Autumn 2 Term 2025

Headteacher's Termly Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

As we reach the final day of the Autumn term 2025 I'd like to say a HUGE thank you for your continued support. Working in partnership is so important to us as it ensures that our children thrive and reach their full potential. Our parents evenings, PTA and school events have continued to be well attended this term. The children have loved sharing all that they do in school with you. This has included 'Thumbs Up Thursday ' last week where the children got to show you their hard work. We will offer more opportunities for you to share the children's learning over the school year.

I hope that you enjoyed the EYFS and KS1 festive performances last week. This year our nursery performed their own nativity for the first time. The children really shone and I'm sure you'll agree that we have some great talent!

There has been so much to look back on this year. Please have a look at our socials to see for yourselves, you can see a snapshot of what has been happening over the last term below.

On behalf of everyone at Outwood I hope that have a lovely festive break and that you get to enjoy some quality time with your family.

See you all next year when we reopen on 5th January 2026!

OUTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We care, we learn, we grow

A few highlights and some key information…





We are a community school

This term we have enjoyed getting out into our local community. On Remembrance Day the school's head boy and head girl along with our Year 6 school and eco councillors represented the school brilliantly as they laid a wreath in honour of fallen soldiers at Heald Green's war memorial. They also proudly took part in the communities Remembrance Day Parade. More recently the steel pan band and choir sang at St Catherine's Christmas Tree Festival and at Heald Green's Christmas markets where they could be heard on Wythenshawe FM. Also this week our KS2 children held a carol concert at St Catherine's which the children really enjoyed sharing with many family and friends.

We are nut aware!

With an increasing number of children joining the school with nut allegies Outwood is becoming a **NUT AWARE SCHOOL.** Following the advice from the NHS and the local authority, children will no longer be able to bring snacks or any foods that contain nuts, thank you for your understanding with this.

Attendance



Total attendance for the school year so far is 93.67%.
Our target is 96%

The class attendance figures this year are:

EYFS: 93.5%
Year 1: 93.3%
Year 2: 92%
Year 3: 93.1%
Year 4: 93%
Year 5: 95.3%
Year 6: 95.5%

Our pupil ambassadors!

At Outwood it is really important that our children's voices are heard and that they have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and become role models for their peers. This includes our head boy and head girl roles, school, eco and Fairtrade Councillors.

This term we have trained a new group of sports ambassadors and reading ambassadors. Both groups are making such a positive impact across the school already by providing fun activities for children and creating a love of sport and reading! Soon we will be launching our new group of 'Young Interpreters' who will support any new arrivals to the school.

Thank you to our PTA

We are so grateful for the support of our PTA. They have been busy again this term, bringing us fun activities whilst raising much needed funds for the children. A new addition was the Festive Bingo night. This was really well attended and hosted by our very own Santa! Everybody had so much fun. Also it was lovely to be represented at the Heald Green Markets. We were the only local school to have a stall. Thank you for your contibutions for the tombola on the stall, we could not have done it without you!

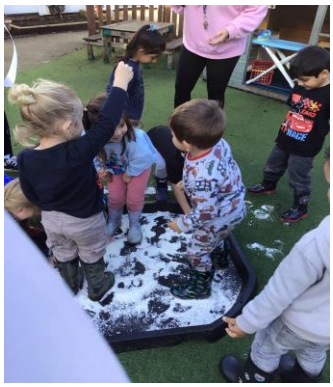
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What has been happening this term...

In EYFS

EYFS have considered the question: how can we care for our world? The children have researched different biomes around the world in response to our core texts of We're Going on a Bear Hunt and Handa's Surprise. The children have made their own mini storybooks and have enjoyed retelling the stories. Immersion is an important part of how we learn and the children have had great fun going on a sensory bear hunt and handling exotic fruits. We have also enjoyed being together for the final festive week of term. Our nativities and visit to St Catherine's church have been a real highlight! We thank you for your support and we hope that everyone has a merry Christmas and a happy new year!





In Year 1

Year 1 have had another very busy half term. They have worked hard to deepen their understanding of numbers 1 to 20 and written wonderful retellings of The Way Back Home and The bear and the Piano. They were very interested to learn about Christmas and Hanukkah and hope you all loved watching their Nativity 'The Twinkly Nativity'. Earlier in the term they worked as scientists, monitoring and recording the weather and they even had a visit from The Naughty Bus who helped them learn all about maps.







