

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

We've had such a positive week here at Oliver's Battery. Our focus has been on understanding how our words and actions affect others. When we are polite and friendly, we can make someone's day brighter—but if we're rude or thoughtless, it can have the opposite effect. This theme really shone through in our celebration assembly, where many children were recognised for their infectious positivity and the wonderful impact they've had on those around them.

In class, the children have loved diving into their learning, and outside the classroom, they've enjoyed playing games with friends and getting active in PE. Year 4 have been learning the exciting sport of lacrosse with St Swithun's, which has been a big hit! A huge congratulations to our football team for their fantastic win this week—not only for the result, but for the brilliant sportsmanship and support they showed each other and the spectators.








Our Year five pupils in Heron Class also had an amazing trip to the Science Centre. They explored, discovered, and asked brilliant questions—and were even praised as the most polite and helpful class by the staff there. It was wonderful to see them representing our school so thoughtfully and kindly.

Someone who has thought of others is Amelia from Year 6. She volunteered with Winchester Round Table at the annual fireworks event by helping to sell the merchandise at the torch parade. Well done Amelia.



We had our first School Council meeting last week. I was joined by Amelia, Nina, Daisy, Matilda, Alice, Imogen, Isla, Ollie, Vincent, George, Orla and Freddie. We talked about the important role they have and how they are representing their class at our meetings. Our job this week is to find out how we can invite more visitors to the school and where we feel safest in the school. I have a good feeling that this group of School Councillors are going to do a fantastic job!

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 21 November 2025
 Squirrels	Charlie C has been noticed by adults in Squirrels class this week for her wonderful good choices! She has really been thinking about her behaviour and trying her best to make decisions that will create a positive outcome. She has also been extremely helpful to all members of Squirrels class and has been a good friend to all.
 Ladybirds	This week Ladybirds have been really working hard at their handwriting, remembering all the steps for writing with good posture and the correct pencil grip. In our English learning, Kitty, George and Jamie showed great enthusiasm when retelling the story of Beegu in small groups, remembering lots of detail and listening well to others.
 Bumblebees	This week Arthur L has been recognised for his positive attitude! It has been truly infectious! Arthur has also made great progress in his writing, confidently using adverbs to add detail. Well done Arthur.
 Hares	Ibrahim this week has been recognised. Ibrahim has shown he is ready through his resilience in his learning. We have been finishing off our persuasive speeches in English and he has taken on board any constructive criticism and adapted to be able to reach the next level of his targets.
 Foxes	This week Harlan has really stood out for his enthusiastic contributions to our class and group discussions. He shows great interest in our project work and is particularly enjoying our history unit on the Romans. Great work Harlan!
 Herons	Pearl has been recognised this week for her kindness, enthusiasm and resilience towards learning. She is always keen to help her peers to be successful in lessons, which is wonderful to see. Dylan has been recognised for his determination and resilience whilst completing assessments this week. He has risen brilliantly to each new challenge and adapted when our routines have been different, so I am feeling very proud of him!
 Kingfishers	This week Amelia and Kylan have been recognised. Amelia volunteered and helped out at the Winchester Round Table Fireworks event, giving her time to help in the community. Kylan has been working really hard in Maths, thinking about the power of Yet, and having a really positive mindset towards his learning.



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Willow N- Ladybirds, George W – Bumblebees, Leif – Hares, Lois - Kingfishers

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	363	359	369	203
Position this term	1	3	2	4

Headteacher: Miss Sarah Vittle B.Ed (Hons)



Hares class were very excited to be visited by Mr Bowry today. The children got to explore the process of animation and how tv adverts are created. They had various questions and hoped to be able to apply their new knowledge to their own stop motion creations in computing.



Football Update

Both of our school football teams have had busy schedules this term. Our Boys Team have played some really close matches this season, the highlight being holding a strong Western Primary School team to a 1-1 draw at home. The Boys have also participated in other close games, including a narrow 3-2 defeat away at Barton Farm Primary and a 3-0 defeat to Cheriton Primary school last week. They have one more fixture this term which against Weeke Primary School next week and we are going all out for our illusive first win in our remaining games this season!



Our Girls team has played two home games this term. The team lost 7-1 to very strong opposition in the Hampshire Schools Cup. They then entered the Hampshire Schools Plate Trophy and played a fixture yesterday, winning 3-0 against Barncroft Primary School! The Girls played exceptionally well as a team against well organised opposition and scored three great goals! The training they have been doing has really paid off. We are now in the Quarter Finals of the competition and we await to see who we are playing in the next round.

We wanted to take this opportunity to once again thank all our parents who have supported our football teams this year by giving lifts and attending matches. The children always appreciate your support!

Mr Simon Sleeman

Safeguarding Spotlight

ROBLOX

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called pollybuzz (or pollyfuzz in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend' – this starts off quite innocently but then begins to show inappropriate and extreme content. If you child plays online games, it may be helpful to remind them not to click on pop-ups in games and to report anything that is worrying or inappropriate to a trusted adult.

Roblox has parental controls and instructions of how to put these on can be accessed via this link:

[Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support](#) .

Whilst parental controls will stop some pop-ups, they do not stop all, so appropriate supervision is still required.

Eco Club



Our new Eco Ambassadors have met to review the school's progress towards the Eco-Schools Green Flag award. This year they will be focusing on four key topics: Healthy Living, Marine, Global Citizenship and School Grounds. They will also be looking forward to welcoming several local organisations into school to support this learning.

Friends of OB School PTA events for your diary:

TONIGHT 21 November: **BINGO** 7:00-9:00pm in the school hall

- Tickets available on the door, or in advance from: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QX67XNUQ>
- Refreshments available
- Fabulous prizes on offer from Sparx Beauty, New Energy Fitness, New Forest Butchers, The Beauty Room@ ninety-one... and more!

03 December: **WREATH MAKING** 7:00-9:00pm in the school hall

- Sign up at this link: <https://pay.collctiv.com/wreath-making-workshop-oli-b-88069>
- All materials provided, and at a fraction of the cost of similar workshops locally!
- Festive refreshments available

w/c 08 December: **Christmas Jumper Swap** in the playground

- Please give any unwanted Christmas jumpers or tops to the school office from 24 November
- Starting 08 December, children can choose a free Christmas jumper from the PTA shed at pick-up
- No swap needed! The aim is simply to rehome preloved items

Hope to see many of you at the Bingo



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our Poppy Appeal – we raised, as a school, £96.90!



There will be **NO** Breakfast Club on the last day of term – **Friday 19 December**.

Thank you for your continued support and 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 😊

Inset Day	Monday 1 December
Nursery and Year R Nativity 2pm	Tuesday 9 December
Whole School Pantomime	Thursday 11 December
Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm	Monday 15 December
Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 December
Carols on the Decking	Wednesday 17 at 3:00pm
Listen to Me Concerts –	Thursday 18 December 1.30 pm Year 6 2:00 pm Year 5
No Breakfast Club	Friday 19 December
Hares Autumn Show Case 3pm	Friday 19 December
End of Term	Friday 19 December
Start of Spring Term	Monday 5 th January