

Autumn Term – Newsletter 4



School Update

Dear Families,

We have hit silly season at school, but we love it! The school looks fantastic thanks to a number of Owlsmoor Elves who kindly gave up their time to come and set up last weekend in preparation for the arrival of the children on Monday morning. The team did an incredible job and the children absolutely loved it!

This is my favourite half term of all but, as you know it is one of the busiest. Please do keep an eye on the upcoming dates as there are many things happening. As always, if you are unsure or have any questions please do come and ask, we will do our very best to help 😊.

We had our first Nativity at St. George's Church on Thursday where Puffins put on a performance of a lifetime, showcasing their natural talents. We even had a You've Been Framed Moment with Mrs. Grant almost falling off the stage! The children were incredible from their beautiful singing to their stunning costumes it was simply magical.

On Monday, we are delighted to welcome Mrs. Appleby and Mrs. Deacon to Owlsmoor for their transition morning. Mrs. Appleby will be working Monday and Tuesday in Eagles and Mrs. Deacon will be teaching the remainder of the week. Both ladies are experienced Year 6 teachers and we feel very lucky to have appointed them to their new roles. Do not panic, Mr. Stevens has not left yet, he will be leaving us at the end of term where we will say a proper Au Revoir at our Rudolph Rave 😊.

I am pleased to say that our Family Forums will be returning in January. They have been an incredible insight into school life over the years and I am pleased to say we have our first two dates in the diary:

Tuesday 14th January 18:00 – 19:30

Wednesday 12th March 18:00 – 19:30



The forums will generally be in the school hall and tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. The forums provide an excellent opportunity to get to know key things that are happening at the school; meet new families but more importantly, they allow you as parents to have an input into shaping the future of Owlsmoor for your children. I hope to see you there 😊.

Finally, from me you will see in the body of the email a link to our annual family survey. Normally this would go out towards the end of the Summer Term, but we wanted to capture the thoughts and feelings particularly of some of our new families. The survey will take no more than 2 minutes to complete and is a simple multiple-choice questionnaire. I would really encourage you to complete it, as again, your feedback is vitally important to ensure that we are doing everything we can to be the best version of Owlsmoor Primary School. Your views and opinions matter and just

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like the Family Forums, we do listen and we actively implement your suggestions, so please do take the time to complete the survey – it means a lot.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H65SHPQ>

Thank you, for all that you do. I feel very proud and privileged to lead such an incredible school and to be part of such an amazing community. Your children really are superstars in everyway and they are an absolute credit to each and everyone of you.

Take care, keep safe and be kind to each other.



Mr. Cope



Maths and English Superstars

A huge congratulations to our Maths and Writing Superstars for the month – keep up the good work 😊.

Class	Maths Superstars	Writing Superstars
Mrs Reed	Neon- Hang Rai	Mia Lyons
Mrs Wood	Kaya Wellings	Sophie-Anne Fisher
Miss Tomlinson / Mrs Garrod	Pippa Worster	Hayley Thöle
Miss Parr	Charlie Chaplin	Gene Hunter
Miss Wakelin	Lucas Brown	Arlo Patterson
Ms Gardiner	Alexis Harradine	Elodie Fry
Mrs Read	Elodie Handley	Joshua Legg
Mrs Bruce/ Mrs Plumtree	Everly Craig	Eilidh McLeish
Mr Francis	Therese-Isabelle Buenafe	Freddie Haynes-Taylor
Miss Megrath	Mollie Billins	Travis Richards
Mr Rock	Mayon Pandithage	Zac Painter
Miss Bess	Eva Spackman	Adiraj Sharma
Mr Taylor	Harry Thurlow	Emily Cullum
Mrs Panesar	Gracie Archer	Aria Shaw

Mr Saunders	Adrian Poniatowski	Aaron Hellewell
Mr Stevens	Lily Bates	Jacob Wozniak

We have a Winner!



Lily Bates had the surprise of a lifetime in assembly yesterday as she was greeted by the Mayor of Bracknell Forest Councillor Jenny Penfold. Lily entered the Mayor's Christmas Competition and was selected as one of the winners! Thanks to Lily's Mum, we managed to keep the whole thing a complete surprise and Lily was absolutely speechless. A huge thank you to Jenny for taking the time out of her busy schedule to not only present the award but also took an active role in our celebration assembly.

or
Lily's card will be sent out around Bracknell Forest to many different dignitaries in celebration of the festive season. Well done again Lily, definitely an artist in the making.



Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December

Please can we ask that you pre order your child's Christmas lunch for years Reception to Year 6 through their SCOPAY account. Also, can this be done by next Friday 13th December.

If your child is not having a Christmas Lunch, then please send them in with a packed lunch on that day as the kitchen will be unable to provide anything else apart from the pre ordered Christmas lunch.

