



'How wonderful, how pleasing it is when all God's people come together as one.'

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

OAK CLASS LETTER – SPRING 1 2026

Welcome back to school! I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break.

I would firstly like to say a big thank you to all families for such a warm welcome to the school. It has been wonderful getting to know the children more this week and I am really looking forward to the term ahead.

We have had a fantastic start to the term so far, most notably with our trip to the pantomime on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many happy faces and hear lots of laughter! We will be continuing our whole-school fairy tale theme for one more week, with our class focus being *The Gingerbread Man*.

Following this, our main topic this term is *Starry Night*. This project explores the differences between the world during the day and at night. The children will learn why a good night's sleep is important and discover what happens while we are sleeping, including learning about animals that are active at night (nocturnal animals).

Memorable Experience

As part of our learning about the difference between day and night, the children will be taking part in a *Teddy Sleepover* experience in class.

The children will help their teddies get ready for bedtime by talking about night-time routines, sharing a bedtime story and settling the teddies down to sleep. More information will follow and we look forward to sharing photos and learning with you.

Phonics

At the end of last term, Mrs Tite reassessed all Reception children following the Little Wandle assessments and has passed on all the data and feedback. The children have made fantastic progress! Please do remember to read with your child daily at home and sign their reading diary. Reading books will be changed each Friday.

Junk Modelling Materials

We always welcome donations of junk modelling materials to support our creative activities. These are most helpful when brought in as small collections every so often, rather than all at once. Items such as cardboard tubes, boxes, bottle tops or other clean, reusable

materials are perfect for this. Your contributions make a big difference to the children's learning and creativity!

Forest School – Wednesdays

The children will continue their Forest School sessions using the outdoor environment on Wednesdays with Mrs Harden. Please remember, children need multiple layers of clothing to wear under their mud suits for example vests, long-sleeved tops, fleeces, thick socks, hat, gloves (preferably waterproof) **all named** and in a bag on their pegs every Wednesday please. If the weather is very cold, the children will wear their school coat over the top. This can mean coats becoming muddy.

I am always very happy to meet to discuss any aspects of your child's learning or wellbeing as is Mrs Harden. The class email address remains as: oakclass@croughtonschool.co.uk which we both access, or please do feel free to catch me at the end of the school day.

With best wishes,

Mrs Mills