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Oakwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026

Upcoming dates

23rd October—Spooky Fun Run!

23rd October 2026—last day in school before half term break

2nd November 2026—Back to school

13th November—School and Nursery closed to children for INSET

27th November—School and Nursery closed to children for INSET

Festive and Christmas Celebration dates will be shared after half term.

Please be aware that the dates above are subject to change and new events may be added—please do keep an eye on Dojo where these things will be communicated.



Spooky Fun Run!

Thank you for your efforts and support in making our Spooky Fun Run Day so much fun! A reminder that any money raised should please be sent into school on 2nd November. Money raised will go towards partially funding trips and visitors and also towards developing our library area.



Big Survey

Thank you to families who completed the Children's Commissioner's Big Survey—this supports children's voices being represented in big decisions for the country!

Highlights of the week

Nursery: Have had fabulously fun, spooky parties!

Reception: Collaborating in PE playing 'pumpkin, pumpkin' game

Year 1: Learning about smell and taste in our senses work in Science

Year 2: Writing all about Pumpkin Soup in English

Greenfinches: Exploring emotions and how to regulate with support.

Attendance

Our attendance across school this week is:

94.8 (target = 95%)



Comics and magazines

Please consider donating any children's comics and magazines that you no longer need to our school to support our love of reading and enjoyment of reading for pleasure at lunchtimes.

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Volunteers for trips

Please see attached letter at the end of the newsletter about volunteers for school trips and DBS checks moving forwards. We really value the time and support parents and carers offer for school trips and would welcome you to speak with us if you would like to volunteer in the future.

This does not affect 1:1 support you may offer for your own child on a school trip.

Thank you



PE Days

Reception: Monday and Wednesday

Year 1:Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2: Tuesday and Friday

Greenfinches: Thursday

If for any reason these days are changed (school trips/photos etc), this will be communicated via Dojo.

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A huge and heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful children, families and staff for making this half term such a wonderful one. It has been incredible to welcome our new EYFS children, start to introduce our learning characteristics, introduce our new approach to letter formation and handwriting, reading workshops, parent's evenings, our new check ins, check ups and check outs throughout the day, craft afternoons, sports trips, Open Days, Harvest Festival, a visit from the Mayor alongside all of the curriculum learning that has taken place! All finished with a Spooky Fun Day!

I hope that you have a fabulous half term break and we look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 2nd November!

Mrs Habgood :)

Tempest

Please follow ordering instructions for your child's photograph from Tempest. These should have been sent home this week.

Assembly in school

We have an assembly each day. This weeks themes have been:

Monday— PSHE focus

Tuesday—singing

Wednesday— Computing—Miss Walker

Thursday— Celebration assembly

Friday—Picture News



Thank you so much for your efforts with costumes, pumpkin designs and fun run sponsorship! We are so grateful to have such an incredible school community!

We have celebrated all entries and costumes with the children and given out some prizes. There will also be a voucher (donated by Zen Educate) drawn at random on 2nd November from all sponsorship forms sent in.

Thank you again!

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Volunteers on school trips

Following the latest safeguarding legislation for schools and also following best practice (we regularly review what we do to make sure it is the best for our children and community) we will be making changes to volunteers supporting on school trips and visits.

We really do value the support we have from parents and family members and the time that is volunteered to support us on school trips. We will now require any volunteers who are joining us on a trip to have a DBS check completed. This is paid for by school (at a reduced rate for volunteers).

We therefore ask that if you would like to volunteer on school trips during your child's time with us, you notify your child's class teacher so that we can get the DBS application started.

There is a time and cost element to a DBS (it requires presentation and checking of ID as well as the form to be completed with support of our Office Manager, Mrs Killigrew) and so we may need to limit/stagger this process.

We hope you understand and appreciate our reasonings behind this. All in school volunteers and staff are DBS checked, as required by DfE duty and this is a logical step to extend to volunteers on school trips.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Habgood

Headteacher

What is a DBS check?

A **DBS check** is an official criminal record check issued by the Disclosure and Barring Service in England and Wales. Employers use it to review an applicant's criminal history and ensure they are safe to work in sensitive roles, especially with children or vulnerable adults.