

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 5th December**

Current Topic: **'We Are Time Travellers'** Current Value: **Self-Awareness**



Attendance Award— Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

EYFS— Chicks 92%

KS1— Robins 95%

LKS2— Kingfishers 95%

UPKS2— Toucans 98%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 176

Lancaster — 156

Hurricane — 183

Wellington — 179

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:

Lucas S (Eagles) Jack (Eagles)

Bella (Parrots) Lucy (Robins)

Dakota (Parrots) Archie (Eagles)

Stars of the Week

EYFS

Chicks: Elizabeth: For joining the rehearsal for the Nativity and enjoying the singing.

Ducklings: Bertie: For wonderful singing and knowing exactly what to do in our Nativity.

Year 1 and 2

Penguins: Seren: For her fantastic independent maths work on shape and symmetry. Theo: For his awesome use of time adverbials, conjunctions and adjectives in English this week.

Robins: Issy: For always being a class role model and for demonstrating our school values in all she does. I'm so proud of you! Emma: For being a kind and caring friend and for being a wonderful class role model. You are a super star!

Parrots: Alex: For great sentences writing in English about the Great Fire of London. Charlie: For super effort in PE and managing to keep the ball off the floor when passing in games.

Year 3 and 4

Owls: Harry: For great contributions in our French lessons. Oliver H: For a great effort when sewing his Christmas stocking.

Kingfishers: Fox: For having an incredible an attitude and putting so much effort into all his learning and for fantastic sewing. Bronwen: For working amazingly hard this week in her maths and English! Well done Bronwen

Doves: Austin: For always being such a kind and thoughtful friend to all his peers. You are a star! Arthur: for always striving for excellence across all of his learning. A fantastic working role model.

Year 5 and 6

Eagles: Lucas S: For showing a fantastic learning attitude, you have stayed focused in lessons and completed all your learning to the best of your ability. Jack: For always trying your best in every lesson and showing a consistently positive attitude towards your learning

Peacocks: Lucas: For reading fluently and with expression to the whole class. Oscar: For extending his learning in maths and completing diving deeper challenges.

Toucans: Josh: For making a fantastic Trench Cake for his WW1 topic homework. Michael-John: For noticing in maths how patterns can help you to solve an equation.

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club: Kaleb: For being a wonderful addition at breakfast club. He is always smiling and so well mannered. Well done!

An update from Mrs Anstee

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day were such fun today, and we're eagerly looking forward to our EYFS classes performing their nativity next week — starting with a dress rehearsal for the rest of the school on Tuesday.



The celebrations continue with our whole school trip to the Wyvern Theatre on Tuesday 16th December to see Sleeping Beauty! Please make sure you have given consent for your child to attend.

We're also busy rehearsing for our magical Outdoor Carols Event! Join us on Wednesday 17th December at 5:30pm on the school playground, where every year group will share special songs, along with some much-loved whole-school favourites. Wrap up warm, bring your torches, lanterns, or twinkly fairy lights, and help us fill the evening with Christmas sparkle as we celebrate together as a school community.

For everyone's safety, please arrive and leave through the playground gate, as the wider school site can be very dark during winter evenings.

We can't wait to share this joyful, festive evening with you!

An update from Mrs Gardner

Looking for clear, reliable information about neuro-developmental needs such as autism or ADHD? The Oxon CAMHS NDC YouTube channel offers quick, parent-friendly videos to help you understand:



- What the CAMHS NDC service does
- What to expect from assessments
- How referrals work
- Tips for supporting your child's emotional wellbeing
- Practical guidance during the waiting and assessment process

These short videos are designed to reduce uncertainty, build confidence, and help families feel informed and supported.

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An update from Mrs Summers

Little Troopers has so much to offer for service families especially at times of deployment. Check out their website to sign up to emails sharing initiatives to support children when a family member is deployed. They have lots of online workshops as well as trips to attend to bring families in the same situation together. Last week, this included tickets to Oxford Playhouse pantomime when they had free tickets on offer.



They also have activities on their website, most of which are free, linked to moving house and deployment. The web address is <https://www.littletroopers.net> or check out their Facebook page to keep up to date with their current offers.

Another busy week in EYFS! We have been learning about Advent and the story of the first Christingle. We know what each part means, have cut out and labelled a Christingle picture using our scissor skills, and even got to make our very own Christingle to take home and share with our family. We have been practising our Nativity ready for the big



shows next week. We are very excited that our families will get to see us singing and acting! We have written about the character we are playing in the show and tried on our costumes. On Friday we went on a walk to the post box to post a very important envelope containing the letters we have written for Santa! Hopefully they will get to the North Pole in plenty of time!



