

Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term 2

Mon 29th Nov	Nasal Flu Spray
Tues 30th Nov	4 x Y6 Pupils Attend Maths Event @ Northfield
Wed 1st Dec	Y5 STEAM Day with SPARKS
Tues 7th Dec	Little Sycamores—Music Workshop
Wed 8th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 10th Dec	Y5 & Y6 Christingle Church Service (for pupils only)
Mon 13th Dec	Little Sycamores, Nursery & Reception Christmas Parties
Tues 14th Dec	Y2F & Y2/3O Christmas Parties
	Y1 Health Screening
Wed 15th Dec	Little Willows & Y1L Christmas Parties
Thur 16th Dec	Reception Theatre Visit—The Tin Foil Astronaut
	Y3R, Y4L & Y4SW Christmas Parties
Fri 17th Dec	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties
	<i>Break up for Christmas Holidays</i>



Monday, 20th December 2021 - Monday, 3rd January 2022 Christmas Holidays

Tues 4th Jan PD Day 4 for Staff Training
(school closed for pupils)

Wed 5th Jan Spring Term Commences—Pupils Return to School

Outdoor Learning is a key feature of our outstanding curriculum. Our Forest Area started off as a blank canvas and is now a wonderful forest. Part of the **forest schools programme** equips children with the skills to use tools safely, for example, to prepare wood for kindling.

Miss Leonard ordered a barn to maximise the opportunities for children to use tools whilst being more sheltered by the elements.

As we all witnessed last weekend, the weather can be so unpredictable.

Fortunately the newly constructed barn stood strong.



Last week we celebrated **World Children's Day**, the anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. **It's a Global Day of Action for children, by children.**

We provided a platform at Oakdene for children to raise their voices on the issues they care about. As we cope with the impacts of the pandemic, it's more important than ever that the voices and the demands of children and young people are heard.

Classes researched, how children on the other side of the world were celebrating. Some classes held debates about topics important to them such as Global warning, Covid 19, healthy eating, animal rights and the importance of having a voice. Other children chose what activities they wanted to play at playtime and during Golden Time. Finally, some classes designed a world they wanted to live in after Covid 19.

An integral part of World Children's Day is children and young people learning about their rights and raising their voices on issues that affect them.



<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 26th November 2021</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</p> <p>Nursery - Tommy Wilks & Hunter Lake</p> <p>Reception - Riley Titlestad</p> <p>Little Willows - Eliza Copland</p> <p>Y1L - Edward Gardiner</p> <p>Y2F - Daisy Murray-Walker</p> <p>Y2/30 - Esmee-Olivya Donnelly</p> <p>Y3R - Isabelle Owens</p> <p>Y4L - Harleigh Ramsey</p> <p>Y4SW - Eleanor Lewis</p> <p>Y5BE - Jessica Noon</p> <p>Y6G - Sam Carling</p> <p>Y6S - Lewis Gatenby</p>	<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 26th November 2021</p> <p>Each week we award children in each class for REMARKABLE READING.</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:</p> <p>Nursery - Noah Selvon & Amani Mohammad</p> <p>Reception - Oakley Purvis</p> <p>Little Willows - Eliza Copland</p> <p>Y1L - Lily Mullin</p> <p>Y2F - Archie Hall</p> <p>Y2/30 - Holly Hill</p> <p>Y3R - Joey Marshall</p> <p>Y4L - Monica Dobson</p> <p>Y4SW - Olly Harris</p> <p>Y5BE - George McNay</p> <p>Y6G - Oliver Williams</p> <p>Y6S - Lexi Singleton</p>
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Y2F & Y2/30 enjoyed their first school visit in this academic year to Preston Hall Museum. They explored a range of artefacts in the Homes Workshop as well as in and around the Museum which they couldn't believe once was a home to the Ropner Family. The highlight of the day was the cobbled Victorian Street and talking to the volunteers working in the shops. The children looked at careers from the past. They were especially pleased when each group were given a big bag of traditional sweets to bring back to school.



A Wedding at St Luke's Church.
All our Reception children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their wedding celebrations this week. Reverend Richard conducted the service for Ivy and Max our bride and groom. Everybody looked amazing and there were bridesmaids, ushers, a best man and a full range of family members and guests. We made our vows, sang hymns, heard a reading, signed the certificate and explored what it means to celebrate in Church. The children created wedding cards and shared the wedding cake on return to school.



Autumn Term Reading Challenge

Thank you for sending in your amazing photographs to show that you have completed some of the challenges. Some children have achieved all the challenges already—well done! The closing date to submit your challenges is **Monday, 13th December 2021**. If you complete the board you will be awarded a raffle ticket which will go into a prize draw.

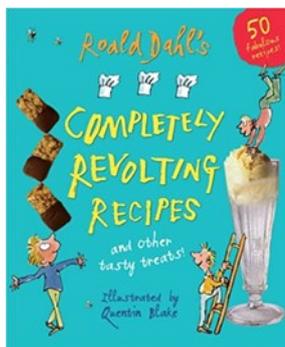
The winning prize will be an iPad.

A wonderful early Christmas gift.



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Mrs Guest



A wonderful collection of revolting recipes to try at home based around Roald Dahl's fantastic stories. Such as Wormy Spaghetti, Glumptious Globgobblers, Hansel and Gretel Spare Ribs and Frobscottle!

Keep cooking!



In school we have been thinking about good habits for living and setting daily challenges to help us live well together. This week, we have focussed on challenges linked to sharing, for example, sharing a book with a family member.

Teachers in Early Years and KS1 have launched the 'Twelve Days of Christmas Reading Challenge'. For each school day starting from Thursday, 2nd December to Friday, 17 December, class teachers in KS1 will set a challenge via Marvellous Me which will be linked to the 12 Days of Christmas.