



NEWSLETTER

2ND DECEMBER 2022

Reception Camp Fire Night

Last Friday our Reception children enjoyed a fun-filled evening around the campfire. They made shadow puppet shows, listened to a story, toasted marshmallows and had a hot chocolate around the fire.



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Children's Christmas Meal

On Wednesday 7th December we will be serving a traditional Christmas dinner for the children.

Menu

Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets
Or
Festive Quorn Parcel

Served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing, Brussel Sprouts, Carrots and Peas

Snowman Biscuit
Or
Neapolitan Ice Cream

The meal can be selected and paid for via Parentpay as usual.

If you want to make the meal a little more festive your child may bring in a Christmas Cracker.



Year Four Brass Lessons

The children who are currently in Year 4 have now been receiving Brass tuition for two terms - the cost of this has been covered by a grant that we received from Staffordshire Performing Arts. The whole class lessons will finish at the end of this term.

If your child has enjoyed learning to play either a cornet, trumpet or trombone and would like to continue they may do so.

Mr Walker, their teacher, will be taking small group lessons at a cost of around £100 for the two terms; this can be paid in 2 instalments. We need at least 4 children to continue and the amount will be confirmed as soon as we know final numbers. There is no cost to hire the instrument.

If you child would like to continue learning to play, could you please complete the Parentmail Form no later than Wednesday 14th December so that we can 'book' Mr Walker.



Christmas Fair—Tonight

We are all looking forward to our annual Christmas Fair this evening between 5.30pm and 7.30pm and look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed by helping out, buying raffle tickets or making a donation.

Family and friends all welcome.



Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

This weeks attendance is **94.2%** which is
below our school target.

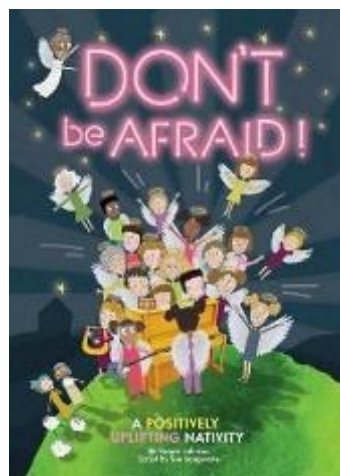
Reception	96.7
Year One	93.3
Year Two	91.3
Year Three	89.7
Year Four	99.4
Year Five	96.7
Year Six	91.8

Christmas Performances

Year 1 & Year 2

Don't be Afraid

13th and 14th December at 9.30am



Key Stage 2 Carol Concert

15th December—tickets available from
ParentPay soon.



Nursery and Reception Present Baarmy Bethlehem

8th and 9th December at 10.30am

We will **not** be formally issuing tickets, for any of our Nativity performances, but we do ask for a £2 donation towards costumes, performance licences etc on the door.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Polite Notice

In order to respect the wishes of all parents and carers in school could we kindly ask that you do not record or take any photographs during the nativity.

You will be provided with an opportunity to take photographs at the end of each performance.

Could we also please remind all parents and carers to refrain for uploading any group photos of our Nativity plays on to any social media sites.

If you are putting photos on please ensure that it is only your own child in the shot with no one else in the background.

Christmas Jumper Day

Once again, we will be taking part in National Christmas Jumper Day here at Oakridge. This year Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Thursday 8th December.

Should children wish to come to school in their Christmas Jumper on the day, a donation may be made via your Parentpay Account. May we ask that children still wear their normal school uniform, but with their Christmas Jumper as an addition, rather than full non-uniform.

If your child has P.E please ensure they wear their usual P.E. kit, with a Christmas jumper over the top. If they would like to bring their P.E. hoodie to change in to for their P.E. lesson, that is absolutely fine.

If you have a child in Nursery or Reception could we please ask that you write their name in the label as they will all be getting changed for their Nativity performance.



Please note that after school sporting clubs have now ended for the rest of this year. Mr Rowell will be in touch shortly with details of which clubs will be running in January

Foundation Stage Visit to National Forrest Adventure Farm

On Tuesday 13th December Nursery and Reception children will be spending the day at the National Forest Adventure Farm in Burton-on-Trent. The children will be taking part in a magical North Pole Adventure, where they will help Santa's elves to sort parcels, learn how to be Father Christmas' helper in Elf training and meet the special man himself, where they will also receive a gift. They will also take part in an interactive nativity with the farm animals as well as going on a farmyard safari tractor and trailer ride.

Children will need to wear suitable clothing and footwear for the outdoors (wellies or trainers dependent upon weather) with their school sweatshirt/cardigan and a waterproof jacket. All children will need a packed lunch for dinnertime, could you please put these in a backpack so the children's hands can be kept free. They will also need a water bottle that can be packed into the backpack.

Contributions of £29.95 are invited towards the cost of the trip, payable via your ParentPay account.



Year One and Two Visit to the Pantomime

On Thursday 15th December Year One and Year Two children will be given the opportunity to experience live theatre, when they will be visiting the Gatehouse Theatre to see a performance of Cinderella.

Contributions of £19.25 are invited towards the cost, payable via your ParentPay account.

The children will also have the opportunity to purchase an ice cream for the performance. You can order these via ParentPay. They are £2.50 and you can select from 4 flavours. This payment will need to be received at the latest by Friday 9th December as the Gatehouse require them to be pre ordered.



Christmas Market

On Friday 16th December we will be holding a Christmas Market which has been organised by OSCA as a fundraising activity.

The children will be taken into the hall a class at a time and for £3.00 will be able to choose a wrapped gift for their Mum, Dad or other family member. Children will be able to choose from a number of gifts and the present will be wrapped ready for them to take home and put under the Christmas tree!

We will be asking that you pay for the gifts via ParentPay and children will be issued with a voucher to redeem at the Christmas Market. OSCA have bought a limited number of gifts so vouchers will be issued on a first come first served basis.

You will be able to purchase your gift vouchers from Monday .



Christingle

On Monday 5th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting Berkswich Methodist Church to take part in and experience a Christingle service. As the children will be walking to and from school please ensure that they are wearing a warm waterproof coat.



Walsall FC Foundation Kids Cup

On Monday Oakridge took a team of Year 6 boys to compete in the Walsall FC Kids Cup to compete against another 11 schools from the local area. After a tough first match against St Michael's in which Oakridge lost 2-0, the boys went on to record convincing wins in their next 4 games scoring 16 goals and letting in none. Oakridge therefore finished on the same number of points as St Michael's but unfortunately missed out on a place in the final due to the head-to-head record and the game they lost to St Michael's in their first match.

Well done to all the boys who took part and represented the school superbly. Congratulations to St Michael's who went on to win the final on penalties against Meadow View.



IT'S TONIGHT!

THE OAKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Fair

5.30_{PM} - 7.30_{PM}

Please join us for lots of festive fun!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING:

- CASH (ENTRY IS 50p & GAMES START FROM 20p)
- A PLASTIC DRINKS GLASS
- MEET SANTA ENTRY TICKETS

See you there!

★ Vouchers on sale on Parent Pay from Monday! ★



THE OAKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS

MARKET

THIS YEAR THE CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT FROM A RANGE OF GIFTS FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS & SIBLINGS.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS POPULAR EVENT, TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!



FRIDAY
16TH
DECEMBER



VOUCHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY FROM MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER!