



# QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

Brantwood Rise  
Banbury  
OXON  
OX16 9NH

Tel: 01295 251631

Head Teacher: Mrs Sarah Horbury- Jakeman  
BA Hons (QTS), NPQEL

Email: [office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents,

## Welcome to 2026!

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. We look forward to starting Term 3 and watching the children grow and learn even more.

### Reception Spring curriculum

This term our topic is called 'To infinity and beyond!' where we will be exploring all things space. Please visit our Google Classroom to find the full Knowledge Organiser that we have created for this topic outlining exactly what your child will be learning.

<b>English</b>
Children will listen to and join in with stories with repetitive phrases such as: Whatever Next and The Gingerbread Man. We will also be moving forward in our Little Wandle phonics scheme where the children will be learning even more phonemes including vowel digraphs and a new range of tricky words. Later in the term we will be looking at non-fiction writing linked to space and famous space explorers such as Neil Armstrong.
<b>Mathematics</b>
The children will continue to work on numbers 1-10, becoming more confident with counting and ordering. We will explore the different ways of making numbers up to 5 and begin to compare amounts using the language of more than and fewer than.
<b>Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)</b>
This term, the children will be learning about valuing difference. We will be discussing our families and homes and what is similar and different about them. We will also be thinking about what things make us special and how we can be caring towards our friends.

### What homework to expect and when

Children will continue to receive one piece of Maths and one piece of Phonics homework every Friday. These are to be completed by the following Thursday. We do not need the paper copies of the homework back, as photos and videos of homework being completed should be submitted to Evidence Me. Please let us know how your child gets on with their homework in the notes section on Evidence Me.

Children will also continue to bring home a phonics reading book which they should be reading at home at least five times a week. This is in addition to a reading for pleasure book each week that you should read with them.

### Evidence Me:

We have really enjoyed reading and sharing in class observations from home. The children get a real buzz out of showing their friends what they do. Please continue to take an active role in contributing to your child's observation portfolio by uploading your own observations. These could be of things that your child has practised at home, skills they have learnt, trips or outings you have been on as a family, or just anything exciting that you want to share! Some examples of observations we have seen from home are cooking, riding a bike without stabilisers for the first time, visiting the dentist, arts and crafts at home and lots of lovely family outings.

### **PE days:**

Our regular PE slot will continue to be on a Thursday morning. Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school every Thursday. PE will continue to be inside so navy shorts/joggers and a plain white T-shirt will be needed.

As you will appreciate that when the weather changes, our outside area will become quite muddy/wet, therefore we will encourage the children to wear wellies when they are learning outside. Please ensure that you child has a named pair of wellies in school. We will go outside in all weathers so please ensure that children have a good waterproof coat in wet weather. Hats and scarves are also a good idea as it is very cold.

### **Spare Clothes**

It would be useful if every child has a spare set of uniform (especially underwear) in school just in case. Please make sure that these clothes are also clearly named.

Please could we ask that if you have received any of our spare clothing in the past, that it is returned to us in case we need to use it again in the future.

### **Term 3 and 4 shared lessons**

In Term 3, we will be inviting parents in for a shared lesson linked to writing. This will take place on:

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 2pm-3pm for the Owls class.
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 2pm-3pm for the Doves class.

In Term 4 our shared lesson will be linked to our continued work on transport and journeys. We will be inviting parents in to design, make and test different paper aeroplanes. This will take place on:

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 2pm-3pm for the Owls class.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 2pm-3pm for the Doves class.

### **The class blog**

Finally please remember to visit our Google classrooms at:

Owls: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzkwMjM0MzQ1MTg1>

Doves: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzkwMjM0NjQ0NjA0>

This is a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class and celebrate the children's achievements with us.

We look forward to another successful term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Guntrip (Early Years Leader and Owls Class Teacher)  
Mrs Pile and Mrs Tyler (Doves Class Teachers)