

# NEWSLETTER

Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery  
Newsletter : 13th December 2024

## Message from the Head!

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to know where to start when you have a couple of hectic weeks at school. The photos tell the story of the performances and activities that some of the children have taken part in these past few weeks.

From beginning to celebrate the festive season with performances, singing in the community, taking part in workshops or completing activities in class; the children have had a blast.

I wanted to thank all the teachers and support staff for allowing the machine to run smoothly and going above and beyond when I know how tired you are at the end of term.

Also, many thanks to our OSA team and additional volunteers for helping set up and run the Christmas fair. Almost £700 into the OSA account and the children had a fabulous afternoon enjoying everything on offer. Your help is very much appreciated. Have a great weekend everyone.

Mr Edwards and Bandit



## REWARDS

Nurs- William, Jason, Reuban & Elijah

Rec- Laurie and Rowan

Yr 1- Lacey Gray, Erin, Grace B and Logan

Yr 2- Mila and Finn

Yr 3/4 - Alex S, Freddie, Ben S and Harris

Yr 4/5 - Isla, Matilda and Alfie S

Yr 6 - Florence W, Nylah, Ella, Evie and Joshua O H

Just Evie C with a birthday this week. I hope you had a lovely 4th birthday yesterday.

Bandit chose his award for Tillie and Isla. They both helped at the Christmas fair and took some of the decorations down in the Grotto. Thanks girls.

Vending Machine book winners.

EYFS- Ava KS1-Aria KS2-Saskia



Many thanks to Santa for coming in yesterday afternoon. He was busy delivering presents to Early years and welcoming the rest of the school to the fabulous grotto. Thank you Santa for your time.

This term, the children have been introduced to the Zones of Regulation to give them some insight into the range of emotions we all experience throughout the day. Using Winnie the Pooh characters in KS1 and colours in KS2, we have introduced the different zones in whole school assemblies and PSHE lessons and encouraged children to think of strategies to get themselves back into the best zone for learning (green). Being able to recognise, talk about and regulate our emotions is an important skill for all Offley children to master and so please ask about the zones at home and encourage discussion of strategies to regulate. Izzy and Ethan made some zones of regulation balloon animals at home. Great job you two!

<https://zonesofregulation.com/>



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It was a real treat to have our pianists in celebration assembly today. Mrs Townsend accompanied some of the children, whilst others played alone. They played a variety of Christmas songs and the improvement this term has been amazing. Well done to Izzy, Anthony, Eleanor, George, Anya, Arlo, Tess and Jake for having the confidence to play in front of the whole school. You were all brilliant.



Our Year 6 children went to entertain the residents of 'Olympic Court—retirement living' in Luton this week. The residents were very complimentary about the quality of singing and we'll be back again in 2025.

They have also been singing at Luton Airport this week. They were raising money for Luton food bank and East of England air ambulance. Passengers departing and arriving were welcomed to the airport with a medley of Christmas songs. We should find out how much they helped to raise next week. Well done everyone.

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What a treat the performances have been recently. The children in Early years and Key Stage 1 have performed to over 400 pupils and relatives. The singing, dancing and acting have been of the highest quality and the audience have tapped their feet, joined in with the words and done much smiling. Well done all.



It was fantastic to see Electric Umbrella in action last week. They worked with Key Stage 2 to bring their joyful, inclusive music to Offley. The children had a great time singing & signing to their songs.

Day	Date	Mth	Offley Endowed: Future Dates for your diary
Mon	16th	Dec	KS2 Performance 13:30 and 17:00
Tues	17th	Dec	Peter Pan panto—Gordon Craig
Wed	18th	Dec	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Fri	20th	Dec	09:30am Church Service and last day of term. 13:30 close
Mon	6th	Jan	<b>INSET DAY—First day of term : Tuesday 7th January</b>