

Message from Mrs Painter

As we near the end of another month before we head into the festive period, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate some of the fantastic events that have taken place recently at our school. It has been an action-packed month, and we are incredibly proud of the achievements and experiences our pupils have had. Here's a roundup of some highlights:

Y5 & Y6 Trip to Paris & Disney - An Unforgettable Experience

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils recently enjoyed an amazing trip to Paris and Disneyland, where they had the opportunity to experience the magic of these iconic locations first-hand. The children visited world-renowned landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower and a trip on the Seine, as well as immersing themselves in the fun of Disneyland Paris. It was a truly memorable experience for all involved.

A huge thank you to all the staff who dedicated their time and energy to making this trip a reality. A special mention must go to Mrs. Surch, whose immense effort and attention to detail in organising the trip ensured everything ran smoothly. We are so grateful for her hard work in coordinating such an unforgettable experience for our children.

Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament

Our Year 3 and 4 footballers recently took part in a thrilling football tournament at Abbey Park, and we couldn't be prouder of their performance. The children showed incredible teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship, representing the school with great enthusiasm. Well done to all our players for giving it their best - we are sure this experience will inspire future successes!

Choir Performance at The Wyvern

Our talented school choir also had the opportunity to perform at The Wyvern Theatre alongside other schools, spreading festive cheer and helping to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. Their performance was a beautiful display of teamwork and musical talent, and we are so proud of how they represented our school. Again, huge thanks to all staff who supported making this event a reality. It was a wonderful way to kick off the festive season and get everyone in the mood for the holidays.

We'd like to thank all our staff, parents, and students for their continued support and hard work this term. As always, we are excited for the last 3 weeks of term and look forward to many more opportunities for our children to shine.

Headlice



There have been some outbreaks of headlice in school and so we would like to ask **all** parents/carers to **regularly** check their child/children's hair and treat them appropriately, if necessary. Pupils with long hair are advised to keep it tied back in either a ponytail or plaits. There is further detailed advice on the following website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>. Many thanks.

Mobile Phones



Reminder that mobile phones are not permitted on the school grounds. Please pop your phone in your pocket until you are back in your car or off site. This is for the safeguarding of all our children. Many thanks.

Lunch boxes

A reminder that sweets, ie Haribo/Refresher bars are not permitted in lunchboxes. Many thanks

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 11th December

The Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 11th December. All meals must be booked via ParentPay in the normal way by Thursday 5th December. **Please note there will NOT be an option for Jacket Potato on this day.**

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 Parentpay** to go to Save the Children, your kindness is always much appreciated.

Please note due to food price increases, the Christmas dinner will be a slightly higher price of £2.74. This will be reflected on ParentPay for this day only.

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

FORO Christmas Fayre

***Treat Envelope Stall** - Your child should have brought home a blank envelope in their book bag. Please can this be decorated and returned to school by 5th December, with a small treat inside. They will then be sold on the Treat Envelope stall.

Father Christmas

If you would like to visit Father Christmas at the fayre, please click the link below to book your slot:

<https://www.foropta.co.uk/shop>

We have limited availability so please book soon.

Reading at the Christmas Fayre

We are delighted to be joined at our Christmas Fayre by local children's author, Lydia Saward. Lydia will be reading her new magical Christmas book, *Is Aunt Moll from the North Pole?* at timed slots throughout the event.

There is no need to book just turn up promptly to one of these timeslots to enjoy Lydia reading her magical Christmas book. This will take place in the room next to the KS1 library.

2:45 - 3:15pm

3:15pm - 3:45pm (BSL interpreted)

3:45pm - 4:15pm

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With beautiful illustrations from artist Emily Charlotte Powell, it is the perfect book to read with children in the build up to Christmas.

There will be time after each reading to buy a signed copy of the book. It costs £7.99 and payment can be by either cash or card.

Alternatively, you can pre-order a copy from the publishers website, below. Select the free delivery option and edit the delivery address to the school address. These can then be collected from Lydia at the fayre.

<https://www.treekeeperbooks.com/books>



Children in Need - Friday 15th November 2024

Many thanks for all your donations. We raised £224.50 for Children in Need.






Reading with your child

As you will be aware, we place a large importance on reading here at Red Oaks. Listening to your child read as part of their weekly homework is a vital part of this. Whilst we know this can be difficult to squeeze in, especially as a working parent, the benefits of it are lifelong. Remember, reading is not just about 'reading words.' When we read, we are: increasing our vocabulary; building greater empathy; developing a positive attitude towards reading; building our knowledge of the world around us; making predictions and drawing conclusions. As you can see from the information below, reading can make such a change to a child's vocabulary!

Reading...

Reading is important for building vocabulary and learning new words.

 1 minute a day 8,000 new words a year	 5 minutes a day 282,000 new words a year	 20 minutes a day 1,800,000 new words a year
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Upcoming Dates

5th December - Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance 10am & 2pm (info sent)

6th December - Christmas Fayre - 3.00-5.00pm

7th December - Family Learning Event 10.00-12.00pm - info to follow

10th December - Key Stage 1 Parent Phonics - CANCELLED

12th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 10am & 2pm (info sent)

17th December - Rock Steady Performance 9.00am

20th December - School Closes at 1.30pm

6th January 2025 - School reopens at 8.30am

28th January 2025 - Multiplication Tables Check Meeting at 3.00pm



GIRLS BASKETBALL

AGES 11-14

MONDAYS 6PM -7PM
GREAT WESTERN ACADEMY
TADPOLE VILLAGE

SHOCK



Swindon Shock Basketball Club is actively seeking enthusiastic 11 to 14-year-old girls to join their team. This is a fantastic opportunity for young athletes to develop their basketball skills, make new friends, and experience the excitement of being part of a team. The club offers a supportive environment with experienced coaches dedicated to nurturing talent and fostering a love for the sport. Whether you're a beginner eager to learn or have some experience on the court, the Swindon Shock Basketball Club welcomes you to try out. Joining the team not only enhances physical fitness but also builds valuable life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. If you're interested, be sure to contact the club for more details on how to get involved and become part of their growing community.

CONTACT
coachdkenny@gmail.com
FOR MORE INFO

Festive Menu

Wednesday 11th December

Mains

Meat
Roast Turkey & Pig In Blanket

Veggie
Vegetable Wellington

Sides
Roasted Potatoes & Gravy
Stuffing
Garden Peas & Carrots

Dessert

Christmas cookie

A menu with penguins and snowmen
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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS at ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



1st December @ 10 am

Christingle Service

22nd December @ 6 pm

Carols by Candlelight

CHRISTMAS EVE @ 10 am

Children's Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE @ 11.30 pm

Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY @ 10 am

All-Age Communion

Tadpole Lane, SN25 2DW
(between Lyall Close and Abbey Caravan Park)
go to www.nschurch.org.uk for Facebook Live information
Tel: 07588 594410