



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

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

### **OAK CLASS LETTER – SUMMER 1 2026**

This term our topic is Sunshine and Sunflowers. Through this seasonal project, the children will take part in a range of outdoor learning experiences. They will learn how to care for plants and animals in their local environment, as well as how to keep themselves safe in the sun. This will be followed by a mini project on Shadows and Reflections. In this project, the children will explore natural phenomena such as shadows, reflections and echoes. They will investigate how shadows are formed and how they can change depending on light sources and positioning.

### **READING AT HOME – RECEPTION**

As we enter the summer term, our main focus is on helping the children to build fluency in their reading. A key part of this is reading regularly and revisiting books so that words and phrases become instantly recognisable, without needing to sound them out each time. If your child brings home a reading book, please support them by encouraging them to read to you several times across the week. Where there is not always time to read the whole book, you can still make a big difference by reading a few pages or practising the phonics sounds identified at the end of Spring 2. For those children not yet bringing home a book, please continue to support them as outlined in the parent note in their reading records.

### **FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHING**

As the weather is now getting warmer, we may not always wear puddle suits as they can make the children too hot and uncomfortable. It is essential that your child has a set of "play clothes" in school every Wednesday. These should be clothes that can, and will, get dirty. Children will need loose layers that are long-sleeved and cover their legs. We may be outside for the whole afternoon, and they will need protection from the sun as well as from stinging nettles, brambles, etc. Please also ensure they have a spare pair of socks.

As always, if you need to get in touch, please email us at [oakclass@croughtonschool.co.uk](mailto:oakclass@croughtonschool.co.uk) or speak to us at the end of the school day.

We are very much looking forward to seeing the children continue to develop this term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mills and Mrs Harden