

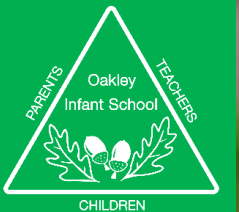
Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

A HUGE THANK YOU to Friends for the fantastic Christmas Fair on Friday evening, there were so many great stalls and things to do, I hope you all enjoyed it as much I did.

Of course an event on this scale requires a lot of planning and preparation and I am always blown away by the effort that goes into all our events. Thank you to the Christmas Fair committee, who have been planning the event since before the AGM, for collecting ideas, doing the shopping, finding raffle and wishing tree prizes (what a great idea!), organising the Grotto decorations, tickets etc the list is endless and I cannot thank you enough.

On the day (or preceding days) the event requires volunteers and lots of them so if you gave up your time before, during or after the event again I am very grateful as without you the event cannot go ahead. These events are the things children remember for years to come. This is evidenced by many children and families who no longer attend our school but came along on the evening as it is such a fun event.

Thank you to everyone who provided a raffle prize, I know some local businesses have been very generous and Thank you to Dummer Garden Centre who provided the beautiful Christmas tree. I know there are many, many others who have contributed to the success of the event so apologies for not calling everyone out personally but THANK YOU.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

INSET Days 2024-2025

14 Feb 2025

27 June 2025

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Christmas Play Tickets- extras

We are waiting for the last few parents to claim their tickets for the Christmas Performances but then we will be able to allocate any extra tickets.

From Wednesday there will be a clipboard in the office, please come into the office to write down your name, number of extra tickets you require and for which performance. These will then be allocated in order and you will be informed of extra allocations via email.

Christmas Parts and Scripts

Please make sure you have checked your child's bookbag to find out whether you need to provide a costume or help to learn any words, the slips came home last week.

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. After dinner the children will be also doing their Christmas shopping with Friends, details will follow.

Please complete the Christmas dinner form which came out last week.

Thank you.

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

Next week the Christmas post-box will be arriving at Oakley. If your child would like to write a Christmas card for 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!

SEN Parent Group

Please find information attached for the next Cranbourne SEND support meeting on 27 November.

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.

Reading

Well done to **Sycamore class** who won the reading challenge last week, Willow class were so close this week. I know that some children told me they read 3 times so we had a discussion about *just once more* and they might make it next week, the children in Willow class are quite invested!

W/C	Apple	Cherry	Sycamore	Maple	Willow	Hazel
11.11.24	66%	69%	79%	50%	48%	81%
22.11.24	42%	64%	75%	69%	73%	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
 SEND support morning poster
 Cranbourne Christmas Card Competition
 Cranbourne Pantry poster
 Christmas Light Poster

Green Cranbourne

Cranbourne Secondary School are very proud to work with the Community Food Link to run the Cranbourne Food Pantry. The pantry is open to members of the community every Thursday between 11am and midday to collect what they need, no questions asked. There are a variety of free food and toiletry items available including fresh produce, bakery items and canned foods. The food items supplied are collected from local supermarkets and businesses and would be otherwise thrown away. The pantry not only supports local families, but also helps to reduce food waste.

Great Fire of London Museum- 5 December

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

Library

Unfortunately the library will not be open after school this Thursday as Mrs Mears has a meeting and will not be in school.
Thank you.

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