

Friday 25th November 2022



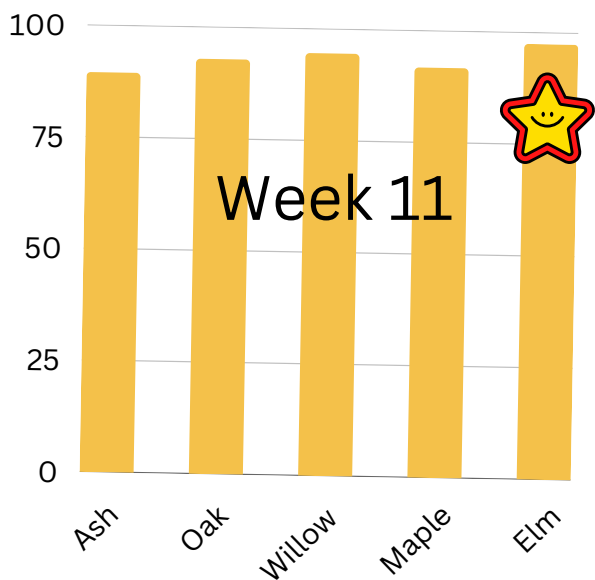
Newsletter



Highlights

- Rehearsals for the Christmas productions are going well! We hope you are excited to come and watch the children perform!
- Outstanding homework – some great examples of amazing homework have come in this week. I am looking forward to seeing more in the next few weeks!
- Our classes have been contributing to a whole school nativity display in the hall and it looks fabulous! The Christmas spirit has arrived in school!

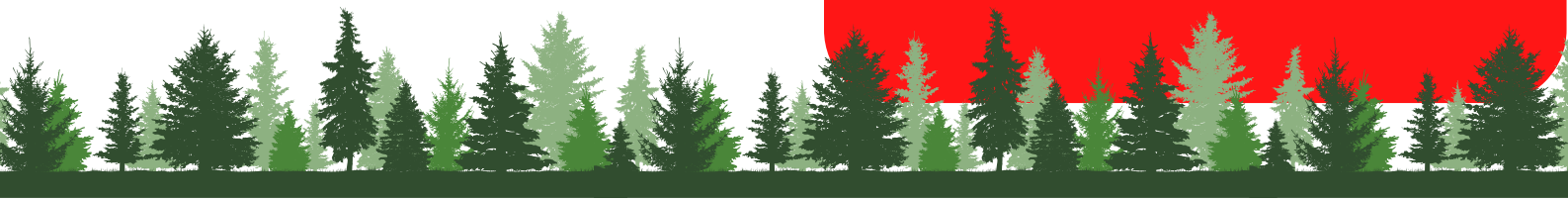
Attendance



Week 11

Our whole school attendance for this week was **93.1%**.

The class with the highest attendance was Elm with 97.3%.



Toy Donations

If you are able to donate a toy for the St. Oswald's Church charity collection, we would be very grateful. It doesn't have to be brand new, second-hand toys in good condition are also welcome.

Christmas Fair

You are welcome to come along to our mini-Christmas Fair next Thursday from 3-5pm. There will be games and activities plus festive refreshments. On arrival at school, you can collect your child/children and take them to the fair. Pupils in After-School Club may bring money with them and the staff will take them to the hall.

Snacks

We still have pupils trying to eat a range of snacks at break times! The only snack permitted is fruit. From next week, pupils will be asked to put away any food items that they have taken from their packed lunch or that are not items of fruit.

Holiday Club

Please complete the survey regarding a potential holiday club. It is for information gathering purposes so is useful even if you may only require holiday club now and again.



Oak Class Good News

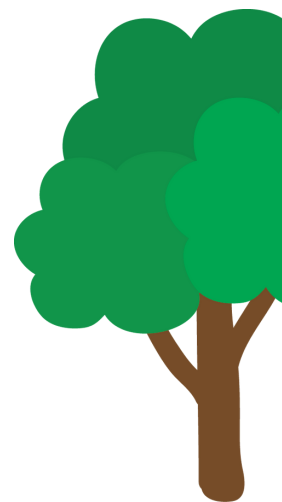
A pupil from Oak Class was chosen to share their good news as part of Mrs Simpson's RE lesson.