In Year 2

This term, Year Two have enjoyed learning all about The Great Fire of London and enjoyed an amazing trip to Rochdale Fire Museum. In science, the children enjoyed learning about different materials and created a non-chronological report about their own character made from their own choice of materials. They have also visited Cheadle Mosque as part of their RE learning about Islam. The children were amazing in the Christmas nativity and learnt their lines and the songs very well.





In Year 3



It has been a very busy and exciting half term in Year 3. From learning about the Stone Age to the Bronze Age in History, Plant life in Science, to building on our timetables and division facts in Maths, Lacrosse in PE and even learning to play toots and doods in Music! We really have had a jam packed half-term, not to forget our first ever KS2 trip to Stockport Plaza for the Panto and our debut performance at St Catherine's Church for the Christmas Carol Service.

In Year 4



This term Year 4 have done a lot of exciting learning. They have learnt about and drafted their own Myths, Recounts and Non-Chronological reports in English (using drama) and in Maths refreshed their learning on Place Value and Multiplication and Division.
They have also carried out some interesting experiments in Science as well as practised their Jflutes in Music. The children have practised their ball skills in PE when doing basketball as well explored dance.
In Geography and History children have really enjoyed their learning about Ancient Greece using atlases to locate the countries where people travelled to. They also had an opportunity to go to a pantomime where they enjoyed watching Aladdin.
They have had a great start to Year 4!





In Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic half-term working alongside the team from Stockport County. They have been exploring the importance of staying safe online in their E-safety workshops and outside of the classroom, they have been working on their teamwork and football techniques. The children showed great enthusiasm and respect throughout the sessions. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow in both areas, and we would like to extend our thanks to the Stockport County coaches for providing such an enriching and memorable experience for our pupils.







In Year 6

It has been an exciting and engaging half term for the children who have thoroughly enjoyed learning about World War II and even experiencing a memorable day as an evacuee. They were particularly interested in discovering how Stockport was affected during the war, bringing their learning to life. The children have worked extremely hard and have taken great pride in the milestones they have achieved, especially during their Wednesday tests, which have become a real weekly highlight. They have shown fantastic effort and resilience throughout the term and are now more than ready for a well-deserved break.







We are so proud of all of our children! I hope that they get a lovely and restful brea, ready for all the exciting opportunities we have planned for them in 2026!

Reminders – please read:	
School times	The school doors open at 8.40 with the school day beginning at 8.50am. The school day ends at 3.20pm – these times are the same for all classes.
Uniform	Details of our uniform policy are on the website at https://www.outwood.stockport.sch.uk/page/uniform/54545. Correct uniform must be worn at all times - no trainers or brightly coloured socks/tights. Hoodies are not acceptable.
No jewellery	No jewellery: especially no earrings for P.E! If the ears are newly pierced and they cannot be removed parents/carers will need to put a plaster over the earrings for health and safety reasons otherwise children will be asked to remove them.
Absence from school	If your child is not in school, please phone us on the first day of absence to explain the reason on: 0161 4371715 and try to avoid appointments during the school day, if this cannot be avoided we will require a copy of the appointment card or letter. If we do not know why your child is in school this will be classed as an unauthorised absence which may lead to prosecution.
Naming of property and personal items	Please name all clothing and personal items brought into school. We always have so much lost property that is unnamed which makes it very difficult to return to its owner. Together we need to encourage our children to take responsibility for their belongings.
Free School Meals	If you are in receipt of benefits, please apply on-line via SMBC's website for Free School Meals, even if your child is receiving a Universal Free School Meal (free meals provided for children in FS2, Year 1 & Year 2). School will then receive additional funding to help your child/children. Please ask at the school office for help and advice in this process.
Paid School Meals	The cost for school meals is £2.75 per day (£13.75 per week). Children in FS2 (Reception), Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Therefore paid meal's are only from Year 3. The menu is on our website.
Breakfast Club (Paid and Free provision)	Please don't forget that Outwood is the only school in Stockport offering free breakfast club, to all school aged children under the Government's new free breakfast club initiative. It opens at 8.15am and is proving to be popular with our families. You don't need to book, just come along! We are still be offering our paid breakfast club for those who need an earlier provision. This continues to be open from 7.30am at a cost of £4.50.
Asthma inhalers and prescription medicines	Please let us know immediately if your child is prescribed an inhaler. Please remember that school can only administer prescription medicines. These must be handed directly to the school office with a completed medical form.
Online reception place application deadline	A reminder to parents and carers that the deadline to apply for a reception class place in September 2026 is 15th January. This needs to be completed even if your child attends our school nursery. Visits ahead of this date can be arranged with the school office. Here is the link for applications: https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/apply-for-a-school-place.
Site Safety	To ensure safety on the school grounds, we kindly ask that children and adults dismount from bikes and scooters at the school gate and not ride them in the playground. Also dogs are not permitted on the playground even if being held.
Healthy Snacks & Water Bottles	EYFS and KS1 continue to be provided with free fruit via the National Fruit Scheme. Therefore a snack does not need to be brought in from home for these children. The children in KS2 should only bring in a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables or they can buy a snack from our healthy tuckshop. Please only send in **a clear reusuable water bottle filled with water** and not juice due to the affects of this on teeth. **Following NHS & LA guidance we are now a NUT AWARE school – therefore no snacks can be brought into school which contain nuts.**
Contact Details	Please ensure that you inform the school office if there is a change to any of your contact details, many thanks.

