



# Oakley Infant School



## Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

I would like to share a couple of end of term arrangements so that it runs smoothly for your child and everyone knows what they need to do.

The Christmas Performances will take place on Wednesday and Thursday this week at both 10am and 2pm, cast details on the sidebar. The doors will only open 10 minutes before the performance to enable us to rehearse with children who will inevitably fill in for illness. Please remember no children or babies will be admitted to the performance, please take the time to enjoy it without interruption. We do check off the register from your ticket requests so that we do not overfill the hall so please only attend the performance you have been allocated. After the 2pm performance you will be able to take your child home with you. If someone else is watching your child and will be taking them home please let the teacher know. The children will need about 15 minutes to change and get ready after the performance. Photos will be available to purchase at £1 each, cash only. These will need to be ordered by Friday to ensure arrival BEFORE the Christmas holidays.

Finally there will be a retiring collection so please bring a few pennies for the collection plate.

The final activities for the rest of the term include Christmas Dinner, the Children's Christmas Shopping event, hosted by Friends, and a Christmas treat which is provided by Friends. Please find further details on the next page.

The term will end on Friday 19 December at the normal time of 3.15pm. There is no GOL on the final day but the after school club will run.

The children will return to school **on Tuesday 6 January** as there is an INSET day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> for some whole school staff training.

I look forward to welcoming you all into school this week.

**Niamh Hutchings**  
**Headteacher**

## INSET Days 2025-2026

5 Jan 2026

13 Feb 2026

26 June 2026

**10 December at 10am-** Cast A- Holly, Hazel and Cherry

**10 December at 2pm-** Cast B- Willow, Sycamore and Apple

**11 December at 10am-** Cast B- Willow, Sycamore and Apple

**11 December at 2pm-** Cast A- Holly, Hazel and Cherry



**Article 28**

**A right to an education.**

## Children's Shopping Event- 16 December

Each year Friends run a shopping event for all children. It is a fun event that all children really enjoy. They go to the hall with their class friends where they can select 4 gifts for family members.

Friends are asking for £5.15 for the event which is now payable on Arbor in the shop. I am asking that you complete the shopping list coming home today and return it to school. This is so that the volunteers can guide your child and we can try to get it as accurate as we can.

This year Friends have gone to a lot of trouble wrapping and ensuring the gifts are good quality from all the donated items.

They are still looking for small items that can be used as gifts for male family members. If you have anything you can donate please send it in to school.

In summary-

- Please complete the shopping list, **in your child's bookbag**, with your child and return to school
- Please make a payment via Arbor
- On 16 December please send in a named bag for your child's shopping
- Wear a Christmas jumper instead of a school one

## Final Week of Term- another named bag!

It is always useful for each child to have a named bag in school during the final week, as well as their shopper for their Christmas shopping, to enable the staff to collect up their Christmas crafts safely and make sure they come home in one piece.

## Christmas Dinner- 17 December

This year Christmas dinner will be on 17 December. Your child can wear a Christmas jumper over the school uniform.

**For both events any different jumper can be worn, do not buy a Christmas jumper especially for your child if they do not own one.**

[Christmas Lunch Choice - Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Fill in form](#)

## Santa Sleigh Drive

We are very lucky to be a recipient of the fundraising associated with the village Santa Sleigh Drive which this year will be taking place on 8, 9, 10 and 11 December between 5.30-7.30pm. They are in need of help on Wednesday and Thursday evening in particular so if you are able to help on one of the evenings please use the [link](#) to sign up.

It is always good to help when we are so lucky to receive a percentage of the donations.

## Christmas Holidays

ActiveMe will be running for some days during the Christmas holidays at the Infant School. Please use the link to book

<https://bookings.activeme360.co.uk/project/65368>

They will be around after school tomorrow on the playground to answer any questions.



## Library Books

This week we will be collecting the school library books back into school, no library books will be going out until the new year. This is so we can stock take and make sure the library stock is complete again. The library will be open after school this week and next.

Next week the independent readers books will be collected in.

Over the Christmas period I find that it is generally very busy for people and it is when reading books are most likely to go missing. Therefore we collect books in and we will re-distribute in the new year.

## Lunchtime Supervisors

I am looking for some lunchtime supervisors to join the team after Christmas. If you have not worked for a while this is a great way to get back into work and springboard back in other work places with a reference. If you might be interested please email the office or catch me around the school.

## Anxiety Workshop- 20 January 2026

PBS will be providing an information evening on anxiety in the school hall on 20 January at 6pm. Please use the link below to sign up so that once again I can ensure I have enough tea, coffee and mugs for you all. Information is on the poster sent with this newsletter.

[Parent Workshop – Fill in form](#)

## St Leonard's Church

There are several community events being run by St Leonard's Church over the Christmas period. I have included some links to My Oakley for the events. This is a website I was not aware existed so I am sharing as I am sure I am not the only one.

<https://www.ouroakley.uk/events/oww/2025/12/07/christingle/>

<https://www.ouroakley.uk/events/oww/2025/12/14/candlelit-carol-service/>

<https://www.ouroakley.uk/events/oww/2025/12/18/advent-gallery/>

<https://www.ouroakley.uk/events/oww/2025/12/20/blue-christmas/>

### With this Newsletter

SEND Coffee Morning Poster

### To Do

Anxiety workshop sign up

Get some cash ready for the retiring collection and photos

Christmas Shopping List

Order Christmas Dinner



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
<b>10 December</b>	Christmas Performance- 10am and 2pm Cast A at 10am- Holly, Hazel and Cherry Cast B at 2pm- Willow, Sycamore and Apple Ticket allocations after half term
<b>11 December</b>	Christmas Performance- 10am and 2pm Cast A at 10am- Willow, Sycamore and Apple Cast B at 2pm- Holly, Hazel and Cherry Ticket allocations after half term
<b>16 December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day and Children's Christmas Shopping
<b>17 December</b>	Christmas Dinner Children's Christmas Treat from Friends- wear your Christmas jumper
<b>19 December</b>	Celebration Assembly at 9.10am
<b>19 December</b>	End of term at 3.15pm
<b>5 January</b>	INSET Day- no children to attend
<b>6 January</b>	Return to school for the children at the usual time of 8.45am