



Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter: 19th December 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers

This Week

This week the children attended an assembly where they learnt about the Christmas Story. They learnt how the Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby called Jesus, how they had to travel to Bethlehem to register for the census and why King Herod searched for him. The children listened beautifully and asked some inquisitive questions. Their knowledge of the Christmas Story was very good.



Reception and Year 2 children performed their Christmas Concerts this week and on Thursday we enjoyed carols around the tree and a brass quartet. Thank you to the Essex Concert Choir for giving us their time. Today, before leaving for the Christmas break, we enjoyed taking part in a Christmas Christingle assembly.

Money Raised—Thank you

Our Christmas Bazaar raised £1, 111. All money raised will go towards resources for the children. I would also like to thank everybody who donated money after the Christmas Concerts. We raised £113.32 which will be donated to the soup kitchen at St James' Church. Thank you for your continued support.

Driving and Parking

Please do make every effort to drive and park courteously when we return in January. I have had many complaints regarding parking in unauthorised areas and dangerous driving. I have contacted North Essex Parking Partnership to request a presence of wardens in the mornings and afternoons and will update you once I receive a reply.



January Return

All children are expected to return to school on **Monday 5th January 2026.**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming the children back to school in January.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher



Key Dates

January

5th January	Back to School
6th & 7th	Drumming Workshop
19th-23rd	Presentation Week
21st	Space Dome— Yr 2
13th Feb	Valentine's Dinner

Menu

WC 5th
January –Wk 2

If you need to apply for a Reception/Year 3 place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. The application process is now open and the statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2025. Applications can be

made online via
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions



Attendance

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

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

Head Teacher's Surgery

In the New Year I will continue to 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.

Reminders

When we return in January, please ensure the following:

Your child comes to school in a warm coat

Remember we are a nut free school, including foods such as Nutella

Read with your child daily and complete their reading record

Our next half term will be 16th to 20th February 2026.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

DATE	EVENT
5th January	Back to School
16th-20th February	Half Term
23rd February	Non Pupil Day
24th February	Back to School
30th March—10th April	Easter Break
13th April	Back to School
4th May	Bank Holiday
25th May	Bank Holiday
26th-29th	Half Term
1st June	Non Pupil Day
2nd June	Back to School
17th July	Last Day of Summer Term
1st September	Back to School

