



Parent Information

Owls - Reception

Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to Owls! It has been so lovely to meet you all and seeing everyone settle in beautifully to Owls Reception. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are raring to go and start primary school!

Our Learning

Our WOW topic for this half-term is 'Let's Explore'. We'll be learning all about ourselves and what's important to us, covering family, hobbies, likes/dislikes, etc. Through this topic, we will be thinking about not only our families, but our very own school family too!

The children will also begin to develop their understanding about their emotions. They will learn that how we feel is very important and we will be teaching the children how we can recognise and manage their feelings using **The Zones of Regulation**.

The children's learning will also consist of maths, literacy and phonics, in which the children will develop their love of reading and storytelling, begin counting confidently through songs and games and start to learn how to say and write set 1 sounds including, m, a, s, d, t

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!

Another area of focus during these first few weeks is settling the children into their new surroundings, and also building on their concentration and listening skills, as well as, school systems such as, lining up and taking turns.

We encourage parents to read with their child as much as possible, **Reading Records** will be sent home in Autumn 2, 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 progression statements and our 10 promises, which can be found under Early Years section 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

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

Our school day starts at 8.40am and finish at 3:15pm. 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

- 3rd September – INSET day
- 4th – 12th September – Half days for Owls
- 15th September – Full Time for Owls
- 22nd September – 6th October – Baseline Assessments will take place
- 1st October – EY School Photos
- 11th October – Flu Vaccine Day
- 23rd October – Last day of Half Term
- 24th October – INSET day
- 27th October – 31st October – Half Term
- 3rd November – Back to school
- 3rd November – Flu Vaccines
- 11th & 13th November – Parents Evenings
- 19th December – Last day 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

Tawny and Barn Owls PE day is every Friday and Snowy Owls is every Thursday. 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 black t-shirt, Trainers (Pumps/plimsolls if trainers cannot 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:

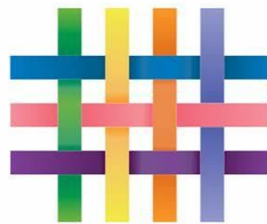
<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>

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/>

Tapestry

We will be sharing learning the children's WOW learning moments with you via Tapestry app. Please make sure you have completed the permission forms so we are to share the pictures with you.



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We look forward to 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, Mrs Dyudyukova & Miss Shazad

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.**