



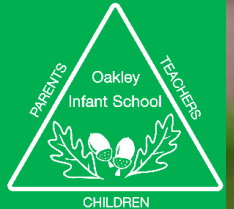
# Oakley Infant School



## Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Performances last week and for contributing to the retiring collections over the 4 performances. I am pleased to tell you that £400 was raised which will be put towards some more playground toys. At this time of year when the field is too wet and muddy to be used it has been great to have some imaginative and creative toys to play with outside.

Today we bid farewell to Miss Fretwell, teacher of Hazel class, as she leaves Oakley Infant School after nearly 5 years working with us. I would like to thank her for her dedication and efforts during her time here and wish her well for the future.

Celebration Assembly on Friday will be held in the morning after school drop off at 9.10am. We will be celebrating birthdays up to 4 January and any final out of school achievements from 2025.

In year 2026 has been designated the year of reading and we are planning many activities to match the theme next year. Mrs Moss has shared the first activity on one of the following slides. Mrs Mears has included a Reading Round Up with this week's newsletter.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas with your families and I will see you all in the new year when I will back in Oakley full time as the secondment at Manor Infant School has now finished.

**Niamh Hutchings**  
**Headteacher**



## INSET Days 2025-2026

5 Jan 2026

13 Feb 2026

26 June 2026

**Article 28**  
**A right to an education.**



## **Final Week of Term- another named bag!**

It is always useful for each child to have a named bag in school during the final week, as well as their shopper for their Christmas shopping, to enable the staff to collect up their Christmas crafts safely and make sure they come home in one piece.

## **Christmas Dinner- 17 December**

Christmas dinner is tomorrow. Your child can wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform.

**A different jumper can be worn, do not buy a Christmas jumper especially for your child if they do not own one.**

## **GOL**

GOL after school football club is now available to book via Arbor for the Spring Term for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. The club will run straight from school and collection will be at 4:30pm.

## **Lunchtime Supervisors**

I am looking for some lunchtime supervisors to join the team after Christmas. 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.

## **Parking**

Unfortunately one of our local neighbours came into school to inform us of some issues she has had with parking.

Yesterday morning a parent parked in front of their driveway blocking them from leaving their property. When they were asked to move they were asked to wait until they had returned. This is unacceptable behaviour and I hope it was not a parent of the Infant School. I am asking everyone to be considerate of our neighbours and to park with care. The village is made of footpaths running all around the school, there are plenty of places to park away from the bottom of the school drive. 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. If you need to drive in the morning there are many alternatives but please always park with care and consideration.

## **End of Term**

This Friday is the last day of the autumn term and school finishes at 3.15pm as usual. A reminder that January is an INSET day and the children will be back in school on Tuesday 6 January. Over the holidays Active Me are running some holiday sessions on 22 and 23rd December and on 29th and 30th December. Please use the [link](#) to book your child's space.

## New Year Reminders

So that 2026 can get off to a good start I have compiled a few reminders to help you and your child, please keep this page safe until January.

- Please make sure all your children's clothes are named including gloves, hats and any items of PE kit
- Please return PE kit on the first day of term (include old tracksuit bottoms and jumper for outdoor PE)

### Indoor Kit

- Green shorts
- White t-shirt
- Trainers

### Outdoor kit

- Old jogging bottoms or leggings
- Old jumper

## SPARE SOCKS

- Please make sure that every child has a spare pair of socks in their PE bag (they have been very useful when children have been caught in the rain on their way to school)
- Bookbags should be in school every day (please do not put water bottles in your child's bookbag)
- Please make sure your child has a suitable coat for the weather conditions, they will go outside even when there is a bit of drizzle
- All children should exit through their classroom door. When there are one off play dates in order to keep children safe they will STILL need to exit through their own classroom, they do not go to a different classroom
- Any changes in collection please inform the Office or the class teacher at drop off, your child can deliver a brief note
- The newsletter comes VERY Tuesday, please take some time to read it to keep up to date with school activities



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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 9<sup>th</sup> January so that we can all enjoy them.

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

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
<b>17 December</b>	Christmas Dinner Children's Christmas Treat from Friends- wear your Christmas jumper
<b>19 December</b>	Celebration Assembly at 9.10am
<b>19 December</b>	End of term at 3.15pm
<b>5 January</b>	INSET Day- no children to attend
<b>6 January</b>	Return to school for the children at the usual time of 8.45am
<b>9 January</b>	Book Character Craft