

Oakwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter: 23rd January 2026



Key Dates

February

9th	Fire Service visit to Reception children
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
24th & 25th	Chinese Cultural Day
Menu	WC 26th January -Wk 1

This Week

This week the children have been taking part in Presentation Week. On Monday I held an assembly focusing on this theme where the children learnt why it is so important to come into school. We spoke about the important things they learn and the benefits of presenting their work well. There will be Headteacher Awards given out during a special assembly in the coming weeks for the most improved and most outstanding work presented.

On Tuesday our Reception children were visited by the Coast Guard. They brought their truck and showed the children the equipment they use such as dry suits and ropes. They also showed the children the lights and the siren. Thank you to the Coast Guard for their time. The children had a wonderful time.

On Wednesday Year 2 children took part in a Space Experience Day which they thoroughly enjoyed. In the space dome the children learnt about planets, the solar system, stars and craters on the moon. They also had the opportunity to fly past the planets.



The children also learnt about the history of aircraft and looked at astronauts including Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. They also learnt about a multicultural group of astronauts that will be going into space in the next few weeks. One of the astronauts is a woman and this will be the first female to walk on the moon.

After School Clubs

I would like to apologise for the confusing experience regarding after school clubs. Please note that only children who have not been allocated spaces have received an email advising of this. If you did not receive an email last week, it means that your choice of a club has been allocated.

If you still wish to book clubs, visit the school office and scan the QR codes that are on the wall to gain access to the booking system.

Parents Approaching Parents

If you are experiencing any issues, please do not approach other parents. Please speak to the class teacher or visit the school office and make an appointment to see me.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan: Head Teacher

Attendance



The class winners this week were Rabbits in first place, followed by Nightingales and Goslings.

Well done to all classes but especially Rabbits 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.

Parking and Driving



This week we had an instance of one car hitting another. Please make every effort to drive and park considerately, ensuring that parents and children are being kept safe.

Request for Spare Clothing



Our stock of spare clothing is very low. If you have any spare uniform including trousers or jogging bottoms that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for the donation. Thank you for your support.

Reminders

All children are to come 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 for your continued support.

Colder Weather

During this colder weather please make sure your child comes to school in appropriate warm clothing together with a warm winter coat. Thank you for your support.

Admissions for Reception and Year 3 Places Now Closed

A reminder that the window for applications has now closed. Anybody who has not made an application must make a late application through www.essex.gov.uk/admissions



VALENTINE DISCOS



Below is a Reminder of the Valentine Disco dates

Reception—Tuesday 10th February

Year 1—Wednesday 11th February

Year 2—Thursday 12th February

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

Reducing our Carbon



Below are this week's tips on how to save money and reduce our carbon footprint.

THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS



- If you can access the back of the fridge-freezer —try and vacuum the coils once a year to ensure the fridge runs at maximum capacity.
- Recycle whatever you can—think plastic, paper and even food waste in a composter.
- Use glass and ceramic dishes if cooking in the oven. They hold heat better and mean that you can use a slightly lower temperature to cook food.