Thank you 😊



Christmas Cards – where do they go?

The EYFS and KS1 Christmas Card Box can be found in the corridor outside Year 1 and Year 2.

The KS2 Christmas Card Box can be found in the corridor outside the library

Please can all the cards have the child's first name and the first initials of their surname along with their class name to make it easier for our little delivery helpers.

Remembrance 2024



We were fortunate enough to be invited again this year to Sandhurst Memorial Park where we took part in the Remembrance Service. I was joined this year by Resean (Year 6) and Abi (Year 5) who played an integral part at the service by laying the Wreath on behalf of Owlsmoor Primary School. It was lovely to see so many of our children attend, some were even flag bearers for their respected troops.

It is so important to remember not only the past but also the present and the future of what is yet to come. I am not sure we can ever thank the men and women of the armed forces enough for what they do. Thank you all that attended it is vital we keep the memories alive.

We will remember them...



Cross Country Super Star – Eliza Barnett!



Eliza did her first cross country as part of the British Border League U11's; she was one of only five girls who ran for Bracknell AC in a pool of many (see pic, she's yellow t-shirt, furthest right). It's totally out of her comfort zone, but she had such a good attitude for it and did a great time despite running with girls up to two years older than her. So proud of her attitude; she's not the biggest or the fastest but turns up to train every week with a positive mindset and smashed her first big event!

Well done to Eliza – I have already had a chat with Mr. Steven's for any upcoming cross country events! Very proud.

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Science Gadget Shop

I am excited to announce that we will be holding a 'Science Gadget Shop' on **Tuesday 17th December** in the **library** after school. It will be packed with gizmos, toys, games and gadgets, ranging from 50p to £2:00. The aim of the 'Gadget Shop' is to raise awareness of science and its importance in the real world and to give pupils the opportunity to experience practical activities. All while raising vital funds for educational science equipment to help support our new exciting curriculum. This will be the perfect opportunity to get your hands on the most interesting stocking fillers this side of the moon.

	Stretchy Lizard	ONLY £0.50		Bouncing Putty	ONLY £2.00
	Stretchy Smiler	ONLY £0.50		4 in 1 Crystal Putty	ONLY £2.00
	Dinosaur Puzzle Kit	ONLY £0.50		Rattle Magnets	ONLY £2.00
	Animal Slime	ONLY £0.50		Space Rocks Dig Out Kit	ONLY £2.00
	Flying Glider	ONLY £1.00		Glow Bracelets	ONLY £2.00
	Bubble Tub	ONLY £1.00		Glow in the Dark Solar System	ONLY £2.00
	Biplane Glider	ONLY £2.00		Make Your Own Bouncy Ball	ONLY £2.00
	Rainbow Spring	ONLY £2.00		Crystal Gems Dig Kit	ONLY £2.00
	Bubble Stick	ONLY £2.00		Glow Dinosaur Dig Kit	ONLY £2.00
	Mini Metal Vehicles	ONLY £2.00		Crystal Growing Kit	ONLY £2.00
	Slingshot Dinosaur	ONLY £2.00		Gold Panning Kit	ONLY £2.00
	Magic Cotton Sand Tub	ONLY £2.00		Volcano kit	ONLY £2.00



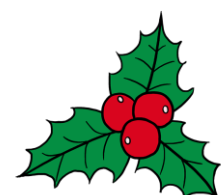
Miss Grant

Science Lead

Trim Trail After Hours

Families, just a gentle reminder that the children should not be playing on the school apparatus after school. We have witnessed some very near misses over the last couple of weeks, where children are playing on the school apparatus un-supervised or whilst family members are talking. I know they are a lot of fun but we cannot be responsible for any Injuries that occur out of school time.

Thank you In advance.



URGENT REQUEST - ARBOR

As part of our Family Forum, one area we wanted to improve was the way we communicate with our families. We are delighted to inform you that we have moved over to our provider called Arbor. We are rolling Arbor out using baby steps but we are excited to say we are at the stage where we can now roll out the Parent Portals.



Welcome to ARBOR Parent Portal and APP



Please log in to your Arbor Parent Portal account when you receive your 'Welcome' email, as we will be using the parent portal for all our communication, parent consultations, financial transactions and meal ordering in the future.



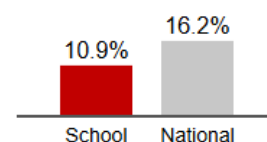
Attendance in October – THANK YOU!

Absence Rates



i School absence figures only include pupils in Y1 to Y6. This is to be inline with national reporting.

Persistent Absence



i Percentage of Y1 to Y6 pupils who miss 10% or more sessions

Just a HUGE thank you to you all for your efforts in getting our children into school and on time. As you can see we are better than National Averages for the whole school and Persistent absences (Children with less than 90% attendance). Thank you all for your efforts, there is still more work to be done 😊.



