices and shouting in front of the children on the school premises.

Half Term

We break for half term next Friday 13th February. School will finish at 3pm as usual. Monday 23rd February is a Non Pupil Day, so all children are expected to return on Tuesday 24th February.

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.

Reminders

Reception Year Spare Clothes

Reception are very low on spare bottoms such as trousers and joggers. If you have any spare bottoms you are willing to donate, we would be most grateful.

Toys

A reminder that no toys or items such as bag charms are to be brought into school.

Thank you for your support.

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.

World Book Week 2nd-6th March

The children will be undertaking lots of exciting activities during World Book Week.



The 5th March is World Book Day and I would like to invite all the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If you are unable to provide a costume due to funding issues, please feel free to send your child to school in normal clothes.

Dates for your Diary

5th March	World Book Day
20th March	Red Nose Day
24th & 26th March	Parents' Evenings (details to follow)
Last Day of Term	Friday 27th March
Easter Break	Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April
Back to School	Monday 13th April
4th May	Bank Holiday
25th—29th May	Half Term
1st June	Non Pupil Day
22nd June	Sports Day
23rd June	Reserve Sports Day
20th July	Non Pupil Day
21st July—31st August	Summer Break

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 your heating controls to take charge of your heating.
- Change to low energy lightbulbs.
- When renewing appliances, buy an energy efficient appliance.



**FREE crafts, stories, songs and fun
for nursery and primary school age children**

Children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times

MESSY PANCAKE PARTY



**St James' Church, Beatrice Road,
Clacton-on-Sea**

3pm SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Book your space: messychurch@stjamesclacton.org.uk