



NEWSLETTER

22ND DECEMBER 2023

Key Stage Two Carol Concert

Last night saw the return of our annual KS2 Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church on Baswich Lane. This, once again, was a magical evening with the children reading and singing beautifully. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did! Merry Christmas!



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Sporting Clubs in the New Year

Our new sporting clubs starting week commencing 15th January 2024 are as follows:

Monday—Year 3 & 4 boys football

Tuesday—KS2 girls football

Wednesday—Year 5 & 6 boys football

Thursday—Year 5 & 6 girls and boys netball

More information will be sent out to you via ParentMail.

Swimming

A reminder that the first Wednesday back on 10th January 2024 is the start of Year 4 swimming at Stafford Leisure Centre.

All boys need to wear swimming trunks (not shorts) and girls need to wear a one-piece swimming costume (not bikinis).

If hair is long enough to impair vision then a swimming hat must be worn (this applies to both girls and boys). All jewellery should be removed and left at home.

A ParentMail form has been sent out regarding the use of goggles.

Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year

Thank you everyone for your support this year, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

**WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY**

Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

The attendance for this term is **95.2%** which is
below our school target.

Reception	93.1%
Year One	95.9%
Year Two	95.2%
Year Three	95.8%
Year Four	95.9%
Year Five	95.5%
Year Six	94.6%

Sporting Events

Year 5/6 School Games Football Competitions

Over the past couple of weeks Oakridge has sent four Year 5/6 football teams to compete in a series of 'School Games' competitions at Stafford Town. We had one boys' team in the 'Excel' competition who came 5th overall after their 7 games and we had two teams competing in two different 'Inspire' competitions who came 1st and 3rd – both teams were undefeated after all of their matches. The final competition was the Year 5/6 Girls event where Oakridge performed fantastically well winning all 5 of their games and therefore qualifying for the county final in the New Year.

Congratulations to all the girls involved on a fantastic team performance and good luck in the next round. A massive well done to all the 35 children from Year 5/6 who wore the Oakridge shirt with such pride and gave their all for the badge.



KS1 Nativity

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week our Year 1 and 2 children gave an outstanding performance of their nativity 'Baubles'.

Everyone who watched the show thoroughly enjoyed it! The children were fantastic and we are very proud of them!



Whole School Panto

Thank you to 'Tread' Panto today for their wonderful performance of Aladdin for the whole school.

Our children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed it!



Word Millionaire Club Achievements

Well done to Alexander in Year 6 who has now achieved his "Two Million Words" and to Isaac in Year 6 for achieving his "One Million Words"

Congratulations !



'Just Giving' Page for Holy Trinity Church

Father Graham from Holy Trinity Church sent a special message regarding last night's amazing Carol Concert we wanted to share with you all:

"Thank you all for last night - it was a beautiful concert, and all the pupils did so well"



As mentioned last night, below is the link for the 'Just Giving' page for Holy Trinity Church:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/berkswichparish>





Poem of the Week

Dave Dirt's Christmas Presents

By Kit Wright

Dave Dirt wrapped his Christmas presents
Late on Christmas Eve
And gave his near relations things
You would not believe.
His brother got an Odour-Eater -
Second-hand one, natch.
For Dad he chose, inside its box,
A single burnt-out match.
His sister copped the sweepings from
His hairy bedroom rug,
While Mum received a centipede
And Granny got a slug.
Next day he had a nerve to sit
Beneath the Christmas tree
And say: "OK, I've done my bit -
What have you got for me?"

from *The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry*
(Puffin Books, 1998)



THE GREAT OAKRIDGE BAKE OFF

ANNOUNCING OUR
STAR BAKERS ...

STAR BAKER



Shalini Harish

JUNIOR STAR BAKER



Demir Doner

BAKER IN THE MAKING



Tabby Evans

WELL DONE

to everyone who
entered the BAKE OFF.
All of the cakes were
fabulous and our cook
Celeste found it really,
really hard to pick the
winners!





JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 17TH DEC

6.30PM CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE (HT)

WEDNESDAY 20TH DEC

7PM CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE (ST)

CHRISTMAS EVE

2PM CRIB SERVICE (HT,ST)

4PM CRIB SERVICE (HT,ST)

5PM CAROL & CRIB SERVICE (AS)

9PM FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS (HT)

11.30PM MIDNIGHT MASS (ST)

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 XMAS DAY EUCHARIST (ST)

8.45 XMAS DAY EUCHARIST (AS)

10.45 XMAS DAY EUCHARIST (HT)

HT: HOLY TRINITY, BASWICH LANE

ST: ST THOMAS, KITLINGS LANE WALTON

AS: ALL SAINTS, THE GREEN BROCTON

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