



Newsletter

This Week

Today the children took part in a Remembrance Assembly which was led by Fr Justin Hutcherson from St James Church, who spoke to the children about the war and why we have Remembrance Day. He also led us in a minute's silence for the soldiers.



The children sang some old songs from wartime, "Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye", "It's A Long Way To Tipperary", "We'll Meet Again" and "God Save The King".

Many thanks to Fr Justin for taking the assembly.

It was wonderful to see some children dressed in their uniforms from organisations such as Brownies, Beavers, Rainbows and more.

Phonics Workshop

On Tuesday we held a Phonics Workshop for parents. This was to look at the new phonics resource we are now using called "Little Wandle".

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended. I do hope you found the session beneficial and that it will help you support your child with their reading.

Wild Science

On Wednesday Year 2 classes were visited by Ashley from Wild Science. She brought with her a variety of animals, reptiles and insects for the children to see. This included a hissing cockroach, a snake, a gecko and some chinchillas.

The children were given an opportunity to ask questions about the animals, which they took full advantage of, asking Ashley lots of interesting questions about them. All the children had a fantastic time seeing the animals and learning all about them.

Next Week

Next week is Anti Bullying week where the children will attend a special assembly and take part in various activities.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
November	
14th-18th	Anti-Bullying Week
18th	Children in Need
5th & 6th	Reception & Nursery Christmas Production
6th	Year 2—Cinderella Pantomime—Princess Theatre
7th	Christmas Lunch
8th	Goldilocks School Christmas Pantomime
Menu	W/C November 14th Week 2

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	94.6%	91.7%
Year 1	95%	92,3%
Year 2	96%	93%

Please be advised we will ask you for medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.

Children in Need



A reminder that next Friday 18th is Children in Need. Children are welcome to attend school wearing anything relating to Pudsey or any brightly coloured clothes.

Donations would be very welcome and all proceeds will go directly to Children in Need. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

Names in P.E. Kit and Clothing

We still have some children who do not have their names in their clothes.

Please can you make sure that every item of clothing your child brings into school has your child's name on.

Cold Weather Clothing



The weather is starting to get colder now, so please can you send your child with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

Arrival Time—Year 1 & Year 2



Please note that children must arrive in school by 8.35am. In order to not disrupt the children working in class, doors will be closed at 8.35am and entry after this time must be through the school office. Thank you.

December Dates for Your Diary



5th & 6th	Reception and Nursery Christmas Production
8th	Christmas Jumper Day: All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation. All money raised will be given directly to Save the Children
8th	Christmas Bazaar: 3.15pm—5pm (more information to follow shortly)
12th & 13th	Year 1 Christmas Production (more information to follow shortly)
14th & 15th	Year 2 Christmas Production (more information to follow shortly)
20th	The PTA, Friends of Oakwood have arranged for Santa to visit us and give the children gifts after our Christingle Assembly.

Last Day of School—Tuesday 20th December. Thursday 5th & Friday 6th—Non Pupil Days.

Back to school - Monday 9th January.

Earrings

Please can you remember to remove your child's earrings on a day when they have P.E. as they are unable to take part if they have earrings in.



Reading Books

Please can you make sure that your child's reading books are looked after at home. Water bottles should not be put in book bags as they can leak and damage the books. Every year we lose books as they are lost, damaged and not returned and they are such an important resource in helping your child learn to read.

Can you also make sure that your child's reading diary and reading book is in their book bag.

Please remember to read with your child at home and write in their reading diary.



Additional Information

Nursery Places for January Start

We still have places in our Nursery for January. If you or any friends have a child that will be 3 years old by the 31st December and are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office.



Volunteers

Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time to support the children within school. We are currently processing the related paperwork and look forward to welcoming you once this is complete.



Awe and Wonder

On Wednesday the staff had an inset session looking at Awe and Wonder and how they can include this in the lessons to make it a more interesting and exciting learning experience for the children.

Packed Lunches

Please can you make sure that your child's lunch is brought to school in a plastic lunch box, and not in a plastic bag. Can you also make sure that any grapes and tomatoes in your child's lunch are cut in half as they are a choking hazard.



We have also had instances of children having chocolate spread in their lunch. Please note we are a nut free school and do not permit any spreads containing nuts as these can be highly dangerous to those with this allergy.



Reception Year & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year Starting in September 2023

If you need to apply for a Reception/Year 3 place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. You can complete your application from **7th November 2022**. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions