



Fri 20th Dec - End of Term - Finish 1pm

Children return to school

Monday 6th January 2024 8.50am



End of Autumn Term

The countdown is on. 4½ school days left and 9 days until Christmas Day. The school is full of festive joy and as you will see in the newsletter the children have been very busy not only in school, but in the Hatfield community.

It has been a very long term and as always, the children have been fantastic in every way. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all my staff who always commit 100% to ensure the best outcome for your children.

I hope you have a wonderful 2 week break and get to spend time with your family and friends.

In advance I will also say thank you for your kindness in gifts and cards for the teachers and support staff of Oak View.

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year



Christmas Festivities



Christmas Songs around the Tree

Year 1 and Year 2 - Mon 16th Dec 9.15am & 2.30pm

Nursery and Reception - Tues 17th Dec 9.15am & 2.30pm

EYFS & KS1 will be singing Christmas songs around the tree. More information will be sent out at a later date.



Christmas Dinner, Jumper Day & Movie Afternoon

Wednesday 18th December

Children can wear their Christmas jumper for Christmas dinner day on Wednesday 18th December. In the afternoon, classes will have a Christmas Movie afternoon.



**Christmas Party Day
Thursday 19th December**



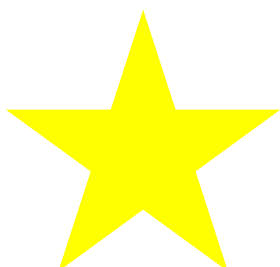
This is a dress down day but please make sure your child is wearing sensible shoes (no heels).

Communication from HCC re FSM vouchers

Families in receipt of benefit related free school meal vouchers should receive their £30 voucher on or around Friday 13th December.

Elena - Oak View Star

Elena in Year 4 came joint 1st in her gymnastics squad championships. She trains really hard every week and her mum and dad are extremely proud of her so wanted to share her achievement with us. Well done Elena!



Late pick ups

Pick up times - EYFS/KS1 3.10pm KS2 3.15pm

We are seeing an increasing number of late pick-ups at the end of the day. If you know you are going to be late to collect your child, please call the office to let us know as soon as possible. Thank you

Values - Resilience

This half term the school value is resilience, which will be a high focus through our learning, assemblies, playtimes etc. We would like our children to understand to keep trying and not give up even when things are tough.

Please reinforce this at home and if your child demonstrates our value out of school, please let me know on the school gate.

★ ★ Oak View Stars ★ ★

If your child has achieved something outside of school that you are proud of and would like featured on the Newsletter, please send in some photos and a few sentences about them to:-

admin@oakview.herts.sch.uk

We will try our best to feature as many of them as we can.



KS2 St Etheldreda's

On Wednesday 11th December, KS2 students walked to St Etheldreda's Church for a carol service.

The service was led by Father Darren, with selected pupils from each year group reading part of the Christmas story. Every child was amazing and the confidence and clarity they spoke with was a pleasure to listen to. The whole school sang traditional Christmas Carols which again sounded amazing in such a beautiful setting. Thank you to Mr Cahill, Mrs Wan, Miss Risley and all the staff for rehearsing and bringing the service together.

The pictures below show just a small part of the service and share the wonderful setting and how amazing the Oak View children looked in Church.



Year 6 trip to Lincolnsfield Centre

At the end of November, Year 6 visited the Lincolnsfield Centre in Bushey as part of their WW2 work. The children experienced what it was like to be in school in the 1940's. They then had a tour of a typical house of the time period and learnt about rationing and daily life. Finishing the day, they attempted to put out an incendiary bomb with a bucket and hose! One of the volunteers was a child in WW2 and the children were able to hear first-hand what it was like to be in an air raid shelter during the Blitz.



