



## Parent Information

# Owls - Reception

## Spring Term 2026

Welcome back Owls! We hope you've all had a lovely break and are ready to be back in Owls Reception! I'm sure you'll agree that the children have made lots of progress already and we are raring to go to keep that going!

### Our Learning

Our WOW topic for this half-term is '**Once Upon a Time**'. We'll be learning all about different fairy tales and classic stories. After half-term we will be looking at the topic '**Ready Steady Grow!**', in which we'll be learning about how to grow our own vegetables!

The children continue to develop their understanding about their emotions, and how we can recognise and manage our feelings using **The Zones of Regulation**.

The children's learning will also consist of maths, English and phonics, in which the children will develop their love of reading and storytelling. In maths we're looking at 'Alive in 5', 'Growing 6,7,8' and 'Length, Height and Time'. Our Literacy-focused books are 'The Lion Inside', 'The Bear and the Piano' and many more!

Furthermore, there is plenty of opportunity for children to choose their learning through continuous provision, which is always stimulating and exciting for them to explore!

We encourage parents to read with their child as much as possible, **Reading Records** will be sent home, in which you will be able to keep a record of what books you've read together and how they've got on.

Children should also try to practice their maths skills and phonics sounds at home too. Please see **Useful Websites** for more information.

### Our Curriculum

We have an exciting Early Years Curriculum at Oak Green School.

Our curriculum is made up of nine key composites, which can be found under Early Years on our school website.

We encourage the children to explore and learn through the seven prime areas:

- Personal Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

At Oak Green, children learn through developing their creativity and through different experiences. Continuous development of their new understanding and skills occurs daily through lots of different activities, which they can choose and participate in as a group.

### Attendance

Being in school is really important. Please do try and book all appointments and holidays out of school time as we don't want your child to miss any important learning.

If your child is poorly, please let the school know by calling the office on 01296 423895 or email [attendance@oakgreen.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@oakgreen.bucks.sch.uk)

**Our school day starts at 8.40am and finish at 3:10pm.** Please note that the entrance gate is locked before and after these times.

We have an open-door policy so please chat to us at the beginning and end of the day if you have any questions.

### Dates

5<sup>th</sup> January – INSET

14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Half Term

3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening

4<sup>th</sup> April – End of Term

### Uniform

**Please make sure that you label your child's clothes are named.** Otherwise we cannot guarantee that we can find or return it to you.

It is thoroughly important that your child comes into school in the correct uniform. Children must have the green OGS sweatshirt or cardigan, grey trousers or skirt/dress and smart black shoes.

**Your child must come in with a coat every day,** as learning in our setting is both inside and outside and in all weathers! We encourage that you provide your child with a full set of spare clothing every day in case your child needs changing. Please provide pull-up nappies and wipes if necessary.

### PE

Snowy Owls PE day is every Thursday and Barn and Tawny Owls is every Friday. Children will need to be brought into school **already dressed in their PE kits.** We ask that for PE your child wears plain black shorts or leggings, Oak Green (logo) or plain white t-shirt, Trainers (Pumps/plimsolls if trainers can not be supplied) and Black OGS-logo 'hoodie'.



### Useful Websites

There are lots of Early Years Websites out there with fun activities to help your children learn at home. One of the fundamental parts of the Early Years Curriculum is learning through play so don't be afraid to just have some fun with your child!

We encourage parents to visit the Oxford Owl website. There, is lots of parent information about phonics and how to help your child grow and develop their reading and spelling techniques to assist with their learning throughout their time in education.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

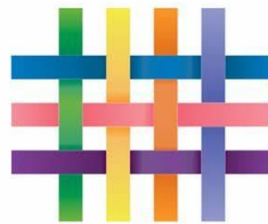
Furthermore, maths is equally important! Please see the White Rose free resources to help your child build their mathematic knowledge and develop their understanding further:

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>

The Government launched the initiative 'Hungry Little Minds' which has lots of free activities to participate with your young children:

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

We will be sharing learning the children's WOW learning moments with you via Tapestry app. Please make sure you have given us your email address so we are to share the pictures with you.



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### Snacks

We offer a healthy snack consisting of fruit and vegetables for each child during their session which will be accompanied by milk and water. This is to promote healthy eating and encourage children to try new/different things. **Please do not provide your child with a snack unless agreed with the class teacher.**



Please provide your child with their own water bottle too. **Please make sure it is only water, no juice or fizzy drinks.**

**We look forward to continuing a great year ahead in Barn Owls, Tawny Owls and Snowy Owls. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.**

**Miss Hague, Mrs Reid, Ms Dyudyukova & Miss Shazad**