

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the sun shining this week, and the children have enjoyed using our outdoor areas. It does feel a little chilly still but hopefully it will warm up soon.

In assembly this week we have been thinking about gratitude and how we can show our appreciation to others. The children were challenged to show their appreciation to others for the rest of the day and to staff, friends and family members. Following the assembly, I observed several children showing their appreciation to others.

Thank you for your support in respecting the decisions of our teaching staff during the recent strike action and partial closure.

Do you know what a digraph or a trigraph is?

Phonics can be very confusing at times and the children learn a range of technical terms. To help parents support their children at home we have created a helpful glossary. Hopefully, you will find this very useful.

[Phonics Glossary](#)

More information about Phonics can also be found on our website, please click the link below:

[Overdale Infant School - Phonics \(overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk\)](https://overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk)

Staffing Updates

Miss Payne is retiring from teaching at the end of this academic year. I would like to thank Miss Payne for her commitment and dedication to the school over a number of years and wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Walsh will be leaving at the end of the academic year for a role in Reception at another school. Mrs Walsh has successfully completed her first two years at Overdale, she has worked hard and been a valued member of the team. I hope she enjoys her new role.

Coronation Celebrations

We will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III in a variety of ways.

- Children and staff can come to school wearing red, white and blue items of clothing on Friday 5th May
- There will be a coronation themed lunch provided by our catering team.
- We will be hosting a 'Crown competition' We would like children to create a crown and wear it on Friday 5th May. There will be a parade in the afternoon and a prize per class for the most creative crown. Children can create a crown however they like and can use any materials they wish. Please make sure your child's crown is named.

Some inspiration for the crown competition.



Dates for your diary

Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd May	Industrial Strike Action – Partial Closure No reading session
Thursday 4 th May	Pre-school closed due to Polling Day
Friday 5 th May	Children to come to school in red, white and blue items of clothing. Crown competition
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed
Friday 26 th May	End of term

Enjoy the long weekend

Mrs Holmes