

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

This week children have enjoyed taking part in the Sustrans, Bikeability Training, a Tudor palace construction/cookery session and a group of year 5/6 children had the opportunity of visiting Hampton Court Palace. Assembly was very busy this morning with Key Stage 1 and 2 Happy Bench and we also said a fond farewell to Mrs Cooper who is off to a new school with many new adventures ahead of her.

Today we were treated to a marathon OV's Got Talent audition, with the most amazing number of acts. The children were extremely brave in standing up, singing, dancing, and presenting many more talents to an audience. I must commend their bravery and determination to do well. It was such a hard choice and I know we have an amazing final to look forward to next week.

Next Friday, we will be welcoming Miss Cawthorne back from maternity leave. She will be returning to the Reception class allowing Mrs Thurlow to join Little Seeds again. Mrs Thurlow has been an amazing teacher to the class, and we would like to thank her for everything she has done for the children she has taught whilst covering for Miss Cawthorne. Alongside Miss Cawthorne, we welcome Miss Brown. Miss Cawthorne and Miss Brown will be sharing the teaching role and will both be in school on Friday if you would like to come in and meet them at the beginning or end of the day.

#### Explosion of Colour performances

The rehearsals for our Explosion of Colour performances are in full steam and children are getting very excited about performing to you all. Please make sure you have read all the information provided and have applied for tickets (currently 2 tickets per family). If you have not already please [click here to book a performance](#). As we move nearer the performance dates, we will advise you if we have spare tickets to release. Please check your class teams for information about costumes and arrangements for drop off and pick up at the evening Performances; teachers will keep you updated over the next two weeks.

We know Key Stage 1 and 2 really enjoy this event and expect to see them at all performance, including the evening ones. The curriculum will be adapted during that week to take into account tiredness. Obviously, we understand the days of the performance will be busy and some children love to perform, whilst others are not so keen. For Nursery and Reception children, if they do not wish to perform, please talk to your class teacher as soon as possible.

#### 2024 Reception Class opening evening – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November – 4pm to 5pm

We are opening the school next Wednesday for prospective parents to have the opportunity to look around. If you know of anyone who has Reception or Nursery age children, please encourage them to come along to have a look at our amazing school. The whole school will be open for a tour with all teaching staff present.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

# Stars of the week

## The Pink Panthers

Amelia for happily saying goodbye to Mum in the mornings and starting to join in with activities.

Kojo for doing super jumping whilst using the large apparatus in PE and showing improvement with lunchtime routines.

## The Curious Corals

Macey is a well-loved member of our class. She loves to learn and has more energy than the rest of us combined! Week by week, she has been working on channelling this energy for good. This week it has been so lovely to see Macey engaging with her peers in play and sharing toys with her friends. Macey has been working hard to become more independent and has been following school routines and engaging in activities with enthusiasm. She has been communicating with adults to express her needs and even manages to keep Mrs Roberts on her toes! She keeps a smile on all of our faces. Well done on a fantastic start to Reception, Macey!

## The Silver Sweathearts

I would like to make my whole class stars of the week? They always amaze me with how they tidy up so quickly and efficiently, even when it has been a dreadful mess!

## The Dancing Red Ravers

Eli has been an amazing worker this week! He has been especially good at listening to instructions on the carpet and then applying skills taught during independent table tasks. Eli was super impressive this week during Maths tasks; he worked extremely hard adding 3 numbers together where he was looking for patterns and adding numbers confidently. Eli, you are a lovely boy and I love having you in class; you are growing in confidence and this is having a positive impact on your learning. Keep it up buddy; well-done! Mr Q x

## The Marvellous Midnight Blue Macaws

My star of the week this week is Corey. We have seen such an amazing change in Corey over the past few weeks, he is much more happy to give things a go and is putting much more effort and enthusiasm into his work. Corey is a sweet boy and has made a wonderful new friend in Isaac, he has really impressed me with his attention in phonics and how well he is now using Fred Talk to sound out words, they are a fantastic pair when reading together. Corey is an amazing artist and he always chooses to draw when we have a bit of free time, I love to see the creations he comes up with.

## The Lively Lilac Learners

My star of the week is Ruby. Ruby is a fabulous role model in our class. This week she has particularly blown me away with her writing. I was so impressed with her independence and the way she used her sounds. She is also doing brilliantly with her reading. Ruby is a lovely friend and very much enjoys the social side of school. Ruby, you are an all-rounder. I am very impressed with you. Keep on doing what you are doing. You are an amazing learner.



# Stars of the



## **The Energetic Emerald Explorers**

Holly has put great effort into completing and presenting her work this term. She has shown strong diligence and commitment to following instructions closely and finishing tasks on time. Holly has been a pleasure to teach this term, acting as a role model for her peers. Keep it up Holly!

## **The Precious Pearl Problem Solvers**

My Star of the Week is Rory. Rory has been such a pleasure to teach so far this year; he is such a creative thinker and a real bright spark! He is always enthusiastic and engaged with his learning, taking part in our class discussions, and answering questions. Rory - I love the way that you see the world and what an 'outside the box' thinker you are! Well done!

## **The Groundbreaking Golds**

Francis has really impressed me this week with the effort he is putting into his times tables. He has worked really hard to ensure that he practises them well and really focuses on being accurate. This has resulted in him passing his weekly times tables test and moving on! He has also become more responsible this week, helping organise and tidy the classroom - setting a good example for others. Keep it up!

## **The Jubilantly Jazzy Jades**

Everyone that teaches or works with Layla agrees that she is an absolute star. She works her socks off in all lessons and is always in the right place at the right time. I have been told that she is a fantastic playleader and a great role model out on the playground. In addition to this, Layla is also a lovely friend and peer. She is supportive and kind and a pleasure to have in class.

## **The Limitless Lemon Yellows**

My Star of the Week is the wonderful Ciaran! He never fails to bring a smile to my face with his infectious laugh and caring nature. Learning can often pose a challenge for Ciaran, but he has really impressed me with his resilience and independence this week. Additionally, he wowed Mrs Yorke and I with his determination in swimming. Initially he was incredibly anxious about even getting into the pool as he had never been swimming before, but with some encouragement from his friends, he embraced the water and by the end he didn't want to get out of the pool! Well done, Ciaran, we are all very proud of you!

## **The Athletic Aquamarines**

Ella-Rose is my star this week, for her bravery and independence. Since Ella-Rose joined year 5, I have been continually impressed by how she gives every task a go, no matter the level of challenge. I have also noticed Ella-Rose having a go at many things outside the classroom, such as swimming lessons and our recent trip to Hampton Court Palace - changes to routines can be tricky, and I know there has been lots of support from home needed at times, but Ella-Rose has been able to make the most of opportunities available to her, battling past her worries, and has always been able to reflect on this as a positive. On top of all of this, Ella-Rose is a wonderfully kind, caring and encouraging friend to others. What a star!

## Years 5 and 6—Tudor Palaces

On Tuesday some of Year 5/6 spent the day in school learning about Tudor palaces. They spent the day designing and creating their own palace. They also baked some traditional Tudor biscuits called 'Shrewsbury biscuits'.



## Years 5 and 6 visit to Hampton Court Palace

On Tuesday, 60 children, from Years 5 and 6, had the opportunity to visit Hampton Court Palace in London.

We got to school at 6.15am in the morning and met in the courtyard for registration. It took us 4 and a half hours to get there but it was definitely worth the journey.

When we got to the Palace we had a short introduction and split into two groups. The first group had a guided tour of the Tudor kitchens then we explored the maze and ended with our own freestyle guided tour of the palace and priethee gardens, when we went into the haunted gallery and some of us talked to some colleagues who said that the double black wooden doors opened by themselves.

We discovered that one of the paintings was on loan to Buckingham Palace.

It was a long day but we all learnt a lot and it was worth going and would definitely go again.

By Larisa and Lettie



## Congratulations to Years 5 and 6

### Tri-reading tournament champs

Elena Millie Lilly-May

On reaching 25 reads

Lara Mollie Lilly-May

On reaching 50 reads

## Congratulations to Reading road champions

On reaching 75 reads

Isaac Elliott

On reaching 25 reads

### Rising Stars PE Gymnastics and Tennis Day

On Tuesday five Year 6 children visited Tarka Leisure Centre to take part in a gymnastics and tennis day.

We started with warming up then practiced our jumping into the foam pit. After gymnastics we ate our lunch and took part in tennis skills, learning to rally and serve.

We had a great day.

Written by Rhys

## Mrs Manley's Community Project Page

### Can you help us help our school community?

We intend to give each child a wrapped age-appropriate book at the end of the year for Christmas.

Have you got any books at home that you feel you would like to donate?

If you have, could you please pop them to either your class teacher or the school office.



### Can you help?

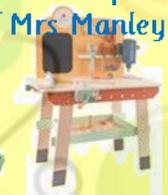
We are looking to provide the children with a wider range of toys at lunchtime.

Have you got anything suitable which you would like to donate. Here are a few examples to give you some idea of what we are looking for. If you have any toys you would like to donate, please drop them to the office for the attention of Mrs Manley.

Many thanks.