Year 1 and 2

This week has been another busy one for KS1. In history, we have been looking at what happened during the Great Fire of London and using pictures and written evidence to create a timeline. We have been practising our sentence writing in English and trying to write some fantastic sentences to show what it might have looked, sounded and felt like during the fire. In maths we have started looking at shape with year 1 exploring patterns and investigating 3D shapes while the Year 2s have been focusing on 2D shapes and symmetry this week. In art we have been exploring some natural dyes including beetroot, turmeric, tea and coffee. We have also been observing how they react with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. The end of our week has been filled with the bright colourful Christmas jumpers and sharing our Christmas Lunch together. Have a lovely weekend.



Year 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 have started their new unit in English based on the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. We have looked at the vocabulary and the history behind it as well as practising learning how to read a section of it in preparation for performing it next week.



In DT they have continued to develop their skills in sewing by learning how to sew on a button, a bell, ribbon and attach 3D elements. This is all in preparation for completing their stocking designs and knowing the techniques they will need to be successful and create the best stocking they can. Thank you so much for any volunteers that have come in and given their time to helping us with this, it is greatly appreciated.

In PE we are still continuing to learn our line dance based on a Dolly Parton song, they have really impressed us with their focus and participation in learning this new skill.

Year 5 and 6



A fantastic week across UKS2 this week as we continue our We are time traveller's topic. In English, children have begun to explore the poem 'A Christmas Truce' by Carol Ann Duffy. Children started the week by exploring the events of the Christmas truce using the stimulus of a Sainsburys Christmas advertisement and the diary of a WW1 soldier. I know these discussions also continued for many children at home as well, so thank you for continuing to support this extended learning. Children then progressed to exploring the poem and thinking about the themes that it identifies. We spent some time exploring the structure and language of the poem before children were able to choose their

own theme and write a verse or two around this. In maths, children have been exploring the place value of numbers into the millions. They have had the opportunity to identify how to add and subtract these large values as well as link back to their previous learning and using adjustment to support their calculations.

In afternoon learning, children have continued to explore our topic of WW1, exploring some key events during the War and at its conclusion to create a timeline of events. In computing, children were challenged to create a very colourful parrot as part of our vector drawing unit. Whilst this was challenging, this was a very creative activity which everyone was able to accomplish in their own unique style. In science, children are continuing to explore light, thinking about how light travels and how we see the world around us. This has resulted in some fabulous class discussions.

The children in Eagles and Peacocks are also continuing to learn the Australian Stomp as part of our dance lessons. Please do ask your child to try and teach you a few steps.

Dates For The Diary

Friday 5th December — GSA Christmas Bingo, Doors Open 7pm

Wednesday 10th December — Chicks Class Performance to Parents
2:15 — 3:15pm

Thursday 11th December — Ducklings Class Performance to Parents
2:15 — 3:15pm

Tuesday 16th December — Whole School Panto

Wednesday 17th December — Mingle In The Mess 8:30-9:30am

Wednesday 17th December — Carols

Thursday 18th December — End of Term 2 — 1:30pm Finish

Monday 5th January — Start of Term 3

Monday 26th January — Young Voices — Year 3 and 4

Thursday 12th February — Valentines Break The Rules Day

Friday 27th March — GSA Easter Bingo





Bar & Refreshments available

Christmas Bingo

Join the holiday cheer with Christmas Bingo, where every number brings joy and yuletide surprises.

**FRIDAY 5TH DEC 25,
DOORS OPEN 7PM,
EYES DOWN 7.30PM**

Gateway Primary School,
Netheravon Close,
Carterton
OX18 3SF

Need an activity so you can do some last-minute Christmas shopping or wrapping?



Book a JazzDanceFusion workshop, these will incorporate dance, cheerleading, and gymnastics to have fun learning a Wicked routine, take part in drama, singing, games and children can dress up for the costume competition!

Wicked: For Good Part Two Themed!



Monday 22nd December 10-1pm
£26

(Primary school children)

Monday 22nd December 1-4pm
£26

(Dancers 11+)

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Christmas Workshops

 The North Wall
Arts Centre



NW Inventors

Ages 8-11

Creative Christmas Cracker!

Monday 22 December
10am - 4pm

A cracker of a workshop to start the Christmas holidays! Get crafty and creative as we explore a range of theatre skills and dive into seasonal storytelling in this hands on, festively-fun workshop and theatre trip. Includes a ticket to see Creation Theatre's *The Nutcracker*.

Tickets £45

YouthLab

Ages 12-17

Stage:Play

Tuesday 23 December
10am - 4pm

Join us this Christmas for Stage:Play – a fast-paced creative skills workshop: improvise, devise, write, direct, build characters, explore movement and PLAY! All wrapped up in a theatre trip.

Includes a ticket to see Creation Theatre's *The Nutcracker*.

Tickets £45



Full bursaries available

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For children with SEND

For Year groups 3 – 6



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for children
aged 4–18



Saturday 10th January

Cherwell School, North Site

Reception–Year 1: 9:15–10:05am

Year 2–Year 3: 10:10–11:40am

Year 4–Year 6: 9:15–11:10am

Year 7–Year 13: 10:30am–12:30pm

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MORE INFO: [TINYURL.COM/OYC2026](https://tinyurl.com/oyc2026)