Dementia 24 and Coronation gardens carol concerts

On Monday 2nd December the Young Voices choir and Mr Barnes' choir performed at the Dementia24 annual Carol Service at St Eltheldreda's church. The event, in its 7th year, is organised by Music24, a community music charity that helps socially isolated and vulnerable adults in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. The event, organised in collaboration with The Welwyn Hatfield Alliance, welcomes people with dementia, learning disabilities, and mental health conditions, as well as their families and carers. The children performed the songs 'The Gift', 'Little Donkey' and 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas' to a record sized audience.

After school on the same day, children from Oak View joined forces with children from Countess Anne and Hatfield Free School to sing Christmas songs at the annual Christmas Tree light-up at Coronation Gardens organised by Hatfield Town Council. The Children were treated to a drive-by visit from Santa along with hot chocolate and biscuits.



Rock steady Concert

On December 6th, our talented children wowed everyone with their amazing Rocksteady performances! A huge well done to all the budding musicians for their hard work and energy—it was a fantastic show. Thank you to everyone who came to cheer them on!





Archery

On Wednesday 4th December, we took a group of children to an Archery festival held at Ridgeway Academy in W.G.C There were 19 schools all taking part. Each school was competing within itself to find the best archer. Olivia in Klimt was our winner. All the children had a great time and enjoyed the event.



Speed stacking competition

On Tuesday 10th December, children from Years 3 and 4 took part in a speed stacking competition at Onslow School. The girls won all of their heats and the boys won all but 1 where they came 2nd. The children were extremely well behaved and enjoyed themselves. Well done to all of you!





Harvesters football competition

On Friday 6th December, the girls got to compete against different schools from St Albans and the surrounding areas. There were 2 pools and we got to play in 3 games against the other schools. Rufaro did an amazing job stepping in as our goalie and saved some great shots. The team worked really well together and we scored 2 goals in our last game. This put us into 4th place and we went against the top team from pool 1 but sadly lost 1-0. Great effort girls.

The boys competed in the tournament there were many attempts at goal but sadly none executed, this left the boys in 4th place and having to play the winners of pool 1. Sadly, the boys didn't win but a great effort from them all and some really good passes and communication by them all.



Year 6 Positive minds session with Watford FC

On Friday 22nd November, Year 6 were lucky to take part in a Positive Minds session from Watford Football Club. This was the prize for winning the Wellbeing Yellow Day back in October. The children enjoyed a football skills lesson and considered how important playing sport is to our wellbeing. This was followed up by a quiz and discussion which the children found very informative.





From the Office

Attendance - If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school office before 9.30am.

Lateness - We are still having a number of late arrivals in the mornings. Please try to get your child in school by 8.50am and collect at 3.10pm KS1 & 3.15pm KS2

Communication - Please make sure that all of your contact details are up to date and we have the correct ones on your child's records. It is important so we can keep you up to date.

School Admissions Dates -

Primary	Open 1/11/24	Close 15/1/25
Nursery	Open 1/11/24	Close 15/1/25

More information can be found on the [HCC website](#) for Secondary and Primary admissions. Nursery application forms will be available from the school website.

Important allergy information

Despite our reminders and posters around school, we are still seeing children bringing in nuts or nut-based products into school.

We have children and adults in school who have life threatening allergies.

Please do not include nuts or nut-based products (i.e Nutella, peanut butter) and shellfish for either lunch or snack time.

Please make sure you check labels for hidden ingredients.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Peanut butter



Nutella



Nuts



Shellfish



Diary Dates

Mon 16 th Dec	KS1 Songs around the tree 9.15am & 2.30pm
Tues 17 th Dec	EYFS Songs around the tree 9.15am & 2.30pm
Weds 18 th Dec	Christmas Dinner, Jumper Day & movie afternoon
Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas party day
Fri 20 th Dec	Term ends - 1pm

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Mon 6 th Jan	Children return to school 8.50am
Mon 17 th Feb - Fri 21 st Feb	Half term week - School Closed
Mon 17 th Mar	Inset Day - School Closed
Fri 4 th Apr	Term ends 1pm

Merry
Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR