Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter: 20th November 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers

This Week

On Monday the children attended an assembly focusing on anti-bullying. We talked about what bullying is and why bullying happens as well as discussing how everybody is different and why it is important to respect this. We then discussed what a child should do if they think they are being bullied and why being kind to everybody is so important.

On Wednesday the Year 2 children were visited by a representative from Wild Science. They brought in a snake, stick insects, two geckos, a Pac Man frog, a Rainforest mouse, millipedes and an African snail. They also talked to the children about their habitat, what they ate, their body parts and what they do to survive in the wild.

The children were very excited and enjoyed seeing the animals and talking about amphibians, carnivores, herbivores, the climate and the Rain Forest.



Thank you to everybody who donated to Children in Need and the Poppy Appeal. We raised £57 for Children in Need and £107.76 for the Poppy Appeal. All monies raised will be given directly to the charities.

Next Week

Next Tuesday the Ambassadors will visit the Salvation Army with myself to deliver the donations we received.

A reminder that **Friday 27th November is a Non Pupil Day**.

Reminders



Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat every day. Please also ensure that all coats, bags and other items are labelled, to enable a swift return if misplaced.

If you have any items of school uniform that you no longer need, we would be grateful to receive donations for our spare clothes bank. We are especially in need of trousers. Thank you for your support.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan: Head Teacher

Key Dates	
	November
24th	Ambassadors Visit to The Salvation Army
27th	Non Pupil Day
	December
8th	Reception & Year 1 Pantomime—Goldilocks
8th	Year 2—Princes Theatre Pantomime– Sleeping Beauty
9th	Christmas Lunch
10th	Year 1 Christmas Production
10th	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Bazaar
14th & 15th	Year 2 Christmas Productions
16th & 17th	Reception Christmas Productions
Menu	**WC 23rd November Week 2**

Attendance

The class winners this week were Cygnets in first place, followed by Robins and Hedgehogs.

Well done to all classes but especially Cygnets, whose reward will be decided by their teacher.



We are holding a school non-uniform day on Wednesday 2nd December in return for donations for our Christmas Bazaar for raffle prizes and tombola prizes. A letter giving more information will be sent out shortly.

Christmas Concerts



Christmas Concerts will be taking place shortly. Information will be sent out separately.

Please remember to purchase your tickets for these concerts from the school office, from Monday. Maximum of 2 tickets per child. Tickets will be priced at £2 per ticket.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Relief Mid Day Assistants and Volunteer Readers. Please contact the school office for more details.

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday 9th December.

Christmas Bazaar & Christmas Jumper Day





The Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Jumper Day will both be held on Thursday 10th December.

Christmas Jumper Day raises money for Save the Children and I would like to suggest a donation of £1 on the day. All money raised will go towards this outstanding charity.

The Bazaar will start straight after school. There will be lots of amazing activities and prizes to be won at the Bazaar together with exciting activities for the children. We look forward to seeing you after school.



Reception & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year starting in September 2027

If your child is starting Reception Year or Year 3 in September 2027, you will need to apply through Essex County Council **www.essex.gov.uk/admissions**. Applications are now open and will close on Friday 15th January 2027.

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

- Reduce your boiler flow temperature to 55-60 degrees. This could cut £65 off your bill per year.
- Use thermostatic radiator valves to control the temperature in each room.
- Draught proof your home to prevent heat loss.