

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite a truly dismal week weather wise, we have managed to have a busy and happy week here at Oatlands.

A huge well done to Year 2 for their resilience and enthusiasm during Forest School this week. The weather certainly didn't dampen their spirits! The children had a wonderful time sawing wooden snowflakes, sculpting clay animals, and creating wooden compasses. Thanks to the rain, the mud kitchen was an absolute highlight! Thank you to Mrs Willemse for leading the sessions and to all of our staff and parent helpers.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Year 2 Spring term Maths workshops this week! As always, we had an amazing turnout. The children thoroughly enjoyed the carousel of games, which were a fun way to reinforce and support their mathematical knowledge.

It was a joy to meet with our new School Council for the first time this week! They have already started sharing brilliant ideas for improving our school. They are now working on an exciting first task: choosing a prize for the class that raises the most money during the upcoming PTA Sponsored Bounce.

There is so much to look forward to next week! Year 2 will be taking part in their Great Fire of London workshop. Plus, we are thrilled to announce our first class assembly of 2026, where Tiger Class will be sharing their learning next Friday.

Have a good weekend.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates in the Next 2 Weeks

Wednesday 28 th January	Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop
Friday 30 th January	9.15-10.00 Tiger class assembly
Friday 6 th February	Whole School- Number Day

Year 1 Maths Workshops

Monday 2 nd February	9.15-10.00 Jellyfish Class
Tuesday 3 rd February	9.15-10.00 Starfish Class
Friday 6 th February	9.15-10.00 Seahorse Class

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/)

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NSPCC Number Day- Friday 6th February

NSPCC Number Day makes maths meaningful and is a great way to make numbers fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards mathematics.

We are having a fun day of maths activities, and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (sports top, football, rugby, netball, hockey shirt or cap). Or get even more creative and become a human calculator, dice or domino by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. To make a donation, please click [HERE](#)

Dog & Fox fouling in the Local Area

We have had a flurry of emails this week regarding dog mess in the local area. Whilst the health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils is always our highest priority, this is an issue beyond the schools remit.

That said, our caretaker regularly removes any dog or fox mess found outside the school gates and within the school premises as part of his daily site checks. We will, of course, continue to report any concerns we observe in the local area to Elmbridge Borough Council. We would also kindly encourage parents and carers to do the same. Elmbridge Borough Council uses the data you provide to help take appropriate enforcement action. The Council may also apply for Public Spaces Protection Orders to help address ongoing problems. Dog fouling offences and clean up requests can be logged HERE: <https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/environment/dogs/dog-fouling>

Considerate Parking

Sadly, we have again been contacted by our local community regarding inconsiderate & unsafe parking in xxx, as well as parking on zig zags, yellow lines or across driveways. As previously requested, please walk or scoot if you can or park further away and walk to school. Inconsiderate & unsafe parking can be reported here: <https://tellus.surreycc.gov.uk/>

Oatlands Pre-School

Oatlands Pre-School are now open from 9am-2.30pm Monday-Friday, term time only, and is conveniently located on the same road as Oatlands School. For all enquiries please contact manager@oatlandspreschool.org

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