



— Autumn 2 2025 —

Oxley Primary School

A celebration of learning at our wonderful school



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



Be Kind

Be Brilliant

**Have an
I can
Attitude**



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 19th December

As we reach the end of the Autumn term, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey our children have embarked upon over these past few months. This term is the longest of the academic year and it has been jam-packed with learning, growth and the embodiment of our cherished Oxley values.

We are immensely proud of how our children have demonstrated resilience and a positive "I can" attitude, showcasing their commitment to personal development and success.

Throughout the term, our students have engaged in a variety of experiences that have not only enhanced their knowledge but also fostered a strong sense of community, which this newsletter proudly showcases!

Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming term and the new adventures it will bring. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support throughout 2025! Your involvement and encouragement are invaluable to our children's success.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and break filled with joy and laughter. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year, ready for more adventures!

Best Wishes

Mr Caldwell

Special Recognition



This week saw our first Special Recognition assembly of the academic year. We celebrated the following children who were recognised for their special achievements and consistently showed our Oxley core values. We are so unbelievably proud of you all.

Neve, Albie, Reggie, Adelaide, Jack, Octavia, Tommy, Skye, Ellis, Christina, Bowen, Summer, Freya, Olivia, Isabelle, Joshua, Christopher, Jessica, Georgie, Rocco.

Oxley Raffle



Thank you to each person who purchased raffle tickets for our annual Christmas fundraising activities. We're so grateful that we have a wonderfully kind and generous community supporting us to raise as much as we can to invest in further enrichment opportunities for our children!

Our grand total was £1190!



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Christmas Singing Club



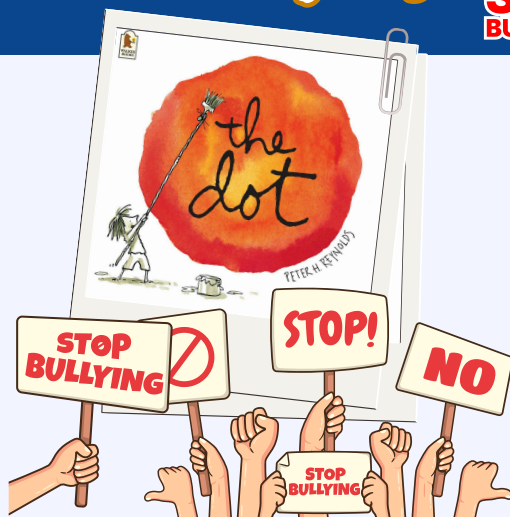
The Christmas Singing Club has been an absolute delight to run, with children arriving each week full of enthusiasm and festive spirit. We were so impressed with their beautiful singing during our visits to the care homes, where they truly brought joy to the audiences with their heartfelt performances. The children represented the school wonderfully, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Speak up!

A few weeks ago, all of Years 5 & 6 wrote and shared speeches on topics they loved, like football, tortoises, and family. We were so proud of their passion! A week later, three children showcased their confidence at the Beskilled Speak Up! event, joining 20 local peers to share what matters to them. They performed brilliantly!



Anti-bullying



Whilst we worked closely on consolidating our knowledge of being good Upstanders and what bullying is as part of November's Anti-Bullying Week, it was fantastic to see so many aspects embedded from continuous work on this topic over the last three years. Our children were articulate about how they would support someone whom they felt was being treated unfairly, and all celebrated their differences by creating and signing our new whole-school dot charter.

House treats

TREAT yourself

Congratulations to #TeamFire and #TeamWater for last half-term's trophy winners!

Well done to #TeamAir and #TeamWater for winning this half-term! Treats to be decided.



Rock Steady



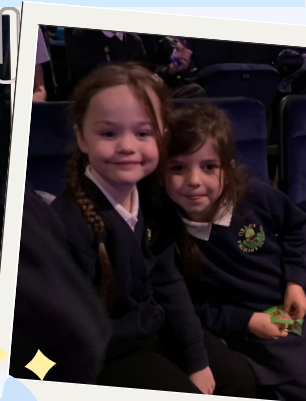
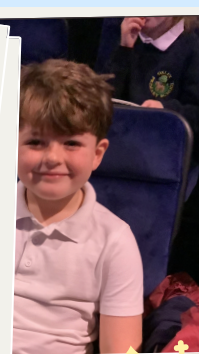
Our Rock Steady Music lessons have been a real highlight this term! The end-of-term concert was a fantastic celebration of all the hard work, showcasing the great progression in musical skills across every band. Even more wonderful was seeing the children's confidence grow as they performed—so many beaming faces, standing tall and clearly proud of what they had achieved.