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**NEW MENU—Week commencing—Monday, 27th November**  
**Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options**

LUNCH MENU – WEEK 2					
6 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov / 1 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan / 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb / 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
 Cheeseburger (100% Beef) in a Bun	Handmade Chicken Curry, Wholegrain Rice & Naan Bread (New Recipe)	Toad in the Hole (Butchers Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding)	Jumbo Fish Fingers (New)	Chicken Goujons with Tomato Pasta	
 Roasted Stuffed Feta Peppers	Macaroni Cheese & Crusty Bread	Herby Lentil Loaf	Vegan Sausage Roll	Sweet & Sour Quorn with Noodles	
 Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna		
 Potato Wedges, Peas & Corn on Cob	Mixed Vegetables	Roast or Mash Potato with Fresh Sliced Carrots, Cabbage & Gravy	Chips, Wholemeal Pasta, Peas, Tomato Sauce & Coleslaw	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	
 Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Fruit Muffin/Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit	Date & Rice Crispy Cake (New Recipe)	Apple Cake	
Ham Roll	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll	
					

## School Diary Dates

Mon, 27th Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 1
Tue, 28th Nov	Y6—Rising Stars—Gymnastics Day—Group 2
Tue, 28th Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 2
Wed, 29th Nov	Group 3—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 1
Wed, 29th Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6—swimming lesson
Wed, 29th Nov	September 2024 Reception Starter Tour - 4pm to 5pm
Thur, 30th Nov	Group 2—Year 5/6—Bikeability Day 2
Wed, 6th Dec	Community Choir
Fri, 8th Dec	Years 5/6—Girls Football—Park School
Mon, 11th Dec	Whole School Performance—1.30pm to 3pm and 5pm to 6.30pm (tickets available soon)
Tues, 12th Dec	Whole School Performance—9am to 10.30am and 5pm to 6.30pm (tickets available soon)
Wed, 13th Dec	Christmas Dinner—must be pre-booked through the office
Thur, 14th Dec	Sleeping Beauty Panto—Queen's Theatre (10am to 1pm)
Fri, 15th Dec	Last Day of Term
Wed, 3rd Jan	First Day Back
Wed, 10th Jan	Year 4—Swimming Lessons
Mon, 15th Jan	Tempest—Reception and Year 6 Vista photos and Class Photos
Wed, 17th Jan	Year 4—Swimming lessons
Mon, 29th Jan	Year 2 and Year 5—Fire Safety Awareness Workshops



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# Orchard Vale Community School Nursery

Is your child turning 3 years old?

We have availability within our nursery for you!

There are 3 intakes into our Nursery:

September - Autumn Term

January - Spring Term

April - Summer Term

If you would like to apply for a place please complete an application form that can be downloaded from the website at

[www.ovschool.co.uk](http://www.ovschool.co.uk)

or call us on 01271 375074



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## Open Evening - Reception Class of 2024

Wednesday 29th November 4pm-5pm

Is your child due to start in Reception class, September 2024?

If so, we would like to invite prospective parents to visit our wonderful school.

Please come to the school entrance where you will be greeted by Mrs Oldfield, our Early Years Lead.

You will be given a brief talk in the school hall prior to having the time to look around all our classrooms and meet our amazing teachers.

We hope to see you there!





# Orchard Vale's An Explosion of Colour Performance

**Monday 11th December**  
**13:30 - 15:00**—Nursery to Year 6

**Monday 11th December**  
**17:00 - 18:30**—Years 1 to 6

**Tuesday 12th December**  
**09:30 - 11:00**—Reception to Year 6

**Tuesday 12th December**  
**17:00 - 18:30**—Years 1 to 6

**All Tickets - £2 (initially, 2 tickets per family)**  
**(under 3's free if sitting on a lap)**

Complete the online form by 1st December to book your 2 seats.  
You will be assigned the payment item on ParentPay.  
Payments to be made by Wednesday 6th December.  
Tickets will be sent home via Class Teachers.

**During performance raffle tickets will be on sale for your  
chance to win a wonderful Christmas Hamper.**

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER: Festive children's clothes swap in the children's library.



Wednesday 6th December: Orchard Vale school choir  
11.30am -12pm in the foyer.  
Drop in



Saturday 9th December: Drop-in Christmas crafts  
10am - 12pm  
Drop in

Tuesday 12th December: Festive story time and hot chocolate under the tree.  
4pm - 5pm  
Suitable for children 3-8 years old. Drop in

Wednesday 13th December: Festive Fun for grown-ups around the tree followed  
by hot chocolate.  
3.30-4.30pm  
Drop in



Saturday 16th December: E-Christmas card making sessions  
Morning: 10am - 12pm  
Afternoon: 2pm - 4pm  
Book at the library



Thursday 21st December: Circus Berzercus - 2pm  
£5 per person book at the library



## Unwrap the magic of Christmas

Step into a winter wonderland of festive fun for all the family. Visit our magical grotto where each child will receive a special gift from Father Christmas.

Tawstock Court • Tuesday 12 December 2023

Buy tickets today! [www.chsw.org.uk/grotto](http://www.chsw.org.uk/grotto)

