



Newsletter



19th December 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

We have enjoyed some fantastic festive treats this term! The visit to the Watermill Theatre to see **The Little Mermaid** was really magical. It was probably the best show we have seen there and the children were captivated! Thanks to FOBS for purchasing the tickets. **Robin and Falcon classes led a wonderful carol service** on Tuesday evening at the church- the singing was beautiful. Today our **Christmas service** gave the opportunity for our brass band to perform, and they sounded great, alongside fabulous singing from across the school. **Thank you for supporting the children at these events.** We have all just eaten a **great Christmas dinner** provided by Nick and Dawn, Father Christmas made an appearance and gave the children crackers- the children's faces were brilliant! **A really special way to end the term!**

Next year, we start with an **Arts week**. We have some exciting workshops and talks planned for the children. We still have a spare couple of slots if you, or someone you know, uses art skills in the workplace, or just has a passion for art to share with the children- please do get in touch.

Finally, **thank you** for all the support you have shown your children and the school over the Autumn term. They have all made good progress with their learning, enjoyed some great experiences, and had fun on the way- we look forward to working with you all in 2026!

Have a wonderful Christmas with your families.

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Mrs Beulah Letchford
Headteacher



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in celebration assembly: Clara, Posie

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in celebration assembly: Pippa, Isaac

Congratulations to the following children who have a piece of work on our **Reach for the Stars** board: Beatrice N, Louis B-M, Ed, Maci, George, Elliot, Sienna Ba- please do come into school and have a look!

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Play Leaders** certificate: Seb, Carson, Vinnie, Ted

Congratulations to the following children who are our **School Values Champions**:

Respect- Dylan F

Determination- Philip

Collaboration- Ella R

Responsibility- Toby V

Curiosity- Dolly

Key Notices

Staffing News

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Bridgman who works as an LSA in Oak class. She has left to spend more time with her family. She has been a valued member of staff and we know she will keep in touch!

Miss Burton will be working as acting SENCO at St Martins school for one afternoon a week in the Spring term, to support them. This is a great opportunity for Miss Burton to widen her leadership experience which will also be of great benefit to us. Mrs Letchford will be teaching Robin class for one afternoon a week, and Mrs Laidlaw will cover Miss Burton's SENCO time in the afternoon rather than the morning to ensure the children are taught by Miss Burton each day in the core subjects. If parents of children in Robin class have any questions about this, please do talk to Mrs Letchford.

Parking

Please be reminded **not to park or stop** on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the school **at any time**. This blocks children's and adults views of the oncoming traffic and are there to ensure safety for all.

LSA Vacancy

We have a position available supporting one of our KS1 children from 8:45/9-12:00 each morning. If this is something you, or someone you know, may be interested in, please talk to Mrs Letchford or Miss Pummell to find out more.

Healthy Snack Reminder- again!

Children are asked to bring **healthy fruit or vegetable snacks** in for break times. Not only will this encourage healthy eating habits for our children, it will also reduce the

amount of packaging waste we collect each day as some snacks will not need packaging, and others can be brought into school using reusable containers. This will help us meet our sustainability goals as part of our climate action plan! Please support us with this.

Lunch ordering

Please be reminded to order your child's school dinner on Scopay **every day** - even if your child is bringing a packed lunch from home, this should be recorded as an 'S'.

Leaving children in cars

Please be mindful of leaving younger siblings in the car during drop offs and pickups. Whilst there is no law against it, it is advised not to leave children in cars under the age of 12 as they may become unsafe whilst unattended.

Attendance

We had a number of children leave school early today or not attend at all. Please do be honest with us about the reasons your child is not in school, the children always want to tell us about what they have been up to! Unless unwell, these absences will be recorded as unauthorised holiday. If 10 absences (5 school days) of unauthorised holiday occur in 10 school weeks you may be subject to a penalty fine. Please check our school attendance information leaflet, and remember that parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school. It may be the last day of term, but a lot of important and special things still take place. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 5 th January	INSET day
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school Art week begins
Friday 9 th January	Art week gallery- details TBC
Monday 12 th January	Y5/6 Football v Oakley @ Burghclere 1:30pm
Tuesday 13 th January	Y5/6 Football finals night @ Park House 4pm
Tuesday 20 th January	Y5/6 Netball tournament @ Park House 4pm
Wednesday 21 st January	Y5/6 Athletics @ The Clere 1-3pm
Thursday 22 nd January	Y5/6 Archery @ Park House 4pm
Monday 26 th January	Y4 Maths Challenge @ St Gabriels 1-3pm
Wednesday 28 th January	SENCo Parent info session - all families welcome in the hall - 8:50am-9:20am
Tuesday 3 rd February	Y2 Speed Stacking @ Park House 4pm
Thursday 5 th February	Y5/6 Speed Stacking @ Park House 4pm
Friday 6 th February	Y5 Maths Challenge @ St Gabriels 1-3pm
Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February	Half term