Cinderella Pantomime



What a fantastic last day of term we had! The whole school visited Loughborough Town Hall to enjoy the pantomime 'Cinderella'. The children absolutely loved cheering, booing the characters, and singing along with the cast at every opportunity! Their impeccable behaviour earned many compliments from the theatre staff as we left. Are we on the case to book next year's already? Oh yes we are!



Santa Fun Run



You know it's Christmas time when Oxley brings out the Santa hats and enjoys running to festive music outside! This is now a firm Oxley tradition, and the children are always excited to run with their friends and sing at the top of their lungs. A huge thank you must go to our fabulous Year 6 House Captains, who were incredibly supportive with warming-up classes before their slot, encouraging with words of kindness and motivation throughout their run and organising a slick schedule so all could attend. We would also like to thank Miss Milner for supporting our Year 6 House captains and for taking over our social media account for the morning!

Whilst having festive fun is our primary goal, we are also incredibly grateful to our Oxley community for supporting this fundraising event!

**Our grand total is
£1780.30!**



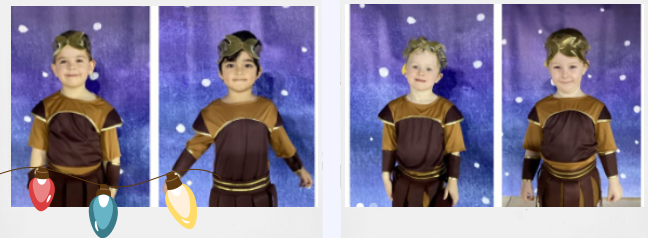
Our fabulous House Captains!

Nativities

Penguins and Koalas



What a fantastic Nativity performance our Penguins and Koalas put on this year! The Nativity was full of smiles, singing and plenty of Christmas magic. The children were brilliant from start to finish. Whether they were angels, soldiers, shepherds, stars, animals, kings or innkeepers, each one took to the stage with confidence and excitement. Their songs were sung with big voices and even bigger smiles, and it was lovely to see how proud they were of themselves. Please have a look at our Instagram page for photos of our full cast!



Meerkats and Owls

The wonderful Owls and Meerkats blew our festive socks off with three performances of "Penguin Pete". They sang, danced and lit up the stage with energy and smiles.

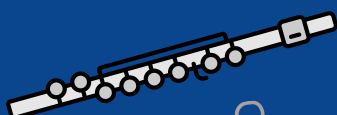


KS2 Carol Service

And finally, it was the turn of Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 who performed at St Botolph's Church on Monday 15th December to the biggest audience they have ever had! With some songs in different languages (including sign), soloists, exciting choreography and back flips, parents and carers were truly spoilt with the array of talent and confidence shown!



Year 4 Flutes



The Year 4 children have continued to make great progress in their flute lessons, with everyone now able to create the correct mouth shape and produce a clear sound. They are beginning to read music and have even started to play some simple pieces. Our recent parents' open lesson was a great success—thank you so much for the fantastic turnout; the children were thrilled to share their developing skills. For those who have returned the permission form, flutes will be coming home for practice over the holidays. Please ensure they are brought back to school during the first week of the new term.

Christingle



A huge thank you to Reverend Sarah Weaver, some of you will remember was one of our fabulous governors, who came into school with a Christingle for every child to make and a book! A symbol of Christianity, Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets or dried fruit and a candle.



Christmas Tree Festival



Thank you to everyone who visited St Botolph's Church a few weeks ago to cast your vote for the annual Christmas tree competition. Our 'Around The World' theme came third! A big thank you to Mrs Taylor and Miss Milner for putting up at the tree at the church.



Young at Heart



One of our favourite annual events is always Young at Heart, where we invite carers, grandparents, and families to enjoy a glimpse of all the festive shows across the school. Throughout the afternoon, our Year 6 students served teas and coffees and made sure our delicious treats - prepared by our wonderful kitchen staff - were enjoyed. Thank you to our dedicated staff who work tirelessly to host such events for our community.



Christmas dinner, jumpers and photo booths!



Superkind Awards!

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SPREAD
Kindness

It's Cool
To be Kind

KINDNESS
Changes
EVERYTHING



This term, we proudly launched the SuperKind Award, and we are thrilled to announce that we have already awarded over 1,000 badges for various achievements both inside and outside of school. These accomplishments include acts of kindness such as donating, opting to walk instead of using the car, and participating in litter picking in our local community. We eagerly anticipate the next inspiring actions from our changemakers!

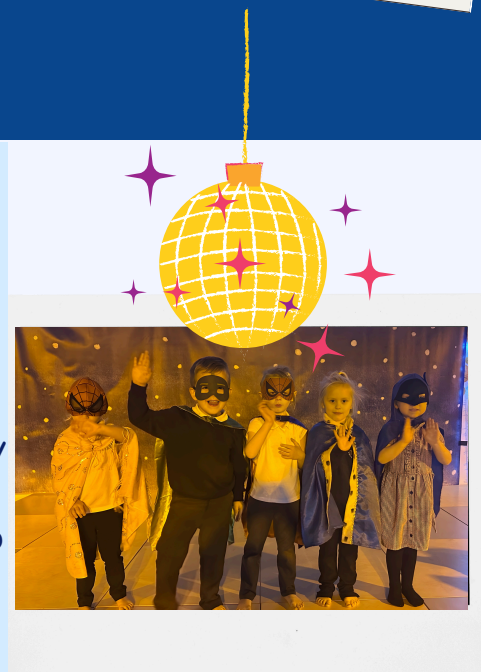


EYFS Dance Club



What a wonderfully wiggly, giggly term it's been in our EYFS Dance Club! The children have danced their socks off and filled every session with imagination, laughter and some seriously impressive moves.

We've danced around the world, trying out fun steps from different countries and pretending to zoom off on our own mini adventures. During Story Week, we tiptoed through the long, wavy grass, splashed through the river and put on our best brave faces for the cave as we went on a Bear Hunt! And of course, Superhero Week was packed with flying, leaping and showing off everyone's best power poses — especially when the children dressed up in amazing superhero outfits!



Year 3/4 Linking Network



The Leopards, Flamingos and Tigers have kickstarted their Linking Network Project with Evington Primary School in Leicester, and it has already been a wonderful experience. The children have enjoyed creating bunting to display in their partner classes classroom, writing friendly notes and even taking part in a video call meeting their new class partners. During the call, we used sign language to help us communicate easily and played games to explore what we have in common as well as what makes us unique. It has been lovely to begin forming these new relationships, which we look forward to fostering and growing throughout the year.



Code Club



This term, Code Club have been experimenting with different programs to produce different outcomes. They used Scratch, Micro:bits, Minecraft and AI to create their own codes and had fun sharing them with each other!



Sporting events



We've had a very busy half-term with sporting events! First up was girls' rugby, then came dodgeball! After this, we took a team to play basketball and then another team to gymnastics! Finally, last week, a swimming team came together to represent #TeamOxley and won 'The Spirit Of The Games Award'. Every child gave it their all, and we're so proud of their resilience, drive and teamwork! Next term, we have cross country, gymnastics and football!



Oxley's Busy Bees



Busy bees
having fun
making,
building and
Playing.



Thank you to
Asda for
donating food
to our
breakfast
club!



ASDA

Thank you
to Tesco for
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Penguins



The children have worked so hard and are making such amazing progress! Our theme this half term has been 'What happens in Autumn?' and we have loved learning about Guy Fawkes, Diwali, People Who Help Us, Autumnal Changes and of course Christmas! We especially enjoyed our novel study 'Room on the Broom' where we wrote our own spells... the children's phonics is coming on so well! In Maths, we have explored numbers to 5, 2d shape and pattern and we are getting really good at explaining our Mathematical thinking. We have definitely earned our Christmas holiday...well done Penguins!

The Koalas class has had an exciting half-term! We began by exploring Diwali, creating Rangoli patterns and learning about various traditions. We also studied Bonfire Night and Autumn, discovering Guy Fawkes and engaging in poetry performances. In science, we examined seasonal changes and materials' properties. We delved into family history, creating family trees and welcoming visitors to share their stories. In D&T, we crafted Autumn textiles, enhancing our sewing skills. We enjoyed preparing for our Nativity show and concluded with the story of 'Room on the Broom', retelling it and making spooky potions!

