

OCCOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

February 2026
Newsletter



Diary Dates



Tuesday 3rd March

Foxes to Hartismere to watch Chicago production

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Parents & carers welcome in the **Village Hall** from **2:30pm** for book making. Refreshments available from Friends.

Wednesday 11th March

Otters trip to Carlton Marshes

Thursday 12th March

Foxes trip to Gressenhall

Friday 13th March

Premier Sport enrichment morning

Tuesday 17th March

Poetry by Heart competition in the Village Hall 2pm start

Friday 20th March

Non-uniform Day for chocolate bingo donations

Monday 23rd March

Y6 to Hartismere for transition (English lesson)

Friday 27th March

Last day of term

End of term assembly in **Village Hall 2pm** start
Sponsored Easter Bunny Hop on field straight after assembly *more information to follow*
Friends Chocolate Bingo 6pm

Thursday 16th April

Year 3 & 4 to Suffolk Farm & Country Fair

Saturday 18th April

Friends Jumble Sale

Friday 8th May

Class & whole school photograph

A message from Miss Thornton

I hope you all had a lovely half term. We've had a good first week back at school. Can you believe we are now halfway through this academic year? Staff and children have been enjoying the small snippets of sunshine at break and lunchtime over the past week – here's hoping it continues!

Thank you for supporting our Eco Enrichment afternoon, raising money for Just One Tree. In total, our school raised £59. The children enjoyed completing a variety of eco-related activities, such as making bird feeders and using natural resources to create some Eco Art. Thank you also to Rabbits, who did a brilliant job litter picking around the field on Monday during Forest School.



There is much to look forward to this half term, namely our annual Poetry by Heart competition, a Premier Sport Enrichment morning, two school trips and an exciting Easter event on the last day of term.



Table Manners

This half term we are having a big focus on ensuring children are using good table manners at lunch time. This includes using a knife and fork correctly, sitting sensibly in chairs and using good manners while eating or waiting for others to finish.



Breakfast Club & After School Club

We offer Breakfast Club from 7:45am each day. In addition to this, we are still offering our government funded **free** breakfast club from 8:15am each day. We also run After School Club daily from 3:15-4:15pm. If you'd like your child to attend, please book via Arbor.

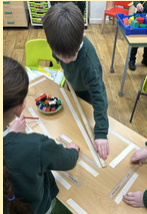
3 Days of STEM 2026

During the last week of half term, we enjoyed 3 Days of STEM...

On Wednesday, our day focused around computing and saw the children programming using our brand-new Crumbles. A Crumble is a small programmable electronics controller which is used for learning about physical computing. The children also used iPads for digital art, design and music making. The children also participated in a session about E-Safety. Foxes spent time learning about the benefits and limitations of AI.



On Thursday, the children were split into their four house teams and took part in a variety of maths challenges throughout the morning. The more questions they answered correctly, the more points they scored for their team! The children had great fun and completed so much math!



During the afternoon, we held our STEM session with families in the Village Hall. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend. We'd like to say a special thank you to Rachel Howard for her very exciting STEM themed Tuck Shop. The children loved it!



Unfortunately, on Friday, Mark Thompson was unable to come into school to deliver his Science Show, so instead we spent the morning investigating absorbency and air resistance. The children had a brilliant time working with friends from other classes



Thank you to everybody involved in this year's 3 Days of STEM!

To keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are happening in school, visit our Facebook Page 'Occold Primary School'.

