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Oakwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2026

Upcoming dates

27th November—School and Nursery closed to children for INSET. This is a City Wide Inclusion INSET with many schools from Derby City joining together.

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 communicated.



Rolls Royce Community Project

We were very fortunate to have 13 staff members from Rolls Royce in school last Friday. They have painted many areas of our school environment as a part of a community project. We are very grateful for their time and support and the impact this has had on pride in our environment.

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.





Highlights of the week

Nursery: Visiting the observatory in Rhyme Town.

Reception: We have looked at London and compared it to Antarctica.

Year 1: The children have been working hard with their independent sentences.

Year 2: Have had an amazing time continuing their learning on the Great Fire of London burning their houses in Forest School with Mr Moore.

Greenfinches: Counting using our topic of 'trucks and transport' and counting them through sensory maths.

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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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—Mrs Hempell

Tuesday— Geography—Miss Banks

Wednesday— Picture News

Thursday— Lunchtime Belonging Buddies—Mrs Rose

Friday—Celebration Assembly—Mrs Habgood