

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a week full of fun and celebration here at Oliver's Battery. We have enjoyed a science workshop from Kings School, Christmas Jumper day, Christmas lunch, Carols on the decking, Hamper raffles, hot chocolates and many more festive activities.

The children have behaved beautifully throughout the festivities. We talked in assembly this morning about the importance of being grateful over the holidays. This can be remembering to say 'Please' and 'Thank You' but could also be offering to help with tidying up or putting things away.

I would like to thank you all for your support this term. Seeing so many of you at 'Carols on the Decking' was a fabulous reflection of the time and care we all give to the children. Being present is the best gift we can give. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break shared with loved ones.



## Celebration Assembly

It was fabulous to celebrate children who have been recognised for being great role models this week in our Celebration Assembly.

Squirrels	<b>Tabitha</b> for always doing her best especially with her reading. Due to her determination she is making fantastic progress with her reading.
Ladybirds	<b>Marcus, Mia, Conner and Maci</b> – for showing great resilience towards their learning and always trying their best even when they might find the learning difficult at first. Also, they have demonstrated that they can listen attentively and answer questions thoughtfully.
Bumblebees	<b>Scarlett</b> for always showing she is ready, sitting and showing us and her work has been well presented. Also being helpful in the classroom and following instructions.
Hares	<b>Lola</b> for showing sheer determination in all her learning. Lola shows she is ready to learn and she will always give even the toughest challenges a go. She no longer hesitates to ask for help if needed and is comfortable to know that making mistakes is okay. <b>Alex</b> , for always being ready to learn. He is the first to demonstrate he is ready by having any equipment he might need for the lesson and following adult instructions. Furthermore, he always listens and engages with his learning; Alex can be relied upon to contribute and participate fully in each and every lesson as well as assisting children and adults with various tricky tasks.
Foxes	This week <b>Henry and William</b> have stood out for always being ready in the midst of all our fun activities this week. Despite changes to the normal routine, they have always settled quickly and shown me that they are ready and listening for further instructions.
Hérons	<b>Charlie W</b> – Charlie is always ready to learn! She shows active listening, which helps her to follow instructions brilliantly, and she supports others with their learning too. <b>Kylan H</b> – Kylan has been showing such resilience, and a growth mindset, over past few weeks. This is helping him to be very successful in his learning.
Kingfishers	<b>Ellen and Erin</b> – for their thoughtful, considered responses in class discussion in our work in RE this week. They showed respect for all opinions given and presented their ideas articulately and sensitively. <b>Serena and Trent</b> – for the huge effort they put into lessons, where they always participate fully, giving thoughtful responses and pushing themselves out of their comfort zone to extend their learning. Serena in particular presents her work beautifully, which does justice to the contributions she has made in class.



### Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:  
Ben B, Rex W, Arthur L and William S – all Ladybirds Class.

### BBC 500 Words Competition

We are delighted to announce that Cosima in Foxes class has reached the final 500 of the BBC 500 Words Competition. 40,000 children entered and 35,000 have so far been eliminated – watch this space! Well done Cosima and good luck!



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### Santas Sleigh and Cubs Lantern Parade

On Tuesday evening approximately 30 people from school followed Santa's Sleigh around Oliver's Battery and collected money for Winchester Round Table and the School PTA. We have yet to find out how much was raised. Also some of our pupils who are attend 8<sup>th</sup> Winchester Cub pack took part in the Lantern Parade at the Cathedral and came second with their Rudolph Lantern.



### Integr8 Dance Christmas Clubs

Integr8 Dance are running Christmas Clubs during the holidays on 23 and 24 December 2024 and 2 and 3 January 2025 at a cost of £30 per day. They are offering free spaces for children who children who are in receipt of free school meals. For more information email: [info@integr8dance.com](mailto:info@integr8dance.com) or call 01962 808398.

### Rock Steady

Rocky Steady offer Rock and Pop Band lessons at school. Children have the opportunity to learn vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass at a cost of £42.79 per month – you can also cancel at any time.

Lessons will be starting again in January. For more information and to book to [rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://rocksteadymusicschool.com) or telephone 0330 113 0330.

### PTA News

The PTA have now confirmed a new date for the Quiz which has to be postponed in November. The date for the Quiz is **Friday 24 January**. Please register your team with the school office.



Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have lovely and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Yours faithfully

Miss Vittle  
Headteacher



## Dates for your diary

### New events in Blue

School returns for Spring Term  
Quiz Night (adults only)  
Inset Day  
Safer Internet Day  
Open Classroom Event  
End of Spring Term 1  
Start of Spring term 2  
World Book Day  
Yr1 trip to Science Centre  
Parents Eve  
End of Spring Term  
Start of Summer 1  
Yr5 Ferny Croft Residential  
Bank Holiday  
Yr6 SATs  
End of Summer 1  
Start of Summer 2  
Inset Day  
Inset Day

6 January 2025  
24 January 2025  
31 January 2025  
11<sup>th</sup> February  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2:30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> February  
24<sup>th</sup> February  
7<sup>th</sup> March  
10<sup>th</sup> March  
18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March  
4<sup>th</sup> April  
22<sup>nd</sup> April  
23<sup>rd</sup> April  
5<sup>th</sup> May  
12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May  
23<sup>rd</sup> May  
2<sup>nd</sup> June  
27 June 2025  
30 June 2025