

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another successful week here at Oliver's Battery.

I've had the pleasure of showing many prospective parents around the school, and each time I do, I'm filled with pride. As they visit the different classrooms and get a glimpse of what it's like to be a learner here, our

children shine as outstanding ambassadors. They speak confidently about their learning and show genuine pride in their school.

Our classrooms are always buzzing with purposeful activity, curiosity and opportunities to grow. I hope the small selection of photos included gives you a flavour of the learning experiences that make up our daily life at Oliver's Battery.



Breakfast club

The children have been having a lovely time at breakfast club this week. From marble runs, to mask making and quiet reading to jigsaws, the activities on offer are a great way to start the day. Our team offer the children a drink, cereal and toast to fuel their bodies ready for a fabulous day at school.

If you haven't taken advantage of this great value child care, our office team would be happy to sign you up. The session starts at 8:50am and costs £5.25. As with After School Club, we ask for 24 hours notice for bookings.



The Bike Bus



Anne Forder visited us in assembly today to talk about the bike bus. The children were keen to hear about the great scheme that offers a fun, healthy and environmentally friendly way to get to school.

Two bike buses run into school every Friday morning, weather permitting. The Oliver's Battery route leaves at 8.20am from the corner of Old Kennel's Lane and Old Kennel's Close. The Badger Farm route leaves from the bottom of Rooks Down Road, opposite the alleyway to Stanmore at 8.15. You can just join us on the route, or message 07531 488038 if you have any

questions or to let us know you'd like to come along.

Suitable for all children from reception through to year 6 who can ride a bike. To see some videos of bike bus fun, visit us on Instagram @bikebuswinchester.



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

Date	Friday 19 September 2025
Squirrels	Tommy for being a super star tidier and making sure that everything gets put away in the right place ready to play with again. Andrea for always being ready to learn she has shown lovely respectful behaviour and is a great role model for the class.
Ladybirds	Kei, Orla, Laurie and Reuben for concentrating really well during maths. They counted from different numbers and focused on their learning when working independently. Well done!
Bumblebees	Kit and Ben have truly stretched themselves this week during English. They have used a range of creative adjectives to describe the Big Bad Wolf in their writing and have gone above and beyond to make sure that they produced detailed, imaginative descriptions that really brought their work to life.
Hares	Hamish, Amit and Scarlett. This group have been chosen for being ready and respectful. In class they can organise themselves without a fuss and are respectful to those who may need more time. These three always offer support to others and have been mentioned to me by other staff for the respectful way they conduct themselves at break times.
Foxes	Theo F for showing fantastic resilience and determination. Theo set his heart on achieving a personal goal this week and has absolutely smashed it. To add to this, he has worked hard in all of his lessons. We are so proud of you Theo.
Hérons	Alice and Alma have embraced new challenges with determination and a positive approach, showing resilience that has Herons helped them both to shine this week. They are always ready to learn, but also to listen and respond respectfully to others.
Kingfishers	Lois, Skye and Theo have been chosen for always showing Respect. They are very polite in class, not only using good manners, but also listening to others and treating their peers in caring and thoughtful way.

Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Margaret B – Ladybirds

James G – Bumblebees

Imogen F – Foxes

Dylan - Herons



School Christmas Card Project 2025

Sorry to mention the C word but over the next couple of weeks the children will be bringing home their Christmas Card artwork/order forms. If you wish to place an order these need to be done **online** using the instructions on the artwork before returning the artwork back to school. These artwork/forms need to be brought back to school by **Friday 10 October at the latest**. If you do not return your forms the cards/gifts cannot be printed.

School Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a school governor. This needs to be a volunteer not a parent governor as we have our correct quota for parent governors. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Winchester Green Week

Winchester Green Week starts on Saturday 20 September with a Green Fair hosted at the Cathedral Pavilion (11am – 4pm) with lots of free activities for children. The full schedule of events can be found at: winchestergreenweek.org.uk

Oliver's Battery Big Outdoor Swap



This is taking place on Saturday 4 October – 11 – 4pm. Please leave your pre-loved items outside your home and walk around Oliver's Battery and see what treasures you can find for free.



Parents Evenings

These are taking place on **Tuesday 21 October 2.30pm – 5.40pm** and **Wednesday 22 October 2.30 – 5pm**. The booking sheets will be available in the school hall at the beginning and end of the school day from Tuesday 30 September. If you are not able to get into school to make an appointment, please telephone and a member of our admin team who will be happy to make the booking for you.

School Photographer

Date for your diary – **Friday 21 November** – the school photographer will be in school taking individual portraits.



Pantomime A reminder that we are taking the whole school to see Puss in Boots on Thursday 11 December at The Theatre Royal. Thank you to those who have contributed to the cost – if you are able to make your contribution before the end of September (when we are committed to the tickets) we would be more than grateful. The voluntary contribution we are asking is £12.00 per child. This is just for the price of the ticket (we have managed to obtain discounted tickets) as our very kind PTA are funding the transport. You can pay online or by cheque or cash to the school office.

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

Yours faithfully



Miss Vittle
Headteacher

Dates for your diary - new events in Blue

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊

Bikeability

INSET DAY

Open Afternoon

Parents Evenings

Flu Vaccinations

Half Term

Swimming Lessons start (Year 3)

School Photographer

Inset Day

Whole School Pantomime

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

End of Term

Thursday 24th & Friday 25th September

Monday 29th September

Friday 3rd October 2:00 – 3:15pm

Tuesday 21 October/Wednesday 22 October

Thursday 23 October

Friday 25 October

Tuesday 4 November

Friday 21 November

Monday 1 December

Thursday 11 December

Wednesday 17 December

Wednesday 17 December

Friday 19 December