

# Newsletter



December 2024

## Oak Class

What a busy half term!

In October the class was visited by a fire engine! This was a lovely treat for the class who had just finished making their fire engines in their DT lessons. Everyone got to sit in the cab and enjoyed listening to the officers explain their job. Later in the term we have also learnt about the fire of London, comparing how fires were put out then and now.

We have also been busy rehearsing for our nativity. The year 2 children wrote the performance and narrated, whilst the year 1 children took on the major acting parts. It was lovely to see all the children take on their different roles with enthusiasm and a willingness to have a go. We wish all the children and their families a very special Christmas.

From the Oak class team.

Dear Parents & Carers,

A fabulous term completed! We have had some really great days at school full of learning and experiences. Have a read through of the below to see what everyone has been up to. Have a wonderful break and we'll see you all back in 2025!

## Chestnut Class

Thank you for making this half term such a joyful one Chestnut class! We have had lots of fun learning about light in science creating and performing our own shadow puppet plays. In computing we have been learning about online safety and coding! In maths we have been working hard on our multiplication and division facts. In English we have read some beautiful books including Ada's Violin which is an inspirational fiction book. The children have produced fantastic letter recounts for this particular book which we have proudly displayed on our working wall. In Art we have explored collage and learnt about some very unique artists! In RE we have been learning about Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and how he is known as the seal of the prophets. To top it all off the children have created delicious vegetarian fajitas!

Happy Christmas to all! So looking forward to seeing you all again after Christmas!

## Birch Class

Birch Class have had another busy half term. In DT, they continued the theme of World War II and made fruit turnovers. The children enjoyed both making them and eating them! In science, they carried out a series of investigations about the properties of materials. In RE they learnt about Wisdom and in PSHE they have learnt about being a global citizen. In maths, year 6 have developed their fractions skills and year 5 have worked on multiplication and division. Finally, in PE the class have developed their hockey skills and learnt different dance routines and skills.

## Sports & Clubs

The year 5 and 6's have taken part in two competitions this term. Firstly, they competed in the Gipping Valley football tournament. They won their group and then finished 5th overall out of 16 teams which is a very credible effort against strong opposition. We then took two teams to the Gipping Valley dodgeball festival. Team A won 4 matches and lost 1. Team B lost all of their matches but played with great spirit. We also had an enrichment day based on gymnastics which the children enjoyed.

## Ash Class

We have had another very busy half term in Ash class! The children have continued to work hard, learning new sounds and practising their reading every day. They have been writing their weekly journals and responding to a variety of stories that they hear each week. In number work, we have been focussing on correctly writing numbers up to 10 and have also begun subitising numbers to 5, where children can recognise a small amount of objects, without having to count them. In topic work, we learned about Bonfire Night, Remembrance and the Polar regions, which included making ice and seeing how it begins to melt as it warms up. We have had the excitement of Advent, looking forward to Christmas and have made some lovely projects which will be coming home with your children next week! The children have coped well with rehearsals for the Nativity Play. They have learned Christmas carols and have been finding out all about the First Christmas. We wish you and your families a very happy, safe and peaceful Christmas break. With best wishes, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Morton

Mon Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day
Tues Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
Wed Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	School trip to the Panto!
Thurs Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming starts for Year 5
Fri Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Enrichment P.E
Fri Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of term
Mon Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	Half term
Mon Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
Thurs Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Fri Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment P.E
Mon Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Debenham Liaison Morning
Fri Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>	End of term
Mon Apr – 7 <sup>th</sup> – Mon Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Holidays
Tues Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to School
Mon May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Wed May 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thorpe Woodlands (Year 3 &4)
Fri May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of term
Mon May 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
Mon Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school
Fri July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment P.E
Weds July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Debenham Induction Day
Fri July 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term



### PSA

As we draw to the end of the autumn term, we want to reflect on the wonderful achievements and events that have brought our school community together. Thanks to your generous support and enthusiasm, this term has been a fantastic success for the PSA. The Wreath Making Workshop provided a delightful evening that sparked creativity and festive cheer amongst those who came. It was lovely to see so many beautiful wreaths being created while raising funds for our school. With special thanks to Sophie of Khloris florists for running the workshop and Needham Butchers for their generous sponsorship. The Christmas Fair was another triumph, despite the challenging weather! The turnout was heart-warming, and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves with festive games and treats. We thank all local businesses for their raffle donations which helped to make it a truly special day. Following the children’s enthusiastic participation in class, we are delighted to present our beautifully creative 2025 Wall Calendar, now available for purchase through the school. Featuring the children’s artistic interpretations of the seasons and key yearly events, this calendar is not only a celebration of their creativity but also makes a thoughtful gift—perfect for grandma, auntie, or anyone else on your list! Looking ahead, there is so much to be excited about! The whole school is looking forward to a magical pantomime visit in the new year, which promises to be a memorable experience for the children. We are also thrilled to announce the launch of our Recipe Book, which will be available in the spring term. A huge thank you goes to the children (and parents/carers) for their creativity and enthusiasm in submitting their favourite recipes, the resulting book is looking great!

Additionally, we are planning a Quiz Night in the spring term—a fantastic opportunity for some friendly competition and community fun, so keep an eye out for details and be sure to save the date! We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for your donations, time, and unwavering support. A special thank you to the PSA members who have worked tirelessly to organise these events and make them so successful. Finally, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your holiday season be filled with joy!  
Warm regards, Your PSA

### Absence

New Dfe rules regarding absence came into effect from August 2024.

#### Reminder:

Ash and Oak classes should arrive between 8.40 & 8.45am. Chestnut and Birch classes should arrive between 8.30 & 8.40am.

Younger siblings can arrive at the earlier time.

### Attendance & Lates from 4/9/24 – 13/12/24

Ash	98.47%
Oak	94.26%
Chestnut	95.17%
Birch	94.95%
Ash	59 lates
Oak	24 lates
Chestnut	26 lates
Birch	16 lates

Remember, the DFE expects all children to attend unless they are too ill to do so.

**BACK TO  
SCHOOL  
Tues Jan  
7th**