Ryan's GOOD NEWS was "we got to watch the first England match in school on Monday afternoon."

Christmas Events

We have quite a lot of different events on in the last few weeks of term. Teachers will post additional information on their Class Dojo page. All dates are listed on the newsletter each week.

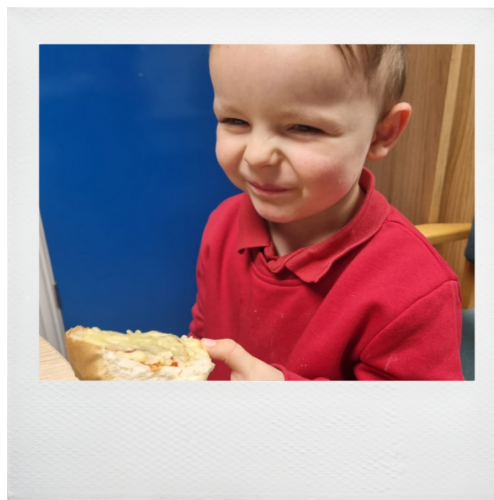
One of our very talented Year 3 pupils won the Chamber of Trade Trophy last weekend at the Fleetwood Music and Arts Festival. She won it because she gained the most points out of all the competitors who are Fleetwood residents. She won her points in Poetry and Prose, a solo acting piece and she also performed a comedy duologue with her best friend.





Here are the fun packed activities planned for next week in the Woodland Den

Date	Activity	Snack
28/11/22	Christmas Activities	Nibbles
29/11/22	St Andrews Country Dancing	Toast and Jam
30/11/22	Colouring and Wordsearches	Crackers
01/12/22	Board Games (Christmas Fair 3pm-5pm)	Selection of nibbles
08/11/22	Making rice crispie cakes	Crispy Cakes



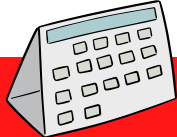
This week in the Woodland Den we've played finger football, made and eaten yummy pizza, had a football themed Kahoot quiz and designed our own football kits! Who'd have thought it was the start of the men's FIFA world cup ? ⚽

After School Club is available to book through ParentPay; there are 2 session choices - half session until 4:30pm or full session until 5:30pm. If you require a later pick up time, please speak with Mrs Adams in the office.

Breakfast Club is available to book through ParentPay too. There are 2 session choices - 7:30am drop off, or 8am drop off. Please ensure pupils are **not** dropped off at school **before 7:30am** .

Details of costs can be found on ParentPay, or call school on 01253 810324.





Lunches

Please complete
the lunch form for
ALL pupils in
school

<https://forms.office.com/r/exTQMJtNLL>

Thursday 1/12/22 - School Christmas Fair

Saturday 3/12/22 - Choir singing at Knott End Christmas Lights Switch On (4pm)

Sunday 4/12/22 - Toy Service 10:30am St Oswald's

Monday 12/12/22 - Years 1 - 3 Christmas performance in school; 2pm and 6:30pm (Year 4 will support the singing)

Tuesday 13/12/22 - Pre school and Ash class Christmas performance in school; 10am

Wednesday 14/12/22 - Christingle Service at St Oswald's Church - KS2 pupils 6:30pm

Wednesday 14/12/22 - School Christmas Lunch (details to follow), Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 15/12/22 - Lancaster on Ice trip (Year 5/6)

Friday 16/12/22 - School close for Christmas (1:30pm)

Saturday 17/12/22 - Choir singing at Knott End Library (am)

Tuesday 3/1/23 - INSET

Wednesday 4/1/23 - School opens for all pupils



Meet at the park at 8:25am to
leave at 8:30am



**FITNESS
FRIDAY**

WALK TO SCHOOL
WITH US ON A FRIDAY
TOO!

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

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