THANK YOU

**OWLSMOOR PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

for raising a fantastic

£230.60

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

**BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED**

BBC Children in Need has not verified the above fundraising. This is not a receipt.
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Celebrate

Christmas

Wednesday 18th December 24

M: Roast Turkey

Seasoned Roast Potatoes

Carrots & Peas with Honey

Sage and Onion Stuffing Ball

Chipolata Pork Sausage & Gravy

V: Winter Vegetable Pastry Bake

Seasoned Roast Potatoes

Carrots and Peas with Honey

Sage and Onion Stuffing & Gravy

Dessert: Sugar Dusted Mini Ring Doughnuts
with Chocolate Sauce

Fruit Squash and Water Available

Please Order through SCO Pay asap :)


HARRISON
food with thought



Resources needed for Cooking

Are you having a
pre-Christmas
clear-out?

**Please help us
by donating:**

colanders, cheese graters, wooden
spoons, plastic spatulas, plastic/
stainless steel mixing bowls, cookie
cutters, wooden rolling pins, plastic
measuring jugs, cutlery.

Please bring your donations to woodpeckers class
(Yr1)

in 2 sport in 2 care

WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY CAMP

**MONDAY 23RD DEC -
FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY**

EARLY BIRD 10% DISCOUNT STARTS NOW!

WINTER10

EXPIRES MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

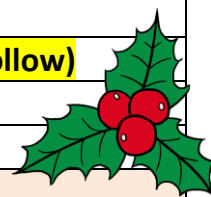


FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL US AT:

CAMPS@IN-2-GROUP.CO.UK

KEY DATES

Saturday 7 th December 2024	School Choir Singing at The Lexicon – Cancelled
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	Reception Nativity School Hall 9:15am
Thursday 12 th December 2024	Year 2 Nativity St George’s Church 9.15am
Friday 13 th December 2024	Kingfishers/Wrens to the Panto in Reading
Monday 16 th December 2024	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Friday 13 th December 2024	PTA Silent Disco
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	PTA Whole School Panto in School Hall
Tuesday 17 th December 2024 - PM	Year 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Children’s Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Year 3 Christmas Concert – 5:30pm
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Year 5 Owlprentice
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Year 1 Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December 2024	Rudolf Rave 9am Start (More details to Follow)
Friday 20 th December 2024	Year 3 Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December 2024	Year 4 Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December 2024	End of Term at 2pm for Christmas
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children Return to School
Wednesday 15 th January 2025	Year 3 Trip to the Living Rainforest
Wednesday 22 nd January 2025	Kiwis Class Assembly 9am
Friday 31 st January 2025	Herons Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 5 th February 2025	Woodpeckers Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13 th February 2025	Flamingos Class Assembly 9am
Friday 14 th February 2025	End of Half Term at 3:15pm
Monday 24 th February 2025	Children Return to School
Monday 3 rd March – Friday 7 th March 2025	Book Week
Thursday 6 th March 2025	World Book Day
Thursday 6 th March 2025	Year 6 WW1 Workshop (More details to Follow)
Thursday 6 th March 2025	Year 3 Mayan Workshop (More details to Follow)
Friday 7 th March 2025	Dressing Up as a Book Character
Wednesday 12 th March 2025	Pelicans Class Assembly 9am
Friday 14 th March 2025	PTA Comedy Night (Adults Only)
Wednesday 19 th March 2025	EYFS Spring Celebration (More Details to Follow)
Friday 21 st March 2025	Red Nose Day (More Details to Follow)
Friday 21 st March 2025	PTA Disco (More Details to Follow)
Thursday 27 th March 2025	Year 1 to Windsor Castle (More Details to Follow)
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Parent Consultations School Closes at 12 noon for Everyone (More Details to Follow)
Friday 4 th April 2025	End of Term at 2pm for Easter
INSET Days Left for 2024 - 2025	
Monday 6 th January 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	



SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Pupils Start on Thursday 4th September 2025

October Half Term - Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 3th November 2025

Pupils start on Tuesday 4th November 2025

Autumn Term ends on – Friday 19th December 2025 at 2.00pm

(Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 5th January 2026

Pupils start on Tuesday 6th January 2026

February Half Term – Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Pupils start on Monday 23rd February 2026

Spring Term ends on Friday 27th March 2026 at 2.00pm

(Spring holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Monday 10th April 2026)

(Good Friday: 3rd April 2026, Easter Monday 6th April 2026)

Summer Term 2026

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 13th April 2026

Pupils start on Tuesday 14th April 2026

Public Bank Holiday (School Closed) Monday 4th May 2026

(May holiday: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026)

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 1st June 2026

Pupils start on Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Summer Term Ends on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 at 2pm