

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers



What a wonderfully Christmassy week it has been at Oliver's Battery Primary & Nursery School! The celebrations began with a very 'Wriggly' Nursery and Year R Nativity. It was such a joy to see our youngest pupils take part with joy. They sung beautifully and had the confidence to speak and get on stage in front of a hall full of grown-ups. Their performance captured the spirit of Christmas and brought smiles to everyone who came to watch. Thank you to all the families who joined us, it was lovely to share this special moment with you.

The festive fun continued on Thursday when pupils from Year R to Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the Theatre Royal in Winchester to see Puss in Boots. The excitement started the moment the children boarded the coaches, and their enthusiasm only grew as the pantomime began. They joined in with all the audience participation - cheering, booing, and singing along with great energy! The feedback from the theatre was fantastic: Oliver's Battery was the loudest and most spirited school they've had so far. What an achievement!








We were incredibly proud of how polite and well-behaved the children were throughout the day. Trips like these are a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to experience live theatre and create lasting memories, and it was lovely to see them embracing every moment.

A huge thank you to the PTA for funding the coaches for this trip. Your contribution was significant and very much appreciated. Thanks also to all the staff who helped make this week possible (especially Mrs King) and to parents for your continued support. These experiences really enrich our curriculum and bring so much joy to the children.



Headteacher: Miss Sarah Vittle B.Ed (Hons)

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 12 December 2025
 <p>Squirrels</p>	River, Matthew, Orla, Bella, Ezra, Bertie, Ebi and William have been recognised for always following our school rules. When new adults come into the classroom these children are always noticed for their consistency, their determination and their readiness to learn. They are excellent role models for their classmates! Well done!
 <p>Ladybirds</p>	Orla, Margaret, Frankie and Reuben have all shown great resilience with their writing this week. They have used finger spaces, full stops and capital letters in their writing about our book 'FlashLight' and included some lovely adjectives in their animal descriptions. Well done!
 <p>Bumblebees</p>	Arthur M and Arthur L have been recognised for showing super resilience this week! We have been working on our Marvellous Mistakes and both boys have been super proud to showcase their learning mistakes! Fabulous work boys!
 <p>Hares</p>	All of Year3- They have been recognised for working hard each week of the term at swimming. The swimming teachers have been blown away at the progress made throughout the term and it was lovely for you all to show parents what new skills you have learned.
 <p>Foxes</p>	Mila and Evie B have listened and worked really hard in maths this week. They have been able to add and problem solve with fractions. Lincoln has really impressed us with his readiness to learn and his exceptionally sensible behaviour when we went to the panto. Well done Lincoln!
 <p>Hérons</p>	Daisy has shown such determination and resilience with her writing this week. She has been listening carefully to feedback and then editing her writing to make it even better. Jack has shown great focus and diligence towards his learning this week, especially in writing and sewing. He has taken such care to ensure his work is of an exemplary standard.
 <p>Kingfishers</p>	Freddie and Charlie - Freddie has been recognised for being a really good friend this week, and has remained calm and kind when others around him have been falling out. Charlie has also been a really good friend She works well in a group listening and responding calmly and also enjoys spending time quietly crafting, and made a super woollen Godseye in Forest School.



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Ozzie K – Ladybirds, Frankie F – Hares, Danny P – Foxes, Charlie W - Kingfishers

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	325	408	321	210
Position this term	2nd	2nd	1st	4th

Kitchen News!

There will be **NO** jacket potatoes available from next Monday – the choices will be Red, Green or Tomato Pasta.



There will be some changes to the menu next week.

Tuesday	Red Choice : Pork Sausages and Mash Green Choice: Vegetarian burgers
Wednesday	Christmas Lunch No food will be available to order – if you haven't ordered a Christmas Lunch please provide your child with a packed lunch.
Thursday	Red Choice: Bubble Salmon Green Choice: Margarita Pizza
Friday	Red Choice: Fish Fingers or Chicken Nuggets Green Choice: Vegetarian bolognese.

Please find attached a copy of the new menus which will be starting in January with the new catering company.

Friends of OB School PTA notices:



Christmas Jumper Swap and Christmas Hampers: 11-16 December in the playground



Hamper raffle tickets are on sale everyday at £1 per ticket

- The draw for this year's colourful hampers will take place after the carols on 17 December



The School Lottery Christmas Golden Draw is LIVE!



Don't miss your chance to win a **£10,000 cash bonanza** in the HUGE draw on Saturday 20th December!

One lucky winner will take home **£5,000** and win **£5,000 for their School** – the perfect way to spread some festive cheer! 



Every ticket bought between **29th Nov – 20th Dec** gives you an **extra entry** into the Christmas Golden Draw!



Plus... Refer a Friend!

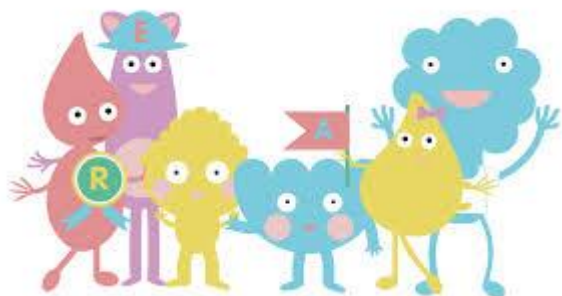
Share your unique referral link and for every friend who signs up, you'll BOTH get an entry into an exclusive £200 prize draw!



Good luck, everyone!



https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/olivers-battery-primary-school?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=cause-page&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink



At school, we use My Happy Mind to help our children understand their emotions. To further embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at

home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is 116046. Or scan this QR code to sign up
Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app. We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.



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 😊

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