Koalas

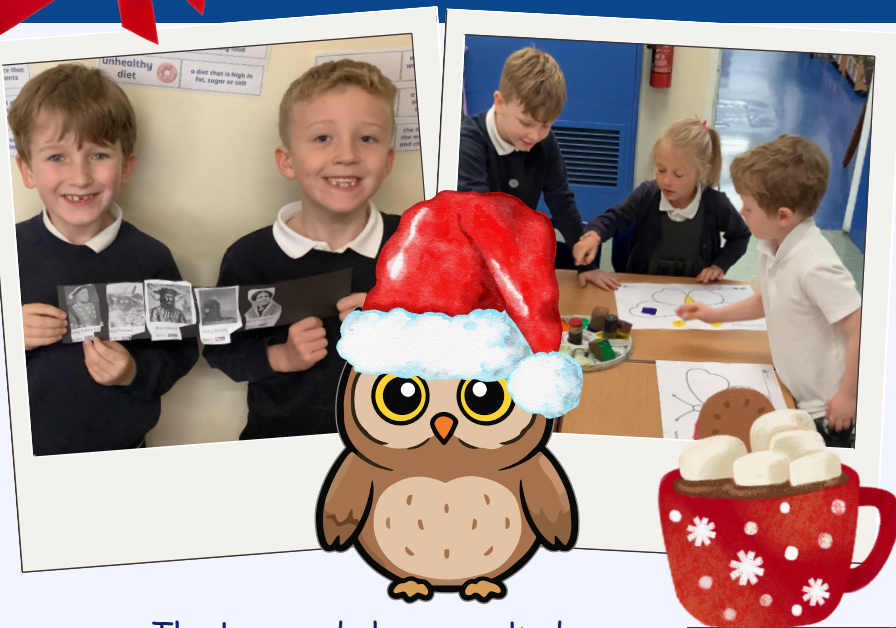


Meerkats



The Meerkats have had an incredibly busy half-term, writing their own setting descriptions and poetry in English and working on 2D and 3D shapes in Maths. We have also been finding out about different heroes and villains of History, such as Blackbeard the pirate and Mary Seacole. On top of all our usual learning, we have also been busy acting and singing in our KS1 Christmas Show, Penguin Pete! You have worked SO incredibly hard, Meerkats. Have an amazing Christmas...you deserve it!!

Owls



The Owls have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the enchanting story of The Tin Forest, where we crafted some remarkable setting descriptions. As budding historians, we delved into the lives of notable heroes and villains from the past, including Guy Fawkes, Mary Seacole, and Blackbeard. In our maths lessons, we adopted a hands-on approach to investigate shapes, focusing on patterns, properties, and symmetry. Our efforts culminated in a spectacular performance of our Christmas show, "Penguin Pete," which truly amazed everyone.

The Leopards have worked exceptionally hard this half term, and we are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm. In Art, they explored patterns inspired by artists like Andy Gilmore, creating images using paint, digital art, and string. In English, they enjoyed studying Jumanji, especially during an exciting "invasion" of animals that sparked their imagination. Additionally, they learned about the Golden Rule in RE, focusing on kindness and reflecting on its importance in everyday life. It's been a wonderfully busy half-term filled with festive activities!

Leopards



Flamingos



It has been another busy and exciting term in Flamingo Class! In English, we've dived into Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg, inventing our own events before publishing our final pieces. We're so pleased with the children's writing—both their growing stamina and improving handwriting. In Maths, they've mastered written methods for addition and subtraction and are confidently using expanded methods for multiplication. During Art, we explored patterns and created textured designs. In Geography, Science, and RE, we focused on caring for our world and sustainable living. What a wonderful term!

Tigers



The Tigers shone at the flute concert, impressing parents and sharing their passion. Their curiosity about sustainability led to discussions on solar and wind power in geography. The term ended with the Tigers crafting Calligram poems about Christmas, showcasing their figurative language. In science, they explored electrical circuits, learning about conductors and insulators while lighting bulbs. Art lessons on colour and pattern were enjoyable, as they mixed primary colours and discovered tints and tones.

Quokkas, Foxes and Lions



We've had a busy but exciting term in Year 5 and 6, full of creativity, learning, and fun! In Art, we've loved transforming our 2D designs into 3D creations, experimenting with different materials and techniques, and seeing our ideas come to life in new and exciting ways. English has been just as exciting as we've dived into A Christmas Carol. We started by writing detailed descriptions of Scrooge and the world he lives in, then stepped into his shoes to create diary entries from his perspective. It's been brilliant to explore his thoughts and feelings and really get into character. In French, we've been learning all about food and how to order it in a café. We've enjoyed practising conversations through role-play activities and building our confidence. PSHE has given us the chance to explore friendships and family. We've thought about what makes healthy friendships online and offline, how trust and loyalty play a part in our relationships, and why these things matter. Trying out some trust exercises has been a fun way to put our learning into action and strengthen our teamwork. Science has been particularly hands-on as we've explored electricity. We've built circuits, tested what happens when more components are added, and discovered some fascinating ways electricity works. It's been fantastic to see everyone's curiosity and problem-solving skills in action. We've also written and performed our own speeches on topics we are passionate about.