

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were thrilled to welcome Mark and Harold the Giraffe back to Oatlands this week! The children thoroughly enjoyed their Life Base sessions, which play a key role in bringing our PSHE curriculum to life. The workshops were tailored to each age group: our younger children explored how to care for their bodies through diet, exercise, and hygiene, while Year 2 dug deeper into the science of energy, learning about major food groups and how our bodies utilize food, water, and oxygen.

Across the school, children have been thoroughly enjoying their new English texts. Both Reception and Year 2 are currently exploring fairy tales; Year 2 has been especially busy creating their own versions of Goldilocks and the Three Bears—set in a castle, no less! Meanwhile, Year 1 is reading *Peace at Last*. The children particularly loved coming in dressed in their pyjamas to hear the story earlier this week

We have a busy week ahead with our Year 2 maths workshops and forest school.

We understand that settling back into school after the Christmas break has been a little tricky for some children, with a few finding morning drop-offs difficult. Please be reassured that this is entirely normal; our staff are on hand to support them through these wobbles.

We know the children lead very busy lives, balancing school with clubs and playdates. To help them recharge, we suggest trying for a quiet January weekend to ensure they are well-rested and ready for the week ahead.

Have a good weekend.  
Tanya Mooney

### **Key Dates in the Next 2 Weeks**

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.45-3.15- PTA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform (moved from 15.01.25)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15-10.00 Tiger class assembly- class parents welcome

### **Year 2 Forest School**

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lion Class
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tiger Class
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Leopard Class

### **Year 2 Maths Workshops**

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15-10.00 Leopards Maths Workshop
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15-10.00 Tigers Maths Workshop
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15-10.00 Lion Maths Workshop

**You can also see a full list of key dates for the year so far, on the Term Dates & Calendar pages of the school website [HERE \(:https://www.oatlands.surrey.sch.uk/parents-information/terms-dates-and-calendar/\)](https://www.oatlands.surrey.sch.uk/parents-information/terms-dates-and-calendar/)**

### **School Uniform- Footwear**

We would like to kindly remind parents that, in line with our school uniform policy, children should attend school wearing smart black shoes. This helps maintain a consistent and tidy appearance across the school. Alternative footwear is only

permitted where there is a medical reason, and we ask that the school is informed in these circumstances. Thank you for your continued support in helping us uphold our uniform standards and create a positive school environment for all pupils.

**<https://www.oatlands.surrey.sch.uk/parents-information/uniform/>**

### **Safeguarding Notice**

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing in the school or community, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL). DSL- Tanya Mooney, Head Teacher. DSL- Phil Copsey, Deputy Head Teacher or DSL-Kelly Grindle, Nurture Lead.

### **Updates to the Website**

February half term activities have been added to the Community pages [HERE](#)

Pupil premium policy has been updated [HERE](#)