



# NEWSLETTER

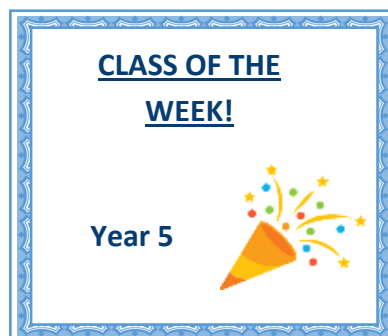
24TH NOVEMBER 2023

## Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book Winners who were presented with their certificates during assembly this morning. This week's theme for Golden Book was "Science".



Reception -	Eddy and Austin
Year One -	Wren and Archie
Year Two -	Jacob, Dhiya and Henry
Year Three -	Vihaan and Daniel
Year Four -	Austin and Anika
Year Five -	James and Rosa
Year Six -	Andy, Aravind and Jenny



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## Reception Visit to Stanley Head

Our Reception children have their visit to Stanley Head next week on Thursday 30th November.

If you haven't already, please make sure to give consent via ParentPay please. We need this for your child to be able to attend the visit.

Please note if we have insufficient contributions, the visit may not go ahead.

Many Thanks.



## Year 1 & 2

### Sudbury Hall Visit

Our Year 1 and 2 children have their visit to Sudbury Hall next week on Wednesday 29th November.

If you haven't already, please make sure to give consent via ParentPay. We need this for your child to be able to attend the visit.

Please note if we have insufficient contributions, the visit may not go ahead.

Many Thanks.



## Year 3 & Year 4

### Visit to Derby Museum

On 5th December, as part of their History learning, Year 3 and Year 4 will be visiting Derby Museum to learn first hand about The Ancient Egyptians.

If you haven't already, please make sure to give consent via ParentPay. We need this for your child to be able to attend the visit.

Please note if we have insufficient contributions, this visit may be cancelled.



## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who joined in last Friday for 'Children in Need' and to all who made a donation.

**We raised a fantastic £218.50!**



## Year 5 Lowry Visit





## Christingle

On Monday 4th 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.



## Pudding Change

We sent out a ParentMail earlier in the week regarding a swap to the puddings on Week 3 of school dinners on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This was only going to be for this past week however we have made the decision to make this a permanent fixture as we feel it works better with other items on the menu.

So just to clarify; going forward on Week 3 on the Wednesday the pudding will be a toffee muffin and on the Thursday it will be Jam Roly Poly. ParentPay has been updated to reflect the change.

## Year 1 and 2 Pantomime Visit

A reminder that on Friday 15th December, Y1 and Y2 children, will be given the opportunity to experience live theatre, when they will be visiting the Gatehouse Theatre to see a performance of Beauty and The Beast. We will be leaving school at 9.15am and will return back in time for lunch.

Contributions of £21.50 are invited towards the cost, this will include vanilla ice cream for each child, payable via your ParentPay account.

Please note that if there are insufficient contributions the visit may need to be cancelled.



## Year 5 Standon Bowers



Please can we remind you that the deposit for the Year 5 Standon Bowers residential visit needs to be made by Friday 1st December 2023.

*Please note that there will be no after school sports clubs on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th November due to fixtures.*

*Thank you.*

## Year 3 and 4 Sporting Events

### Year 3 / 4 School Games Football Tournaments

On Monday we took 2 boys' teams and 1 girls' team to the 'School Games' football event at Stafford Town. In the morning the boys competed in two different competitions – one inspire event for less experienced players and one excel competition for the more experienced footballers. Our Inspire team finished 3rd in their competition and our Excel team came joint 2nd just behind Barnfields who were the overall winners. In the afternoon our girls team competed in the Excel competition and won their first 3 games scoring 9 goals and not conceding any in the process. This led to a playoff with Barnfields for top spot who also won their first 3 games. The playoff was a tight game with few chances that ended in a hard fought 0-0 between the sides. This meant both teams finished as joint winners! Well done to all the boys and girls involved and congratulations to the girls!

### Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby Coaching Event

On Thursday Stafford Rugby Club hosted a coaching event for children in Year 3 and 4 to come and try rugby at their fantastic facility. Oakridge took a group of 8 children who had a great time learning about rugby and competing in small sided games with other schools. Well done to all the children who took part. Stafford Rugby Club is always looking for new junior members – please email Pete Cook at [junior-chairman@staffordrugby.club](mailto:junior-chairman@staffordrugby.club) if your child is interested in attending their coaching sessions.



## Year 1 and Year 2

### Baubles !

19th December at 2.00pm and  
20th December at 9.30am



**W**e 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.

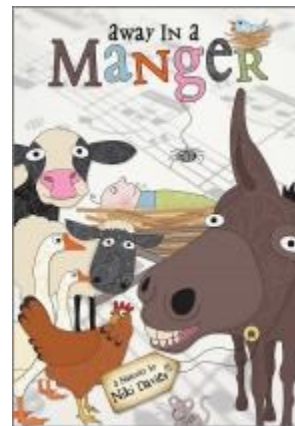
## Nursery and Reception

### Away in a Manger

12th and 13th December at  
10.30am

**W**e 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—Photos and Social Media

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.

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.

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.

Thank you.



## Christmas Dates for your Diary

**A**s the festive season is fast approaching, please see below a list of dates of when we have our Christmas events and activities:-

24th November	Reception Camp Fire Night
4th December	Reception, Y1 & Y2 Christingle
7th December	Christmas Jumper Day
8th December	School Christmas Fayre (OSCA)
12th & 13th December	Foundation Stage Nativity
14th December	Childrens Christmas Meal
15th December	Christmas Market (OSCA)
15th December	Y1 & Y2 Gatehouse Pantomime Visit
19th December	Y1 & 2 Nativity
20th December	Y1 & Y2 Nativity
21st December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church
22nd December	Whole School Pantomime

Further details about the events and timings will follow closer to the dates.





## Poetry Winners

Congratulations to our three poetry winners who performed their winning poems at Stafford Grammar on Thursday evening before receiving their awards from 'Pep the Poet'. Congratulations!



## Polite Notice

Please can we remind you that if your child arrives before 8 o'clock for our 8am Club there will be an early drop off charge.

Could you also please ensure that any children who attend morning clubs, organised by teachers, do not arrive in school too early as staff are not available to supervise. Children, or their siblings, will be placed in 8am Club for their safety and a charge will be made.

*Many thanks for your co-operation.*

**Just a  
reminder...**



## Instagram

We should hopefully be going 'Live' very soon on Instagram! This will be replacing Twitter.





A decorative border surrounds the central text area. It features a light blue background with various school-related items scattered throughout, including open and closed books in different colors (blue, yellow, orange, red, green), pens and pencils in various colors, and white feathers. Some items are shown in use, like a hand holding a pen or an open book.

# Poem of the Week

## November Evening

By Gerald Bullett

Now in November evenings,  
When thick dark falls,  
Filling in our lanes, and turning  
All mortals into moles,  
No moon or stars, no glimmer  
of lamp, nor means to tell  
Hedge from house or haystack  
But by feel and smell,  
Glow in my remembering,  
Sounds in my inward ear,  
The rattle of dry blown leaves  
In a lit London square,  
And the dim gleam of lamplight  
On leaf-discarding trees  
Mingles with urban magic  
These rural secrecies.

From 100 Best Poems for Children © Penguin Books Ltd  
2001



COME & JOIN US AT

THE OAKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Christmas Fair

-  TOMBOLA
-  RAFFLE
-  BAR
-  CAKE STALL
-  LUCKY DIP
-  MEET SANTA
-  TUCK STALL

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER

8<sup>TH</sup>

AND MUCH,  
MUCH MORE ...



@ 5.30<sup>PM</sup>  
- 7.30<sup>PM</sup>



SUPPORT US!  
VOLUNTEERS WANTED  
FOR MANNING STALLS  
[PLEASE CONTACT THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE]



JOIN US!  
ALL PROCEEDS  
DIRECTLY BENEFIT  
OUR CHILDREN

# Christmas Fair donation wish list ...

The success of our fair relies upon kind donations from Oakridge families. We know times are still tight but we would really appreciate you donating some or all of the following:

## FOUNDATION & KEY STAGE **1**

### CHOCOLATE



FOR OUR CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA! THERE WILL BE NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR IN EXCHANGE FOR ANY CHOCOLATE ITEM!