School Communications & Office Systems Reminder

Confused about the different ways we communicate to parents and carrers? See the list below for clarification:			
School Spider	School Spider is our home – school correspondence system. Our school website contains lots of useful information too. In addition to the website, you can also download the 'School Spider' app (select Outwood Primary School) to give you quick access to the newsletters and parent login which we use for Parents Evenings and surveys. As a cashless school, we use School Spider's online payment system which can be used for school trips, wrap around care, school events, nursery fees etc.		If you would like to contact us via email, we have a number of email addresses. For same day responses always use the admin email address. Mrs Maude: headteacher@outwood.stockport.sch.uk Mrs Penwill (Mon-Tues School Business Manager) Mrs Schofield (Weds-Fri School Business Manager) businessmanager@outwood.stockport.sch.uk Mrs Moon - Admininstration Officer: admin@outwood.stockport.sch.uk
SchoolGrid	Our school meals are provided by TLC. School Grid is their online ordering and payment website which enables you to pre- order your child's meals in advance and arrange payment directly to TLC where necessary. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 benefit from Universal Free School meals, so please take advantage of this by encouraging your child to try our school meals service.		Our Reception and Nursery children use the Portfolio section of Dojo as an Online Journal to add observations and photographs of your child for you to view from home. Parents and carers are also encouraged to add details of special moments or activities linked to the curriculum.
	This is how is or main messaging platform. Please make sure that you have the ClassDojo app with your notifications turned on so that you don't miss any important messages. Each week teachers share information and photographs about what your children have been learning.		

Our Socials	
 	Did you know you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram? These are both active social media sites so please do like and share our posts to boost the search and promote the school. This is where we showcase our children's amazing learning. The same information will be shared across these so pick your platform and sign up! Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OutwoodPrimary Instagram https://www.instagram.com/outwoodprimary/

Outwood Primary School

Academic year dates 2025/2026

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* Provisional dates awaiting governors ratification

DATE	Key events Spring Term
January	
Monday 5th January	Spring re-opens for Spring Term
Tuesday 6th January	Year 5 & 6 Book Club
Tuesday 13th January	Year 3 & 4 Book Club
Thursday 15th January	School Lunch Special Event
Monday 19th January	PTA – Choco Lotto
Tuesday 20th January	EYFS Reading Meeting for Parents 3.30pm
Thursday 29th January	Reception Screening NCMP
Thursday 29th January	Year 6 SAT's meeting for Parents and Carers 3.30pm
Friday 30th January	PTA - Auditions for Outwood's got Talent
February	
Tuesday 3rd February	Year 5 & 6 Book Club
Thursday 5th February	Reception Vision Screening
Thursday 5th February	Young Voices Concert – School Choir
Monday 9th February – Friday 13th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 9th February	PTA – Outwood's got Talent 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 10th February	Year 3 & 4 Book Club
Thursday 12th February	Thumbs Up Thursday
Thursday 12th February	Robinwood Meeting for Year 5 Parents 3.30pm
13.2.26	School Closes for Half Term
23.2.26	School re-opens for Spring 2nd half term
March	
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 5 & 6 Book Club
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	Year 3 & 4 Book Club
Friday 13th March	Non Uniform Day – Donations Chocolate/Easter goodies for Easter Afternoon Tea & Raffle
Monday 23rd – 27th March	Parents and Carers Evenings
Friday 27th March	PTA – Easter Afternoon Tea and Raffle
27.3.26	School Closes for Easter Break