Oughton Primary & Nursery School
March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been busy so far including Neurodiversity Week last week. We celebrated differences in Assembly last week, to recognise and celebrate the many different ways children think, learn and experience the world.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents/Carers Evenings this half term. This gave Parents/Carers an opportunity to talk to our Teachers as well as view their child's books.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our Easter Egg Hunt yesterday, dodging the rain to find the Easter themed clues! Everyone had fun solving the Easter puzzles and were rewarded with an Easter egg. Thank you for you support with this event.

Red Nose Day

On Fri 20th March we invited children and staff to wear something red for Red Nose Day. We raised £164.20. Thank you for your support.

Dinner Money

We have been informed by Herts Catering that the price of Key Stage 2 (Years 3 - 6) dinners are increasing to £3.55 per day from 1st April 2026. We continually have to chase Parents/Carers for dinner money. Please ensure that dinners are paid for in advance by topping up your child's account on Arbor. As we are at the end of the financial year, all outstanding debts must be cleared by the end of this week please.

Events focusing on the love of reading

We know that reading is the key to success and vital across every subject taught in school as well as a main life skill. We have held different events this half term to promote the love of reading.
Reception and Years 1 - 6 enjoyed a performance of Alice In Wonderland in school this half term. The children had studied the story prior to this treat. We have now transformed our main corridor into an Alice in Wonderland themed display.
World Book Day was a success with many children dressing up as a character or wearing their pyjamas. There was a wonderful selection of 'books in a box' across the school and some of these are now displayed in our library. We held a special assembly and looked at costumes and books. A selection of pictures can be found on our website www.oughton.herts.sch.uk.
Please continue to listen to your child read at least 3 times a week. This will greatly benefit them and help them to progress as well as promote a love of reading. Children are rewarded for reading at home by travelling 'Around the World' with books given as prizes.

Lateness

Please ensure that your child is on time for school and enters the school via the classroom door. Please do not drop off children at the Front Office when the gates are open. Our Office staff need to be present to answer the phone and deal with queries at the start of the school day, rather than walk children round to their class. When children are late, it impacts on the start of the day for everyone: child, Teachers and Office staff. Lates are unauthorised and are incorporated into Penalty Fines.

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter holiday and that the nicer weather that we have been enjoying continues (although as I write this, it is currently hailing!) The holidays are a great time to get out and about and spend some time in the fresh air, not on electronic devices which will benefit children as well as Parents / Carers. Whatever you chose to do, please stay safe. I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 13th April.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Clayton

Headteacher

Dates will be published on our school website:

www.oughton.herts.sch.uk

Dates for upcoming half term

Fri 27th March: Year 4 Cars Wow Day.
Fri 27th March: Last day of Spring term.

Mon 30th March - Friday 10th April - Easter Holidays

Mon 30th March - Wednesday 1st April: Year 6 Holiday Boosters 9:30 - 12pm.
Mon 13th April - children return to school.
Tues 14th April - Class photos
Thu 16th April - Reception places for Sept 2026 allocated.

E-Safety

We are aware that quite a few children are accessing YouTube channels and computer programs which are not aimed at their age group, sometimes with an age restriction of 18. Please monitor your child's use of the internet, especially over the holidays.

If your child has their own mobile phone, please monitor their use.

We have restrictions on all of our devices in school and we are alerted if anyone tries to search anything inappropriate. We also continually teach children how to keep themselves safe online. This is vital.

Governor Update

Rev. Jane Robson is retiring from her position as Minister at Tilehouse Street Baptist Church in April and will also be stepping down from Oughton's Governing Body.

Rev. Jane has been a Governor since 2020 and is the Vice-Chair of the Governing Board and the Chair of the Resources Committee.

We would like to thank Rev. Jane for all her hard work during her time as a Governor at Oughton and wish her well. She will be joining us in assembly on Friday so the children can thank her and say goodbye.