**PLEASE BRING THIS IN ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR & DROP IT AT THE ICT SUITE.**

### A HAMPER ITEM



HAMPERS WILL BE KEY PRIZES IN OUR RAFFLE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOTS OF NICE FESTIVE GOODIES TO INCLUDE IN THEM. **PLEASE BRING THESE IN FROM MONDAY 4th DEC & PLACE IN THE DONATION BOX AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL.**

## KEY STAGE **2**

### A BOTTLE



FOR OUR EVER POPULAR TOMBOLA! THERE WILL BE NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR IN EXCHANGE FOR A BOTTLE OF WHATEVER YOU FANCY!

**PLEASE BRING THIS IN ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR & DROP IT AT THE ICT SUITE.**

### A WRAPPED GIFT



BRING IN AN UNWANTED (BUT NEW) CHILDREN'S GIFT FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE BOX GIFT STALL. PLEASE WRAP IT AND LABEL IT FOR A KEY STAGE 1 OR KEY STAGE 2, BOY OR GIRL. **PLEASE BRING THESE IN FROM MONDAY 4th DEC & PLACE IN THE DONATION BOX AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL.**

## EVERYONE: CAKES



WHETHER YOU BAKE CAKES OR BUY THEM, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS FOR OUR CAKE STALL. **PLEASE BRING THESE IN ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR & DROP THEM AT THE ICT SUITE.**

## STALL HELPERS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELPERS TO RUN STALLS AT THE FAIR BETWEEN 5.30 & 6.30pm OR 6.30 & 7.30pm. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PACK AWAY.

**PLEASE SIGN-UP IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE. YOUR HELP IS REALLY APPRECIATED!**



## DAY HELPERS

WE NEED PEOPLE WHO COULD HELP ON THE DAY WITH PREPARING HAMPERS, SETTING UP THE TOMBOLAS AND SORTING ITEMS FOR STALLS.

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN THE ICT SUITE ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR!**



# Also coming to Oakridge *This Christmas ...*

TICKETS GO ON  
SALE NEXT WEEK!

COME & MEET  
**Santa**  
AT THE  
**CHRISTMAS  
FAIR**

FRIDAY **8<sup>TH</sup>** DEC  
TIME (LOVE)  
AVAILABLE FROM  
5.30PM TO 7.15PM



£3  
per child

*Buy your tickets after school on Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov,  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec & Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.*

THERE WILL BE A TICKET STAND NEAR THE MAIN  
SCHOOL ENTRANCE. TICKETS SOLD ON A FIRST COME,  
FIRST SERVED BASIS. PLEASE BRING CASH!



THE GREAT OAKRIDGE  
**BAKE OFF**

... CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Can you RISE to  
the challenge and  
become  
Oakridge's next  
STAR BAKER?



Bring in your best  
 festive themed bake on  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, to put  
 before our judges.

There will be a prize for our  
 STAR BAKER and all  
 entries will be sold on our  
 cake stall at the fair!

COMING  
SOON

THE OAKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

£3  
PER GIFT

## 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  
**15<sup>TH</sup>**  
DECEMBER

VOUCHERS WILL  
BE AVAILABLE  
ON PARENT PAY  
FROM FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
DECEMBER!

# Au-Sums Social Group



AU-SUMS

A social group in a 'youth club' format with different groups for boys (or those who identify as male) and girls (or those who identify as female) aged 8-16 with additional complex needs. No diagnosis is required.

## Boys Group

*Mondays 5pm - 6:30pm*

*Cost - £7 per young person*

*Includes card and board games, sports, arts and crafts, sensory equipment, and much more!*

## Girls Group

*Wednesdays 6pm - 7:30pm*

*Cost - £7 per young person*

*Includes card and board games, sports, arts and crafts, sensory equipment, and much more!*

If you are interested in either of these groups, please get in touch with Harry on 07726 682408.

*Please don't hesitate to leave a message or text if there is no answer.*

Location - Doxey, Stafford

Address provided on receipt of completed registration form.



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