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Newsletter February 13th 2026

Head Teacher's Message

We have had a busy few weeks at Oaklands Primary School.

We celebrated National Storytelling Week last week. I had the pleasure of starting the week by reading one of my favourite books to the whole school, *The Story of the Little Mole Who Knew It Was None of His Business*. The week was further enriched by visits from mystery parent readers, a police officer, and the fire service, all of whom shared stories with our pupils.

Today we enjoyed taking part in NSPCC Number Day, where the children enjoyed activities designed to celebrate numeracy. The creativity on display was outstanding, especially the brilliant homemade costumes — a real testament to the imagination and effort of our pupils and families.

Our pupils have also been active in several sporting competitions. A special congratulations goes to our Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket team, who have performed brilliantly and qualified for the county finals. We are incredibly proud of their determination and teamwork.

Finally, I would like to say a fond farewell to Mr Woollin, who is leaving Oaklands today after 17 years of service. All at Oaklands wish him the best of luck for the future!

Class News – follow the links below to find out what has been happening in your children's classes. For Hazel class see Tapestry updates.

[Willow](#) [Pine](#) [Birch](#) [Sycamore](#) [Hawthorne](#) [Oak](#) [Maple](#)

Note from the office

Medicines in School: Please ensure that pupils do not bring any medicines, including asthma inhalers, into school without informing the school office and completing an 'Administration of Medication During the School Day' form. This form is available on our school website.

Special Dietary Requirements: If your child has any special dietary needs, please add this information to our Arbour system and inform HCL (Herts Catering) by completing the form at <https://specialdiet.citrus.online/>. Once completed, the kitchen staff will be updated accordingly.

Requests for Absence: Should you need to request authorised absence for your child, please complete the 'Request for Authorised Absence' form available on our website.

Easter Camp: Easter camp will run from 30th March until 2nd April.



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Lunch Price Increase: Please note that from 1st April 2026, the lunch price will increase by 10p to £3.55 per child.

Note from Mrs Bismire and the Eco Committee

Eco Note

The roll-out of new bins for the classrooms has begun! Each class, along with the staff room, now has its own food waste recycling bin for any organic snack-time leftovers. These are collected daily and placed in the main kitchen food waste bin, which is then collected and recycled by the council. Hopefully, in a few months, some of this food waste will stay on site and be turned into compost, as part of the grant money was spent on a new compost bin. This compost will help provide extra nutrients to the flowers we hope to grow. To avoid overwhelming or confusing pupils and staff, the other bins will be rolled out gradually in the lead-up to half term. The battery count continued with January providing another 163 to add to our total.

OPAL

The rain still falls, but we continue to see many children accessing the playgrounds every day with great joy. The introduction of cardboard hung on fences in the top playground has created a space for 'Mud Art,' and chalk has returned to brighten even the greyest of playgrounds. To ensure that all year groups have the opportunity to do a sport at lunchtime on their allocated day, they have the option to join in with the Stevenage coaches in the hall, even in this weather.

Upcoming diary dates

Date	Event
Monday 9th - Friday 13th February	Feeling Good Week
Friday 13th February	Maple class assembly
Half term: Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11th March - Friday 13th March	Year 5 Residential - Phasels Wood
Friday 13th February	Year 2 class assembly @ 9:00
Thursday 19th March	SEN coffee morning 9:00-10:00
Friday 20th March	Year 5 class assembly @ 9:00
Monday 23rd March	Parents Evening 15:30 - 18:00
Tuesday 24th March	Parents Evening 16:00 - 19:00
Wednesday 25th March	Year 5 Dance festival at Campus West - provisional date
Thursday 26th March	World Maths Day PTA Easter egg hunt
Friday 27th March	End of term 14:00



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