



# Oakley Infant School



**Newsletter**  
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Dear Parents,

December has arrived and Christmas will start to gain pace in school over the next fortnight. On Friday the staff put the stage up so that the children can practise the Christmas performance and rehearsals have begun. Please practise any words your child may have as there were several who struggled a bit yesterday. The speaking parts do hold the story together and when delivered confidently really lift the whole thing. I would also commend those who have clearly been practising (a lot) at home, some children delivered very long parts brilliantly. Thank you for your support.

The Office have finalised ticket allocations and emails will come out today with your choices. We have been able to allocate any extras that were requested and still have a few more so if you wanted extra but did not ask yet please let the office know and they will see what they can do.

There are no physical tickets but to ensure we have the numbers correct on the day you will be ticked off on a register so please do not attend on a day you have not been allocated.

Please remember that babies and children are not permitted at any performance, it is for adults to enjoy watching the child who is performing. Our infant children are young themselves so distraction from the audience needs to be kept to a minimum so they get their chance to shine.

After the 2pm performances you will be able to take your child home if you would like to.

There will be a retiring collecting after each performance so any spare change you have will be gratefully received as we are hoping to source some new fine motor control development resources following some recent training and some things for a junkyard playground space.

**Niamh Hutchings**  
Headteacher

## INSET Days 2024-2025

14 Feb 2025

27 June 2025

**5 December- Great Fire of London  
Museum at 3.15pm- Year 2**

**20 December- Celebration Assembly  
at 9.10am**

## Article 28

**A right to an education.**



## Reading

Well done to **Maple class** who won the reading challenge last week. Cherry class were so close to bagging their second win of the term! Keep up the good reading and remember to sign the diaries if your child has read at home so that they count.

W/C	Apple	Cherry	Sycamore	Maple	Willow	Hazel
22.11.24	42%	64%	75%	69%	73%	67%
29.11.24	58%	77%	72%	78%	64%	67%

## Cranbourne Christmas Card Competition

As a school, we have the chance again this year to design a Christmas card for Cranbourne to use as their virtual Christmas Card. Please complete your design and give it to Mrs Clarke by Friday 13 December. Please ensure your full name is on the back of your design. I can't wait to see all of your lovely designs!

### Included with the Newsletter

SEN Posters

Cranbourne Christmas Card Competition

Reindeer Trail poster

## End of Term Arrangements

As we enter a busy time of year there a few end of term arrangements that you will need to be aware of.

## Library Books

This week will be the final swap and we will collect library books in next week. Christmas is a busy time at home so it saves another book being mixed up at home.

## Guided Reading

The staff will continue to change independent readers for the children but during the final week there will only be one session of Guided Reading.

## Celebration Assembly- 20 December

On the final day of term Celebration Assembly will be in the morning and we will celebrate all birthdays up until 5 January, if you can make it.

## Replace a Tap

We are in need of a tap replacement and are not having any luck with plumbers arriving to complete the job. If you are reasonably handy, have the right tools and would be able to help to replace a tap for us we would be very grateful for your help. Please get in touch.

## **Christmas Dinner- 17 December**

The children will have their Christmas dinner on 17 December and are invited to wear their Christmas jumper or any outfit that day.

Hopefully everyone has made a Christmas dinner choice on the form that was sent out previously.

## **Christmas Treat- 19 December**

Friends will be financing the Christmas show from Openbox on 19 December. This is an example of where your fundraising money goes.

## **Christmas Post-box**

The Christmas post-box has arrived at Oakley. If your child would like to write a Christmas card for any of their friends these can be posted and delivered by the Oakley Postal Service.

Please try to write both first and surname on the envelope and the child's class. Unfortunately we cannot deliver to any grandparents, cousins or children who do not attend our school. When the cards have been written the children can bring them into school to post after they have arrived; it is a fun trip to the office!

## **Christmas Shopping Afternoon- 17 December**

On 17 December the children will be taking part in their own shopping at school. Each child can purchase 4 presents each for family and we will send home a shopping list for you to complete so that we make sure they purchase for the right people. There is a payment tab on Arbor for Friends so that the children do not need to carry money on the day. All they need to bring is a shopping bag for their goods, their shopping list and wear their Christmas jumper.

## **Year R and Year 3 Applications**

The Hampshire portal is open for applications for Year R and Year 3 in September 2025.

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 they will be due to start school in September 2025. Please make sure you log onto the Hampshire portal to make an application. Please remind friends and neighbours with younger children that they need to apply for a school place by 15 January.

Year 2 children will also need to apply for a place at the Junior school. If you have any problems pop into the office who will be able to help.

## **Cardboard Tubes**

Year 1 are looking for any cardboard tubes from kitchen or the toilet roll insides for a Christmas project. Please hand any into the office or directly to any teacher.

## **GOL**

GOL football club is open again for the spring term. If your Year 1 or 2 child would like to attend after Christmas please sign up using the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/N7p3rMSVLB>

## **Great Fire of London Museum- 5 December**

The Year 2 children would like to invite their parents or carers (whoever is collecting on 5<sup>th</sup> to see their Great Fire of London Museum after school.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
5 December	Great Fire of London Museum- Year 2 families
11 December	Christmas Performance- 10am- Apple, Sycamore and Willow 2pm- Cherry, Maple and Hazel
12 December	Christmas Performance- 10am- Cherry, Maple and Hazel 2pm- Apple, Sycamore and Willow
17 December	Christmas Dinner Christmas Shopping- wear your Christmas jumper to join in the fun!
19 December	Christmas treat from Friends
20 December	Celebration Assembly at 9.10am for all birthdays up to 5 January