



School closes 1pm - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December



Return to school - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 8.50am

### End of Autumn Term

The countdown is on. 2½ school days left and 10 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**

Mr Richardson

### Oak View Art Gallery

Last week, we had our very own Oak View Art Gallery with artwork from Nursery to Year Six. The event was a great success and a fantastic way to showcase the children's talents and we have some amazing artists! It was lovely to see the children's reactions when they saw their masterpieces professionally displayed.

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to visit our gallery!





## Christmas Festivities



### Christmas Songs around the Tree

**Nursery and Reception - Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.15am & 2.30pm**

**Year 1 and Year 2 - Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.15am & 2.30pm**

EYFS & KS1 will be singing Christmas songs around the tree. Please enter under the canopy between the reception classes.

### Class Parties

**KS2 Class parties - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**KS1/EYFS Class parties - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Children can wear their own clothes but please remember to wear sensible shoes (no heels).

Each child will be given a selection box at the end of that day. Please let the office know if your child has any allergies so that we can cater for them.



### Carol Service at St Etheldreda's for Dementia

Last Monday 24 children walked to St Etheldreda's to perform in front of a full church for the Music 24 charity. Miss Risley had been rehearsing for the last month with the children and they performed 3 Christmas songs. They were amazing.





## KS2 Carol Service at St Etheldreda's Church

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, KS2 students walked to St Etheldreda's Church for a carol service.

The service was led by Father Collins, 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 Miss Risley and all the staff for rehearsing and bringing the service together.

I hope the children shared their experience with you and I hope in the future we can invite parents to future events at the church.

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.



## Oak View Choir at Greenacres Care Home

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December children from Oak View sang festive Christmas songs to the residents of Greenacres Care Home in Hatfield. The children sang amazingly and were very much appreciated by the residents and staff. The children were a huge credit to the school. One of the residents was 103 years old. The choir finished singing Happy Birthday to one of the residents.





## Year 2 - Great Fire of London Workshop

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Year 2 had the opportunity to take part in a Great Fire of London workshop. They engaged in activities such as candle making, bread making, making scented sachets, writing a letter to the King, hammering leather and plague pendant making. During the afternoon session, they became archaeologists and dug up artifacts that helped them to determine the time of shop they were excavating. They also joined a waterline, joined the army and helped clean out the rat infestation. All of Year 2 had a fantastic experience.



## Christmas tree light up at Coronation Gardens



On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December children from Oak View took part in a Christmas Tree lights-up organised by Hatfield Town Council. The event took place at Coronation Gardens next to St Lukes Church. Children from Oak View were joined with children from Countess Anne to form a choir. The event was hosted by the Mayor of Hatfield where the children sang 4 Christmas songs. The children were so excited to see Father Christmas visit during the event. The event finished with the children being invited to have a hot chocolate.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians for your support.

You can view the service by clicking on this link.

<https://youtu.be/A-xPFLUusc?si=b1lsVlqwX6elsdKa>



### Year 4 Speed stacking competition

A massive congratulations to our Year 4 children who came first in a speed stacking competition against other local primary schools. Each team won their heats resulting in them winning the overall competition. Well done to every one of you! We're so proud of you!



### Y4 Rugby - Junior Sharks

Junior Sharks are a local rugby club who have RFU qualified coaches that offer coaching to school children the sessions are made up of fun games and activities aimed to develop core skills and to help build confidence on and off the pitch.

Both Year 4 and Year 6 have enjoyed having the coaches help them to learn to play tag rugby during their PE lessons.





### Archery Competition

Some Year 5 students were given the opportunity to take part in an archery competition at Ridgeway Academy. Well done to all of the team who took part but especially to Ben who won highest scorer and Emanuel who was the most improved.



### Oak View Football

Last Thursday, we had a match against Birchwood Avenue School. The weather was poor and the rain did not stop but we are pleased to share that Oak View won 2-0. Well done to all the players. It was also great to see so many parents supporting the children despite the rain.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Chance to Shine Cricket

We had a great opportunity to have Chance to Shine Cricket come into our school to deliver a taster to years 3-6 on Friday 8th December.

Chance to Shine aim to give all children the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket and we look forward to working with them again in the new Year.



## Intra competitions

This half term years 3-6 have had their competition in Rugby. We have been very lucky to have had both Saracens and Junior Sharks coaches in to teach the children this half term.

### Results:

Year 3 Winners - Tissot  
Year 4 Winners - Matisse  
Year 5 Winners - Klimt  
Year 6 Winners - Mackintosh



### Important allergy information

Please note that we have some 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**



**Shellfish**



**Nuts**

### Nursery applications

Nursery applications are now open for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2020- 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2021.

Please follow the link below to apply for your child's nursery place.

<https://oakview.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/>

### Appointments during school time

We are seeing an increasing number of children being taken out during the school day to attend appointments. Whilst we understand that some appointments have to be attended and are unavoidable, please try and make your appointments after school has finished.

We will ask for proof of the appointment if you ask to take your child out of school early or bring them in late.

Thank you





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Free school meal vouchers should be with you over the next few days.

A voucher for £30 will be sent to cover the Christmas holiday.

Vouchers will only be sent to families who are eligible for benefit related free school meals.



**From the Office .....**

**Attendance** - If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school office before 9.30am. **If we do not hear from you, the absence may be noted as unauthorised.**

**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 -**

<b>Primary</b>	<b>Open 1/11/23</b>	<b>Close 15/1/24</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Open 1/11/23</b>	<b>Close 15/1/24</b>

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



## Diary Dates

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christmas Songs 9.15am & 2.30pm KS2 Class parties
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Christmas Songs 9.15am & 2.30pm EYFS & KS1 Class parties
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Term Ends 1pm</b>

## 2024

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Term starts 8.50am
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Spring half term - School closed
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day - School closed
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Term ends 1pm
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Term starts 8.50am
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Summer Half Term - School Closed
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Term ends 1pm

