

# NEWSLETTER

DATE January 2024 Outwood Primary Academy Lofthouse Gate

## UP COMING DATES

### Friday 9th February

Academy closes for February half term

### Monday 19th February

Academy opens for Spring 2

### Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Academy closes for the Easter holidays.

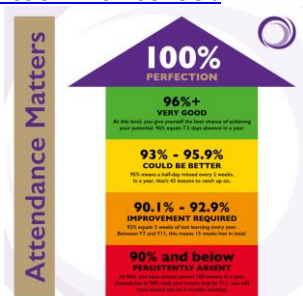
Please see our website for this year and next year's term dates and INSET days:

<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/posts/8152>

## Attendance

We've had a great start to the new year! Thanks to our students, parents and carers for their efforts with attendance. By making regular school attendance and punctuality a priority, you can help set your child on the path to success. Follow the link below if you're unsure whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



## Mental Health and Wellbeing



Our Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions have been very busy planning for Children's Mental Health Week (5th-11th February). Please see the letter sent for further details of our photograph competition.

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The Outwood Mental Wellbeing website provides a comprehensive range of services available to both children and parents. Please visit the school website and click on the Green Mental Wellbeing button.



## Big Garden Birdwatch

Our School Parliament introduced the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch and launched a competition for children to create a recycled bird feeder. Please see the letter sent for further details.

<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/posts/8211>

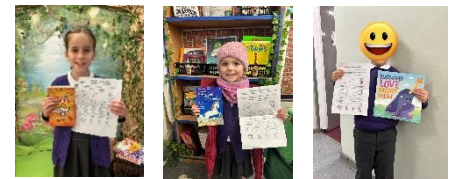


## Reading at OPA Lofthouse Gate

We love to promote a love of reading across the academy! Our Reading Ambassadors are extremely dedicated to their role and work alongside Miss Park to organise lots of engaging events.

### Christmas Reading Challenge

We had so many entries for their Christmas Reading challenge. Here are the winners!



### Reading for Pleasure

For this month's reading for pleasure activity, our Reading Ambassadors shared a story with their class. Here are some of the team in action!



## Science Fair

Earlier this month, Mrs Jagger launched our School Fair. The physics theme for this year's Science fair is flight. The children have been working together in groups to research, plan and carry out experiments linked to this theme.



Today we held our school fair and the best projects from KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 will represent OPA Lofthouse Gate at a cluster Science Fair at Outwood Grange Academy on 31<sup>st</sup> March.