

Newsletter

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19 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of a very successful term and head into the festive break, I would like to wish every family a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. This is a time to enjoy being together, to relax, and to make memories that cost nothing but mean everything. Amongst the fun, chaos and 'busyness' of Christmas, I hope you will also be able to take time to rest, recharge, and cherish the simple moments with loved ones.

Thank you for all you do to make our school such a special place. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term.

This week has been full of festive cheer! Monday began with the fantastic Rock Steady Concert, where our budding musicians showcased their talents to an enthusiastic audience of family and friends.

Wednesday was our Christmas Jumper Day, and it was wonderful to see so many bright and cheerful outfits. We also enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch, lovingly prepared by our amazing kitchen team and served by staff. It truly set the scene for the afternoon's Christmas Concert, where the children braved the cold and damp to sing and speak about the festive season.

Thursday saw our Year 5 and 6 Listen to Me concerts, giving parents a chance to hear the progress their children have made in music this term.

On Friday morning in our celebration assembly, we were treated to a concert by our children who are learning the violin here in school – it was wonderful to hear how well they are progressing!










Beyond school events, we are incredibly proud of three of our Year 6 pupils – Caitlin, Eloise, and Amelia – who performed in Alice in Wonderland at The Point in Eastleigh last weekend, with Amelia taking the lead role. What an achievement!



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.

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 <p>Squirrels</p>	Orla, Freya, Gus and Quinn did excellent independent writing. They got their resources ready and independently segmented and wrote their words about what is in Santa's Sack with beautiful handwriting! They showed a real can-do attitude and produced lovely work because of it. Well done writing superstars!
 <p>Ladybirds</p>	Tabitha and Kitty made fantastic maths christmas board games which included features like go back a space, pick up a card and miss a go! Once they had made these games they showed great respect when playing their games with other peers in the class.
 <p>Bumblebees</p>	William, James B, Gabriel, Lucy and Martha have all been recognised for producing fantastic instructions on how to wash a Christmas elf in English this week. All of the children made sure that they didn't get soap in his eyes! Well done!
 <p>Hares</p>	Scarlett, Leo and Lottie. These children have been recognised for being ready and respectful. The three of them have remained focussed on their learning right to the very end. All three of them have found tasks throughout the week a challenge but have overcome through positive mindsets of 'we can do it'. They all created fantastic sets of instructions in English and great magnetic games.
 <p>Foxes</p>	Theo has really impressed us this term with his confidence and willingness to try new things. His handwriting has also improved because he has listened so well to guidance and advice. Well done Theo we are all very proud of you!
 <p>Hérons</p>	Henry, Jack and Max have really impressed me this week with their sewing. Not only have they been showing determination and resilience with their own creations, but they have also been keen to support each other and the rest of our class to be successful. Well done to all of Herons class, they have sewn their hearts out making bags this week.
 <p>Kingfishers</p>	Duke and Ella have been recognised this week for working really hard in class and at home. Duke has been top of our TimesTables rockstars leaderboard this week, and Ella scored 100 in Gig! I have been impressed at how both have worked hard on their outcome pieces of writing in English this week.



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Oliver P – Bumblebees, Isla M – Hares, Oscar W – Foxes, Matthew B - Kingfishers

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	244	364	231	369

End of term Friends of OB PTA update:

Since half term the school community has raised a fantastic 🌟 £1089 🌟

Lots of fun was had at the ever-popular **disco**, **Christmas hampers**, and two inaugural community events, the **bingo** and **wreath-making**

Thanks so much to everyone who has taken part! 🧑‍🎨 🌟 🧑‍🎨

Thanks to your support, this half term the PTA has funded:

- A new hammock and two new dragon sneezes (fire lighters) for forest school 🐉
- Buses to the panto and back 🚌 🚌 🚌
- A 'Christmas bonus' for each class to invest in new resources 📁



We are so grateful for your continued support. Watch this space for exciting plans in 2026!

Wishing everyone a wonderful festive break and New Year! Watch this space for what's coming in 2026!

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely and peaceful Christmas Holiday.

Yours faithfully

Miss Vittle
Headteacher

Dates for your diary - [new events in Blue](#)

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊

Start of Spring Term	Monday 5 th January 2026
School breaks up for half term	Thursday 12 th February 2026
Inset Day	Friday 13 th February 2026
Inset Day	Friday 26 th June 2026
Inset Day	Monday 29 th June 2026