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Newsletter

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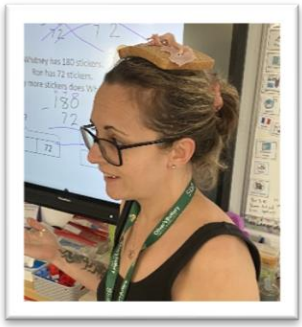
Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another lovely week at Oliver's Battery, with children enjoying a wide range of learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom.



Year 3 have been having great fun with instructional writing, creating guides for making a ham sandwich. They quickly discovered that not all instructions are as easy to follow as they seem, leading to some valuable lessons about being clear and precise!

Our Nursery children enjoyed a lovely walk to the park this week, making good use of our new Spec Savers high-visibility jackets and ensuring they could be seen clearly while out in the community.



Year 6 have been learning about shelter building and have created mini umbrellas as part of their project. Across the school, children have also been making the most of our outdoor spaces, enjoying both Forest School and the Edible Playground. Many pupils have been fascinated by spotting fungi growing around the school grounds, while others have been developing their digital skills through photography and StopGo Motion.



We excited to announce our new house names in assembly this morning. Following consultation with the School Council and children across the school, our houses are now named after precious gems: Emerald, Amber, Sapphire and Amethyst. We hope these new names will become an important part of our school identity and house spirit.

Please do take a look at the next page of the newsletter where you will find our new Anti-Bullying Pledges for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. They reflect our shared commitment to ensuring that everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Next week we welcome December and all the excitement that comes with it. We are particularly looking forward to welcoming Beauty and the Beast into school on Friday, while Year 6 will be attending the Theatre Royal dress rehearsal at the theatre as part of our Play to the Crowd initiative.

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It was lovely to recognise the children in assembly today who, throughout the week, have caught the eye of the adults in school for being Ready Respectful and Safe.

Date	Friday 27 November 2026
Butterflies 	Well done to **Luca,** who has shown great curiosity and challenge in our creative corner this week. During our Explore and Learn time he has used lots of our different tools and resources and challenged himself to make his own creations.
Ladybirds 	Well done to **William** for always being ready to learn, particularly in Maths! He consistently tries his very best and is showing great independence when tackling new challenges. It is lovely to see him growing in confidence and having a go at things independently. Keep it up, William!
Bumblebees 	A huge well done to **Tabitha and Caelan** for being excellent role models in the class. Caelan we are really impressed with your positive attitude to learning and your ability to listen to advice and improve your work. Tabitha is a kind and caring member of the class who always shows thoughtfulness towards others, treats everyone with respect and is always willing to offer a helping hand.
Hares 	Well done to **Felix, Gabriel and Everlyn and Michaelle** for being **Courageous in Challenge** this week. **Felix** and **Michaelle** showed real determination by sticking with your work even when it felt tricky. **Gabriel** you're always ready to learn, like to stretch your learning and will offer to help others if needed. **Everlyn** you have shown excellent determination and resilience in swimming this week where you had mastered front crawl.
Foxes 	Well done to **Adam** and **Hamish**. Adam, I have been so impressed by your attitude in English this week. You have been actively sharing your ideas with the class, particularly when helping me to edit my writing. It has been lovely to see your confidence and courage grow. Hamish, you continue to impress me with your thoughtful and imaginative contributions during our English lessons. This week, your fantastic vocabulary and vivid descriptions have really helped to bring the Indian setting in our new book, *Cinnamon*, to life.
Herons 	**Lincoln**; who showed fantastic courage when tackling the challenge of converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. He gave it a go, didn't give up when things got tricky, and had the confidence to ask for help. He listened attentively and was then able to answer all the questions independently. What brilliant perseverance! **Mila**; for her hard work in maths. She has grown in confidence and has been sharing some fantastic, clear mathematical explanations with her peers about using bar models to represent improper fractions. What a brilliant mathematician!
Kingfishers 	**Daisy and Matilda** have worked incredibly hard this week on their outcome pieces of writing, focusing on contextual ideas and spelling. The girls have also shown curiosity and resilience when approaching new learning about fractions.



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are: Everlyn F, Ben B, Ava T, Harry A, Mia T, Herbie B, Piper S and Vincent B – all Hares class.

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Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly



Points this week	**350**	**292**	**367**	**319**
Leaderboard	**4th**	**2nd**	**3rd**	**1st**

School Photographer
Your child/ren would have brought home this week their photographs proofs. If you would like to place an order please could this be done (online) by **Tuesday 1 December** to enable to photographs to be returned to school before we break up – thank you.

Reminder
A reminder please that children do not ride their bikes/scooters on the top playground at 3.30pm. We have had a recent incident where a child has been knocked over. Please can we ask that bikes/scooters are wheeled to the gate and that younger children are supervised.

Poppy Appeal
Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. Our School raised £68.82 from the poppies sales.



Breakfast with Santa
Winchester Racquets and Fitness Centre are holding a Breakfast with Santa on Tuesday 22 December – 9 – 11am. This event is open to both members and non-members. The cost (including breakfast) for adults is £15 and for Children (to include breakfast and a present from Santa) is £18. For more information and to book visit their website.

Betty and the Yeti
Please find attached a flyer from The Nutshell Winchester for a production that they are putting on in December for ages 3-10 and their families. They are offering a 'Pay what you can' option to enable more families to be able to attend. For more details go to: the nutshellwinchester.com.

Thank you all for your continued support and hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully

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Dates for your diary - new events in Blue **Just Nursery Dates in Green**
ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊 Just click here: School Calendar

MHST Emotion Regulation Workshop	Tuesday 1 December 2026 9 – 10.30am
Beauty and the Beast Pantomime (R-6)	Friday 4 December 2026
Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity Performance	Thursday 10 December 2026- 9.15
Wreath Making Workshop	Friday 11 December 2026 evening
Rock Steady Performance	Monday 14 December 1pm
Year R Christmas Song Performance	Monday 14 December 3pm
Nursery Christmas Song Share	Tuesday 15 December 2:45pm
Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day	Thursday 17 December
Carols, Choir & Sing-a-long	Thursday 17 December 3pm
End of Term	Friday 18 December
No Early Morning Club	Friday 18 December
INSET DAY	Friday 12 February 2027
INSET DAY	Friday 25 June 2027
INSET DAY	Monday 28 June 2027