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Oakwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

Upcoming dates

4th November—Year 2 Theatre Company in school

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

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

Please see separate page for December dates

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 communi-



Musician of the Month—November

Rene Aubry

Rene Aubry is a composer who has created music for many productions including the songs heard on Stick Man. We have listened to 'Finding Stick Man' this week and thought about how music can tell a story in our assemblies.





Children in Need

This year, Children in Need falls on our INSET Day and we will not be fundraising for this event in school. There are so many important charities and whilst we aim to support where we can, we are also mindful of the financial impact this can have on families when many events are close together. If you would like to donate to Children in Need directly, please see the link below for further information

https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

Highlights of the week

Nursery: Beginning our topic of 'Sparkle Season' by learning all about fireworks and bonfires and then going to forest school to see a real fire.

Reception: or Reception it would be starting our new topic our wonderful world, the children have loved landmarks hunt outside.

Year 1: Attending our assembly this week and discussing religions

Year 2: Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their experience with the Partake Theatre Company, learning lots about life in 1666 when the Great Fire of London happened.

Attendance

Our attendance across school this week is:

98%(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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Key Dates for December

Please be aware that whilst we aim to avoid changing these dates, it is sometimes needed that we revise dates/ events. Any updates will be shared on Dojo.

1st December—14th Reverse Advent Calendar starts (more info to follow)

7th December and 8th December 2pm F2 Nativity Performances (ticketed event—more infor to be released on tickets)



9th December Conkers Trip (F1)

11th December Christmas Jumper Day

14th December Year 1 Church visit

15th December – Year 2 carols/songs on playground 2:50pm

16th December – Santa in school for the day – all children will visit and get gift (non food) – parents may opt out—please contact your child's teacher if you would not like them to visit

16th December Christmas Dinner Day

18th December AM Staff Panto

18th December Christmas Jumper Day

18th December – Party afternoon (party food for lunch)

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.

A reminder that school PE kit is black bottoms and white tshirt with trainers.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Children are invited to bring in items for the food bank (as at Harvest Festival) between 1st and 14th December. These will then be shared with our local food bank before Christmas. If you would like support accessing a food bank, please speak to any member of staff.

Assembly in school

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

Monday— Lunchtime revisit and salad bar intro

Tuesday—Remembrance Day—Mrs Hempell

Wednesday— Picture News

Thursday— Sikhi Assembly

Friday—Celebration Assembly—Mrs Lloyd



Thank you so much for your donations following our sponsored Spooky Fun Run!

The total raised is currently:

£2847.31

This will be split in the following ways (approximate spending as a guide only)—

£200 per year group to reduce the costs of the main school trip/visitors in school this year (£800)

£1000 towards our new library area and renewing books

£500 towards play ground equipment for outdoor play at lunchtime and playtime.

£500 for Summer Inflatable fun and treats (as last year was such a success!)

Thank you again, we REALLY

appreciate your support!

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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.