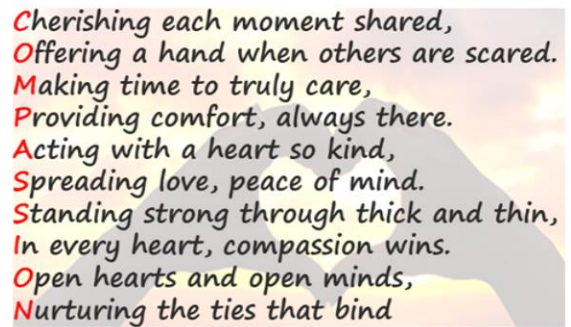


Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to share that it has been another fantastic week here at Oliver's Battery Primary and Nursery School. Our children have continued to show enthusiasm and dedication in their learning, and it is wonderful to see their progress.



*Cherishing each moment shared,
Offering a hand when others are scared.
Making time to truly care,
Providing comfort, always there.
Acting with a heart so kind,
Spreading love, peace of mind.
Standing strong through thick and thin,
In every heart, compassion wins.
Open hearts and open minds,
Nurturing the ties that bind*



This week, our assembly focus was on compassion and kindness. We discussed the importance of being kind as a reminder of the positive impact we can have on each other's lives through simple acts of kindness.

Several children have knocked on my office door this week to proudly show their work to me. Many have made significant strides in their learning this half term. We have seen such super improvements in presentation and handwriting across all year groups. The pride our students take in their work is evident, and it is fantastic to see their hard work paying off.

Important Reminder: Please do not vape or smoke near our school gates

Parents and guardians are encouraged not to vape outside the school gates for several important reasons:

- **Health Risks:** Vaping poses health risks, especially to young people. Exposure to second-hand vapor can be harmful, and seeing adults vape may normalise the behaviour for children
- **Setting a Positive Example:** Children often emulate the behaviour of adults. By not vaping near the school, parents can set a positive example and reinforce the message that vaping is not a healthy choice
- **Government Guidelines:** According to government guidelines, vaping near schools is discouraged to protect the health and well-being of students



We would all like to ensure a safer and healthier environment for our children. If you have any questions or need more information regarding this topic, feel free to ask.

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

Date	Thursday 30 January 2025
Squirrels	<p>Jamie for being ready and respectful during our carpet times. He has made great progress with his learning because he listens well and tries his best.</p> <p>Stanley for persevering with his writing even when he finds it hard.</p> <p>Kei for trying really hard with his reading and writing. I am very impressed with how much progress he has made with his reading.</p> <p>Paris with settling in so well she has already made lots of friends and it feels like she has always been a Squirrel.</p>
Ladybirds	<p>Piper has shown great resilience this week and shown great concentration in reading and phonics.</p> <p>Jase has shown great resilience since starting school this week and has come into class ready to learn each morning.</p>
Bumblebees	<p>Matilda always listens carefully in class and applies her learning with care and confidence.</p> <p>She reads with increasing fluency and she uses expression well to convey meaning.</p>
Hares	<p>Lincoln has been ready to learn this week. Lincoln has been focused and has applied himself to not only Maths but English and has tried hard when learning how to write in first, second and third person.</p> <p>Evie is always completing work at rapid speed and this week she has been working on slowing down which has shown an improvement in her handwriting and spellings.</p>
Foxes	<p>Samuel and Dylan have shown resilience with their handwriting. Both boys have been trying really hard and are now both using neat, joined-up handwriting. They should be very proud.</p>
Hérons	<p>Olivia R – Olivia is always ready to learn and has excelled across the curriculum this week, especially in Maths when using formal written methods for multiplying and dividing.</p> <p>Freddie – Freddie has shown so much resilience and determination in his learning this week, especially in English. He even visited Miss Vittle to show off his fabulous independent writing of an informal letter.</p>
Kingfishers	<p>Theo – for enthusiastically sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm with the class in discussions around geographical features of our coastline.</p> <p>Hannah – for her inquisitive and enquiring nature, which serves her well in class discussions, where she displays a real growth mindset. She is a real asset to the class.</p>

Inset Day

A reminder that tomorrow, **Friday 31 January** is an Inset Day when the school and nursery will be closed to pupils for staff training.

Recycling – New Legislation

From 31 March we have to follow new laws relating to recycling and food waste. Under the new recycling legislation, we will be required to separate our dry recycling and food waste from general waste by law.

With this in mind, if your child brings in a packed lunch, they will have to take all their waste home with them. This is primarily because we cannot have yogurt pots, crisp packets etc in with the food waste and secondary, this will give you a chance to see what your child is eating from their packed lunches.

Change of Menu

There will be change of Menu on Friday 14 February to celebrate Valentine's Day.

The choices will be: Friday 14 February – **Red: Fish Fingers and Chips**
Green: Cheese and Onion Quiche
Both followed by Valentine shaped cookies



Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

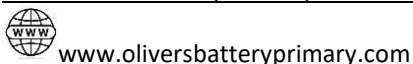


Miss Vittle
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

New events in Blue

Inset Day	31 January 2025
Football Tournament (Southampton)	7 February 2025
Safer Internet Day	11 February
Valentine Day Lunch	14 February
Open Classroom Event	14 February 2:30pm
End of Spring Term 1	14 February
Start of Spring term 2	24 February
World Book Day	7 March
Yr1 trip to Science Centre	10 March
Parents Eve	18 & 19 March
Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm	31 March
End of Spring Term	4 April
Start of Summer 1	22 April
Yr5 Ferny Croft Residential	23 April
Bank Holiday	5 May
Yr6 SATs	12 – 15 May
End of Summer 1	23 May
Start of Summer 2	2 June







Inset Day

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