

NEWSLETTER

Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery

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REWARDS

Nursery— Eddie, Reuben and Elsie

Reception— Callum

Year 1— Isabella

Year 2— Phoebe and Lacey-Gray

Yr 3/4 - Poppy and Finley

Yr 4/5— Lilly W and Ben Swaine

Yr 5/6— Anthony and Aarav

Bandit Award - well done to Tess

Vending Machine book winners.

EYFS— Sofia H

KS1— Poppy and Sebastian

KS2— Edie

Birthdays. This week, Finn and Luna turned 8 and today Edie celebrates her 9th birthday. Have a lovely weekend celebrating.

Hot chocolate with the Head

I caught up with Lily S and Lilly W last week. Next in line for a hot chocolate will be Luiza & Isabél Swallow.



Message from the Head.

Well, what a week . An amazing YV concert at Wembley where our 58 children were part of a choir totalling 4,900 plus. The atmosphere was amazing and singing the Offley song, 'Move towards the light' was definitely a highlight for me. Thank you to so many of you coming to Wembley to show support for your children. Big thanks to Mrs Warne and Mrs Clark for getting the children YV ready! Brilliant effort and occasion for everybody.

I have copied a couple of letters on page two. The Secretary of State for Education has recognised Offley's results for disadvantaged children. Only six Diocese schools covering Hertfordshire, Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, The London Borough of Barnet and Buckinghamshire received such a letter. Huge thanks for the support our disadvantaged children get from the whole team at Offley. Duncan Gauld, the Diocese Director of Education also wrote to me thanking the staff for their hard work. We have a very special place here at Offley and once more I thank you for your support, our brilliant teachers and support staff and our wonderful children. Have a great weekend. Mr Edwards and Bandit.

Dear Ted,

[Congratulations](#) on the well-deserved recognition you have received from the Department for Education & Secretary of State for demonstrating strong attainment outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Your leadership has contributed hugely to this success, and it is testament to the hard work of your whole staff team and those in governance.

Thank you for all you are doing to support the most disadvantaged children in your school to achieve.

Every blessing,

Duncan

[Duncan Gauld NPQH NPQEL](#)
[Diocesan Director of Education](#)

Dear Colleague,

[Congratulations](#) to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at your school achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

There are real opportunities available for you to support improvement for a wider group of pupils including through:

- engaging actively with [your region's RISE networks](#) and partnering with nearby schools and trusts;
- contributing to regional roundtables and professional communities to spread the approaches that are working in your context; and
- sustaining excellence by continuing to focus on disadvantaged pupils

Please pass on my thanks and [congratulations](#) to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Yours sincerely,



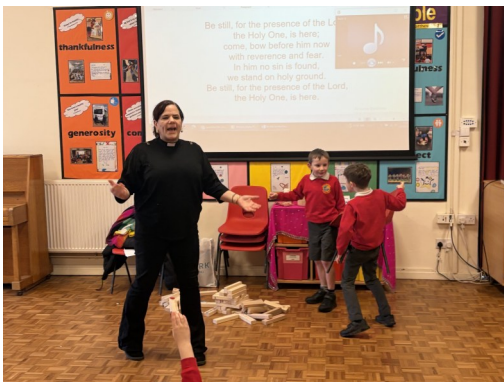
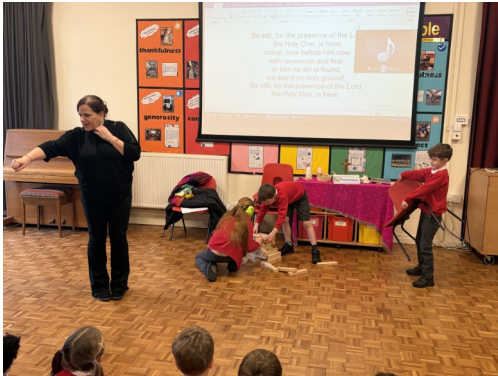
Bridget Phillipson

Secretary of State for Education

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It's been quite the week. Firstly, congratulations to Miss VT on the birth of gorgeous Rowan. Weighing in at 7lb 10oz, Rowan came into the world last Sunday. Rev Katy has been getting the children involved in her Christian assemblies related to our value of perseverance this week. Thank you for buying the Charlie Chicks. Over £300 raised so far for the Garden House Hospice care and we have many left in the office if you would like one. We have also raised over £50 for Herts vision loss, who will be doing an assembly on Monday. You can make a small donation on Gateway if you would like to offer your support.

| Day | Date | Mth | Offley Endowed: Future Dates for your diary |
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| Mon | 9th | Feb | Year 5/6 The Priory School musical trip |
| Wed | 11th | Feb | Ukulele at Mulford Lodge performance |
| Thur | 12th | Feb | Computer workshops for years 4, 5 and 6 |
| Fri | 13th | Feb | Computer workshops for class 3 / 4 |
| Fri | 13th | Feb | BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM |
| Mon | 23rd | Feb | Return to school |
| Mon | 23rd | Feb | Year 2 trip to Cambridge: be at school for 8:00am |
| Wed | 25th | Feb | World Book Author visit : Su Murley; books available to purchase on Gateway |
| Wed | 25th | Feb | Reception class visit to Hitchin Library |
| Thur | 26th | Feb | National Year 5 maths challenge on-line |
| Mon | 2nd | Mar | Secondary Schools allocation day |
| Thur | 5th | Mar | World Book Day—decorate a spoon |
| Fri | 6th | Mar | KS1 Dodge Ball competition |
| Fri | 6th | Mar | Year 4 Pedestrian skills |

The Young Voices video film, recorded at Wembley on Wednesday night, is available to purchase here ... [Choir of 2026 Tour - 4 February 2026 | Young Voices Shop](#)