



The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

The children have been in full festive swing this week from card and calendar making, to Christmas parties and a very special visitor arrived yesterday confirming that all the children at The Orchard are on the 'nice list'! I hope it remains that way until the main event! Thank you to our PTA elves who assisted Santa in various ways from organising, wrapping and ensuring that his present sack was fully stocked with the right number of gifts. He couldn't have done it without you!

It was a joy to see all the Christmas performances by all our year groups. The costumes, acting, speaking and singing were done so well. The children should feel very proud of themselves. It certainly gave me the Christmas feels!

This week, Reception children also had their Storytelling experience. The little Christmas elf delighted and enthralled them. They were spellbound.

What a way to end the term.

And now, after a wonderful, crazy, fun filled week we are all ready for the Christmas holidays to begin.

We are saying goodbye to a couple of people this term: Miss Macintosh has been supporting in Reception on a Wednesday morning over this last term and we are very grateful to her and wish her all the best. We are also saying goodbye to Leonidas and Molly in Year 1 who are moving away. We wish them and their families all the best with their moves and hope they will find lots of happiness in their new schools. We will miss them all.

Thank you all for your support this term and a special thank you for all the generous Christmas gifts staff have received. We are all very grateful.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and the happiest of starts to the new year.

Mrs Cary



Value Awards



Our values are: **Courage**, **Determination**, **Respect** and **Kindness**.

Well done to all our Values Award children this week. You have really helped bring the joy this Christmas season.

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Jack C	Maple	Elijah	Beech	Kamran
Elm	Maddie	Rowan	Alex	Oak	Zeyah
Holly	Jake	Willow	Thomas	Sycamore	Indie
		Pine	Louis		

"There's room for everyone on the Nice List." - Buddy, Elf

Every Day Counts



School Attendance

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	96.2%	Maple	97.2%	Beech	97.1%
Elm	97%	Rowan	96.2%	Oak	97.2%
Holly	96.2%	Willow	97%	Sycamore	97.6%

A special well done to Sycamore class!

Whole school attendance = 96.9%

First Artist of the Week in 2024 is.....

Billie Holiday



- 1) Her dad, Clarence Halliday, was a jazz piano player and guitarist**
- 2) Billie had a challenging and difficult life but made a big impact on the music scene.**
- 3) Her nickname was 'Lady Day'.**
- 4) Billie sold out shows at the famous Carnegie Hall in New York many times.**
- 5) Her vocal style is influenced by the sound of jazz instruments.**

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2z8trD0DUZXmP64TNT2PgM?si=0202d10c1fbb4bea>

**School Census
Day**

**Thursday 18th
January 2024**

**Special school
lunch**



**NEW YEAR
CELEBRATION**
January 2024

Crispy Italian Style Chicken Goujons
Or
Crispy Garden Goujons ✓
Served With
Waffle Fries, Peas or Beans

Chocolate Muffin ✓

**Tuck Into Something Tasty
This New Year**

Twelve15

Coffee Morning



Wednesday 10th January @ 9am

Please join us for a hot drink and a chat together with other parents and our Family Support Worker, Teresa Doe.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 3rd January
Children return to school



Tuesday 9th January
Reception: Fossil Workshop



Wednesday 10th January
Parent Coffee Morning @ 9am
with our Family Support Worker
Teresa Doe



Wednesday 10th January
Year 2 Fire Safety Talks with
Surrey Fire & Rescue Service



Monday 15th January
Deadline for applications for Reception and Year 3
places - September 2024



Thursday 18th January
Census Day



Wednesday 31st January
PTA meeting 8pm
Venue to be confirmed



Monday 12th – Friday 16th February
Half term



Tuesday 6th February
Safer Internet Day



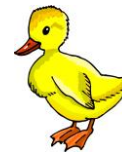
Thursday 9th February +
PTA: Chinese New Year celebrations



Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February
Parents Evenings
(more details to follow later next term)



Tuesday 5th March
Reception: Ducklings



Thursday 7th March
World Book Day



Thursday 8th March
Year 2 Wisley Trip



w/c Monday 11th March
Book Fair



Orchard Reading Recommendations



You can click on the book covers to link you to an online book shop to read more about each book.

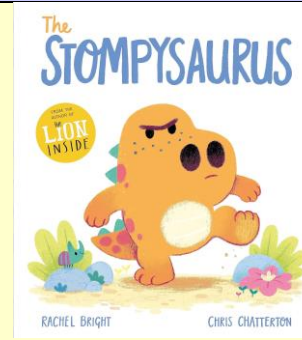
Year 1



Bea in Rowan Class really enjoys the book **Plop!** by Sasha Harding.

Bea says, "It is an exciting book all about a dog that drops his necklace with shells on into the ocean. He shows courage and determination to get it back. Please can you read this book because it is really good!"

Reception

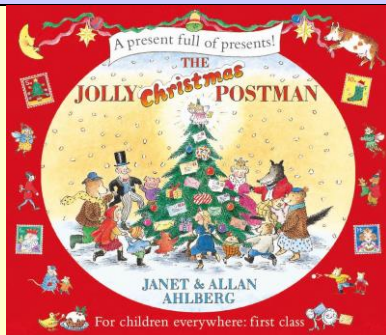


If you like dinosaurs then the book recommendation from Rocco in Holly class is the book for you.

Stompysaurus by Rachel Bright and Chris Chatterton "I like it because I like dinosaurs. Stompysaurus has a bad day because of his baby brother but at the end Stompysaurus becomes happy again."

Phew!

Staff

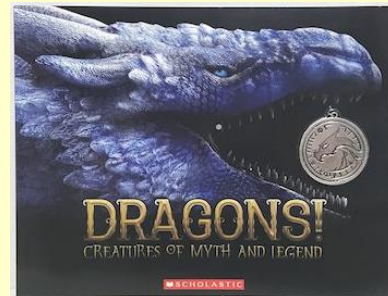


Miss Jackson recommends **The Jolly Christmas Postman** by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

"I loved this book growing up and still do now! This book follows the Jolly Postman for his Christmas round, with many of the recipients' characters from traditional tales we all know. It is a great book for this time of year, my sister and I used to take it in turns opening each page to see what letter or gift was being delivered to each character. It also has lovely rhyming throughout."

Year 2

Dragons! Creatures of Myths and Legends
Scholastic



Bertie recommends this book because it is a non-fiction style book all about mythical dragons.

"My favourite dragon is the three-eyed lava dragon. I think other people will like this book because it is fun to read. You can learn some new things and it is a bit exciting and scary. But you don't need to be scared because they are not real and they are all in your imagination."

This book is a favourite in Sycamore class.

Everyone wants to read it.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!



See you in





Father Christmas paying a visit to Maple Class



Reception Christmas Story Telling Experience – THE CHILDREN LOVED IT!



Reception Christmas Lunch





Reception: Holly Class



Reception: Elm Class



Reception: Ash Class





Year 1: Willow Class



Year 1: Maple class



Year 1: Rowan





Year 2: Sycamore Class



Year 2: Oak Class



Year 2: Beech Class

