

Red Oaks Primary School
21st November 2025
Newsletter



Message from Mrs Painter

What a Busy Couple of Weeks We've Had!
A huge thank you to everyone who attended our recent Relative Reading event. It's always such a joy to see so many of you sharing the love of reading with the children. Your support makes these moments truly special.

On Saturday, Mr. Cowell once again led a fantastic family learning event that certainly got everyone into the festive spirit! A big thank you to all who attended, and particular thanks to Mr. Cowell for his superb organisation, as well as Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Prophet for their support on the day.

This week, we were delighted to watch the Reception Nativity. The children did an amazing job singing and acting out the nativity story. I know everyone was wowed by their performance—what a brilliant start to the festive celebrations!

We've still got so much coming up to look forward to

- FORO Christmas Fair – Today!
- Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day – Wednesday, 10th December
- KS1 Nativity – Thursday, 11th December

Finally, an important reminder: **School finishes for the end of term on Friday, 19th December at 1:30 pm.**

Staffing Update

We have some important staffing news to share with you:

Wonderful Baby News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Walton is expecting a baby, and Miss Duffin is also expecting her first child! We are thrilled for them both and wish them every happiness as they prepare for this exciting new chapter.

We are currently planning recruitment for their posts during their maternity leave and will share further details with you and the children as soon as possible.

A Fond Farewell

Sadly, at the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Prophet after an incredible 17 years at Red Oaks. She will be moving on to work with the Hearing Support Team at Swindon Borough Council as an Advisory Teacher. We would like to thank Mrs Prophet for her dedication and hard work over the years—she has made a huge impact and will be greatly missed by staff, children, and families alike. Recruitment for her role is already underway, and we will update you and the children as soon as we have news.

Exciting Appointment

Finally, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Lucy Mitchell has been appointed as our new SENCO from January. Many of you will know Mrs Mitchell from her fantastic work with Early Years over the past few years. She is also very familiar with Red Oaks, having previously worked here as a teacher. We are thrilled to welcome her back in this important role.

Maths Workshop

On 23rd January 2026, we are running a Maths Workshop. There will be a presentation in the hall at 8.45am and then you will be able to join your child to their maths lesson in class. Please sign up on Arbor for this workshop.

Crochet Craze

There has been a crochet craze here at Red Oaks and it's been due to many of the Year 6 pupils teaching others at lunchtime in their own crochet corner in one of the gazebos. Here is a picture of the Year 6 at our crochet lunch time club. They have been working incredibly hard at crocheting lots of granny squares, folding them into Christmas trees and then decorating them. They have worked together collaboratively and all have been really dedicated so that there are plenty to sell as part of their fundraising.



Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 10th December

The Christmas lunch will be on **Wednesday 10th December**.

All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers – if you don't have one why not decorate a normal jumper with tinsel or something – the more festive the better – **in return for a donation through Arbor** to go to Save the Children, your kindness is always much appreciated.

If your child has any dietary requirements, please email tylerm@redoaks.org.uk with these.

Parenting as a Team:

What to do when you have conflicting parenting styles

Join Louise Treherne, Families Coach and Head of Education at The Happy Confident Company, for a powerful conversation on how to parent as a true team, even when your parenting styles may be very different.

She'll be joined by three leading voices in the field:

[Nadim Saad](#) - Parenting coach and CEO of The Happy Confident Company

[Carole Debbané](#) - Parenting coach, who brings the unique perspective of co-parenting with Nadim, as his ex-wife

[Darya Haitoglou](#) - Family psychologist and systemic relationship coach.

Together, they'll explore:

- ✓ Different parenting styles and what influences them
- ✓ How communication & mutual understanding can support a united approach
- ✓ Practical tools to stay aligned, especially when tensions rise
- ✓ How to collaborate effectively when co-parenting after separation

Date: Tuesday 9th December

Time: 12.30 - 1.30pm (UK)

Cost: FREE

If you can't watch live, simply sign-up to receive the recording afterwards.

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This webinar is part of *The Happy Confident Club* - a unique platform where parents and children learn together how to handle difficult feelings, navigate life's challenges, and grow into their best selves. Please encourage your families to sign up today, for *free*, and gain access to the most recent webinar as well as family activities and resources to support their children at home!

Menu Change w/b 15th December

For the last week of term, the menu is changing. This will replace the current Week 1 cycle. Please ensure you book the correct meals for your child. Please note on Tuesday and Thursday, there are only 2 options for meals.

MONDAY 15th

Rudolph's Festive Pork Sausage or Veggie Sausage, Mash and Green Beans

Jingle Bells Fruit Flavoured Jelly

Santa's Jolly Spud Day Cheese or Baked Beans

TUESDAY 16th

Elf Shelf Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn,

Apple & Cinnamon Flapjack

Santa's Jolly Spud Day Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Baked Beans

WEDNESDAY 17th

Roast Chicken Or Roast Quorn Fillet Peas and Fresh Carrots with Gravy,

Chocolate Sponge

Santa's Jolly Spud Day Cheese or Baked Beans

THURSDAY 18th

Tinsel Tomato Pasta Garlic Bread & Broccoli

Fresh Baked Cookie (from the North Pole workshop)

Santa's Jolly Spud Day Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Baked Beans

FRIDAY 19th

Breaded Fish or Veggie Nuggets, Chips and Peas or Baked Beans,

Frosty Ice Cream

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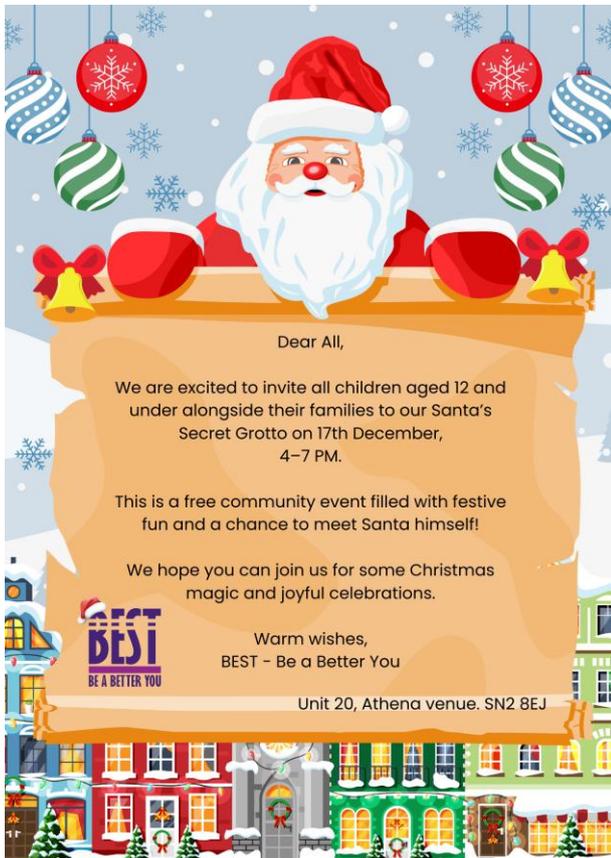
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THE Grinch's GROTTTO



Dear All,

We are excited to invite all children aged 12 and under alongside their families to our Santa's Secret Grotto on 17th December, 4-7 PM.

This is a free community event filled with festive fun and a chance to meet Santa himself!

We hope you can join us for some Christmas magic and joyful celebrations.



Warm wishes,
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