



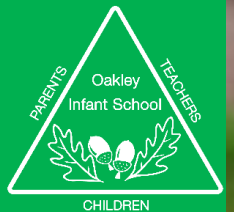
Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

Spring Term: Issue 1

6 Jan 2026



Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break and been able to spend time with family and friends over the last fortnight, welcome back to the spring term.

I would like to welcome Mrs Gomarsall to Oakley Infant School who will be teaching in Hazel class on a Monday and Tuesday alongside Mrs Moss.

A huge **Thank You** for all your gifts and best wishes to the staff before Christmas, your kind words are very much appreciated and we look forward to working with you over the spring term.

The spring term is a short one so I would like to alert you to the Parents' Evenings which will take place on **10 and 12 February**. Appointments will be made using Arbor in the next few weeks but please mark the date in your diary now.

This year has been designated the **Year of Reading** which feels like it may be made for our school! Over the year Mrs Moss and the staff will be thinking of ways to continue to raise the profile of reading at home and school. Please find some information from SORA with this newsletter.

Our first activity is to make a book character using a cardboard toilet roll to display in the library. Let your imagination go and bring into school when you have completed one.

This is a good time to remind you that the expectation is for children to read at least 4 times a week at home, don't forget to mark your child's reading diary so that their reading effort counts towards a class total. Currently Sycamore class have won 6/9 weeks during the autumn term so they could do with some competition as some weeks the margin is slim!

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INSET Days 2025-2026

13 Feb 2026

26 June 2026

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2026 is the National Year of Reading

We are excited to be taking part in a range of activities, throughout the year, to support our children and families to develop a love of reading.

To kick-start our adventure, we would like every child to make their favourite story character out of a toilet roll. Please bring them into school by Friday 9th January so that we can all enjoy them.

We look forward to sharing more reading activities with you in the new year!

Year of Reading

As part of the Year of Reading we have signed up for an online reading system where children can access many digital titles called SORA. Please find a leaflet sent with this newsletter.

The children will all have a log in which will be coming home this week stuck on their reading diary.

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.

Parking

A reminder this year please spare a thought for our neighbours who live nearest to the school and park with consideration. Please park safely and do not block people's driveways. There are many pathways around the village so it is not necessary to park at the bottom of the school drive, park further away and walk along the pathways. You could also use Park and Stride where you park in the wider roads of The Drive and Kennet Way and walk through the park and cross with the crossing patrol.

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.

Illness

Last term was tricky with our school being particularly hit hard with sickness and illness, I am hopeful that the recent cold snap will help and attendance improves for the children this term.

A reminder that if your child is sick that you need to inform the school by 9.30am.

After this time if we have not heard from you I will ask the Office to call you and your contact list. Failure to get hold of anyone who knows where you are will result in a safeguarding visit by me. Do not be alarmed if I arrive on your doorstep but I do need to check that you are all safe, it is often easier for you to make a call or send an email.

The School Office does not give Calpol as a matter of course, only in an emergency. If your child needs Calpol I would question whether your child is well enough to be in school. Please also remember that we do not administer anti-biotics when the dose is 3 times a day.

Infant children do seem to suffer with illnesses and viruses more than any other stage of their lives but there are many times when children can be in school. Colds and coughs are generally normal illnesses where children can be in school.

Lateness- the dinners are ordered by the Office by 9.30am. If your child arrives at school after 9.30am and you have not called us already to let us know you will be late then your child will need a lunch from home.

Coat Pockets

Following the holidays please have a check of your child's coat pockets. Please do not let them bring left over sweets into school as I live in fear of a child 'sharing' a treat with another child who has an allergy. I would also ask that any small toys, lipsticks etc do not come into school either. Often these are precious things that will be mislaid.

Allergies

Please make sure we have up to date information about your child's allergies. If there has been any changes to their treatment plan the school must be informed. If you have changed your mind about any items your child could previously have but now cannot again please keep us updated. If you are ever unsure about something your child may have in school we would rather you check with us and check your information is up to date. Thank you.

Second Hand Uniform

Please remember there is second hand uniform for sale, please see leaflet attached. If you are thinking ahead for summer uniform please check the second hand stock as there are plenty of options in many sizes.

Census Day

Once again it is Census Day on 15 January 2026. In order to secure realistic funding we need as many children as possible having a dinner on Census Day. The menu will be:

Red Choice- Chicken Nuggets with chips and beans
Green Choice- Veggie nuggets with chips and beans
All with a rocket lolly for pudding.

If your child has a special menu details will follow.

Please make a choice for your child using the link below which will take you to a form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pi6EzB4jmX>

Thank you.

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](#)

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
6 January	Return to school for the children at the usual time of 8.45am
9 January	Book Character Craft
20 January	Anxiety Workshop at 6pm
23 January	School Voice Conference- Cranbourne School
10 and 12 February	Parents' Evening
6 February	NSPCC Number Day
13 February	INSET Day
16-20 February	Half Term
23 February	Return to school
28 March	End for term for Easter