



Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

Spring Term: Issue 2

13 Jan 2026



Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

What an interesting start to the spring term; I think we experienced every type of weather in school last week so I am hopeful for a quieter weather week.

A brilliant start to the Year of Reading. I have included some photos of some of the book characters you have been making at home, they have been fabulous. We have really enjoyed the creativity that has been put in to each and every one. If you feel inspired by the photos and your child would like to make a character we would love to add them to our collection. It is worth a look when the library is open on Thursday after school.

Mrs Moss has put some details together for a reading event we would like to introduce later this month.

The topics in Year 1 and 2 got off to a flying start yesterday with a visit from Openbox theatre group who did a session with each class on their new topics of Traditional Tales and Space. It was a brilliant session of drama and creativity which has been funded by your fundraising and Friends. Over the spring term there will be several opportunities for whole school dressing up so the Year 2 children will not be dressing up for Space day due to other events in the school calendar.

With the newsletter this week you will find your child's learning grid for the first half of the term. Please take a moment to recap what your child will be learning about.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

INSET Days 2025-2026

13 Feb 2026

26 June 2026

Article 28

A right to an education.







2026 is the National Year of Reading

As part of our celebration of reading this year, we are going to begin a series of 'Book Cafés'. The first of these will be on **Thursday 29th January at 2.45pm.**

Please join us for a relaxed time of reading, talking and sharing books in your child's classroom.

We know that your child will be motivated to read by seeing the adults that they love enjoying a good book!

We look forward to seeing you.



PE Kit

Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school now. If you have not put a spare pair of socks into the bag please send a pair in, they are very handy to have. Last term there were so many wet mornings that we often had children queuing up to change their socks as soon as they came into school.

Lunchtime Supervisors

I am looking for some lunchtime supervisors to join the team. If you have not worked for a while this is a great way to get back into work and springboard back in other work places with a reference. If you might be interested please email the office or catch me around the school.

Number Day- 6 February 2026

This year we will be celebrating Number Day with some number activities in conjunction with the NSPCC. This will be a dressing up day for all the children. Please start thinking about how you can dress up for Number Day. The NSPCC have celebrated this day for a few years now so if you are not feeling creative please look to the internet for inspiration!

School Council Conference

If your child is on the School Voice please look out for some details for the upcoming Cluster Conference held at Cranbourne annually.

Friends

A huge Thank You to everyone who helped on the Christmas Shopping Event in the last week of term. The volunteers wrapped over 700 presents that afternoon and each was wrapped with care and consideration, no mean feat.

If you are having a clear out and have any unwanted toys which could be used for next year's shopping event please send in to the office.

Disco- Friday 6 February 2026

Please **save the date** for a children's disco on **6 February**. Tickets will go on sale next week using Arbor.

For safeguarding reasons please make sure that you book and pay for your child's place via Arbor within the deadline. Please do not ask committee members to book places after the deadline as they will need to purchase the end of Disco treat so need to forward plan.

I do always say that not everyone likes a Disco and it is not compulsory. If your child does not like loud noises, dark places or struggles with late evenings then think carefully before sending your child, there are other events which will suit your child better.

Bags2School- 19 January 2026

There is a collection for Bags 2 School next Monday 19 January. Please drop off your unwanted clothes at the bottom of the school drive next Monday morning or on Sunday afternoon between 1-2pm.

Year R and Year 3 Admissions- September 2026

The closing date for applications for Year R and Year 3 for September 2026 will be closing on 15 January. Please make sure you have made an application for your child on time. Any applications for school places made after the closing date are considered after all on-time applications even if you are in catchment.

Please make sure you have checked in with neighbours or family members to ensure all applications have been made especially for children due to start school. Without links to schools people can be left behind.

Census Day

This week is Census Day where we need as many children as possible to have a school dinner. The choices are-

Red Choice- Chicken Nuggets with chips and beans

Green Choice- Veggie nuggets with chips and beans

All with a rocket lolly for pudding.

Thank you for your support.

Reading at Home

This week Harvey Bear will be awarded in Celebration Assembly to the class with the most children who have read at home. The school expectation is for all children to read at least 4 times at home. It is important to practise reading and we would expect children to read each book 3 times at home, it helps to develop fluency and confidence.

Anxiety Workshop- 20 January 2026 at 6pm

As a follow up on the first Primary Behaviour Support session held in December we will be hosting a second session on anxiety. If you have ever spoken to a member of staff about your child's worrying then please make time to come along to this session. While we have a bench mark of children to compare your child to when offering advice, Primary Behaviour Support are the experts who can give up to date advice.

Please book your place so I can make sure there are enough refreshments for whoever would like to attend.

[Parent Workshop – Fill in form](#)

Parents' Evening

The appointment slots will open tomorrow evening, Wednesday 14 January, at 6pm. Please book via Arbor and make a note of your appointment time making sure you record whether it is the Tuesday or Thursday slot.

Coats

During the cold snap last week we noticed a lot of children cannot do up their own zips. Please have a little practise at home.

Thank you.

Included with today's newsletter

- Disco poster
- Bags2School poster
- GOL holiday club
- Learning Grids

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
19 January	Bags2School collection
20 January	Anxiety Workshop at 6pm
23 January	School Voice Conference- Cranbourne School
29 January	Reading Café at 2.45pm
10 and 12 February	Parents' Evening
6 February	NSPCC Number Day
6 February	Disco- details to follow
13 February	INSET Day
16-20 February	Half Term
23 February	Return to school
28 March	End for term for Easter