

NEWSLETTER 1st December 2023

Habit:
Curriculum Theme:

Joyful
Citizenship



To all our families that celebrate!

For those who don't know: Hanukkah always starts on the 25th day of Kislev, also the ninth month on the Hebrew calendar.

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

I cannot believe that we are now into December - I do not know where this year has gone. It been lovely to see the Christmas decorations start to go up on my journey home. My little one is very excited every time we pass a house with Christmas lights.

I am looking forward to attending the St Luke's Christmas Fair this Saturday. I hope to see a few familiar faces there.

We've had many sporting events this week including girls' football, athletics and girls' netball. The girl's netball team particularly stood out for their strong defensive skills.

It has been lovely to see some of year 5 and 6 children carry out their bikeability assessments this week. We are hoping to run further sessions later on in the year.

Unfortunately, there has been reports of motorcyclists riding unsafely around Ashburton Park. Please be vigilant when coming to and from school to ensure that you are kept as safe as possible. If you see any anti-social behaviour, please report to the police.

Please look out at key dates below, it is always a very busy half term with many events happening. If you would like to volunteer to walk with your child's class carol concert at St Luke's on the 15th December then please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Have a restful weekend,
Ms Evry

Our Houses

Please see below our four house teams. They are all named after birds as a symbol of the school community helping them to fly. With each house they have a house colour. Next to each house is the classes linked to that house. The class will travel through the school as the same house. Throughout the year there will be colour days so please do look out for these.

Kookaburra House (Yellow)	Beech, Elm, Pear, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hazel, Chestnut
Skylark House (Blue)	Cypress, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Oak, Pine, Damson, Ash, Alder
Firecrest House (Red)	Rowan, Apple, Birch, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Acer, Apricot, Cedar, Maple
Hummingbird House (Green)	Laurel, Mulberry, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hawthorn, Redwood, Holly, Lilac

Weekly Updates

Office News

To report your child's absence/lateness or if you have a general enquiry, please email primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org. We find that this is a quicker and more efficient way to get through to us especially during our busy periods.

Do you have a family member or loved one in prison?
Do you need confidential support?

We have staff members with lead responsibility who may be able to help you: Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Clarke at our Lower school or Ms Eves at the middle school.



Monday-Friday: 9am-8pm

Weekends: 10am-3pm

Email the team on info@prisonersfamilies.org

Or fill in a contact form and request a call back at prisonersfamilies.org.



We have a student called Emma who is having her hair cut for the Little Princesses Trust charity. It is a charity that makes wigs for anyone that is receiving chemotherapy treatment.

Please click on the link below to make a donation and to read more information:

[Tina Petrillo is fundraising for Little Princess Trust \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/TinaPetrillo)

Well done, Emma

Attendance News



Please note that we have begun to send a Shout Out weekly to all children who have 100% attendance. All these children are entered into the prize draw and a winner is selected for each year group. You can check your child's attendance daily on MCAS. This will show you the percentage of attendance that your child as managed each week. This will also show you the mark that goes onto the register when we have not been notified of a reason for absence.

We encourage parents to limit absences throughout term time and to plan ahead to make medical appointments outside school hours.

Please see below a full range of our rewards for good attendance.

Thank you for your continued support helping us to raise attendance at OASP!

Let's all be Attendance Champions.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Each week we have a prize draw for children who have had 100% attendance for the week.

This week's winners are Olivia – Sycamore Class, Kiana - Cherry Class, Yasmin – Apricot Class, Sameeha – Ash Class, Benjamin – Chestnut Class, Mustafa – Laurel Class, Sanjay - Alder Class and Vanessa – Beech Class.

The next week's winner could be you!



OUR ATTENDANCE REWARDS

Weekly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voucher Draw Attendance Shout Out. Attendance Cup Class Winners Class Superhero for 100% attendance
Half Termly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxygen Family Ticket Family Cinema Ticket Family Bowling Ticket Shopping Vouchers for Primark, Game, Love to Shop
Termly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance Certificates Attendance Wrist Bands for improved attenders Class Mufti for class with best attendance. Scooter Prize Draw for each year group
Year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance Badges Prize Draw for Family Day Out Special Lunch Prize Draw for children with 100% since joining the school. (Year 6 children)





We are asking for all parents to check their eligibility for Free School Meal entitlement. We would like to let you know that if you are eligible, you could receive a free breakfast club space and some of our trips are also discounted to you. Paste the link into your browser and check, it only takes 2 minutes.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>

On Thursday and Friday last week we held our first book party where each child selected a bundle of two books to **keep**. There was a real buzz of excitement around the school. One comment that stuck with me this week was "*I feel loved!*" and it reminds me that you can never underestimate the power of a book. I really am looking forward to hosting two more events this year through the help of The Children's Book Project. Please do check their website to see the amazing work they do: <https://childrensbookproject.co.uk/>

Disguise the Gingerbread Competition: Please check the message on ClassDojo for our library competition with amazing prizes up for grabs. The deadline for this is 15th December.

Best Wishes

Mrs Gray

Spring 2024 Encounter: We are delighted to announce our new Spring 2024 Encounter Referral form is now live 😊 This term we also have a course especially 'for children who struggle with attendance',

Encounter outline:

- The Encounter courses are run using Zoom – weekly calls of 1hr 45 minutes duration.
- Run for 10 weeks, starting week Commencing **15th January 2024**.
- Self-referral (via QR code or link)
- The NVR approach and teaching builds week-on-week, so consistency is key and achieves the best outcome.

Attached is all the information you need:

1. **Encounter leaflet** – 2 pages of course overview, dates and times, plus QR code & link.
2. **QR Code** to access the referral form on MS Forms
3. **Parent Encounter Guide** – a 7-page guide which outlines the NVR approach.

Festive Activities

1. St Luke's Christmas Fair

Saturday 2 December, 10am to 3pm - in our Hall on Spring Lane.

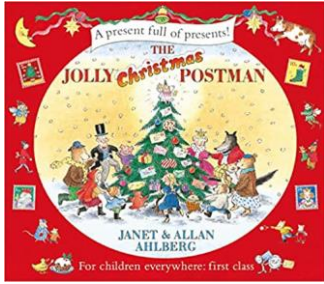
Over 20 stalls, donkey visit, fire engine visit, Christmas wreath making, and grand raffle.

We have some excellent raffle prizes, including an authenticated signed Arsenal football, 4 tickets to Westminster Abbey (worth £120), £100 cash, a pair of Apple EarPods, cinema tickets and vouchers for local businesses. **Fundraising for the South Norwood Community Kitchen.**

2. St Luke's Nativity Play

As part of our 10am service we will be having a Nativity Play on Sunday 17 December 2023 at St Luke's. Please fill this in if your children would like to take part!

<https://forms.gle/PiCVVbUMZyWXG5nv7>



Nursery News

Next week we begin our festive countdown to Christmas the children will have the opportunity to make decorations and begin to write their own letters. We will be reading the story The Jolly Christmas Postman.

We will be counting all things festive baubles, bells, hats and scarfs! We will continue to develop our speech and language by singing lots of different songs and Nursery rhymes.

Any other messages: For our creative area we would love to have some of your recycled items, such as; plastic bottle tops, buttons, foil-coloured sweet wrappers, foil cake cases, ribbon, used wrapping paper, or anything that you feel the children would enjoy creating with. Thank you in advance.

Christmas Singalong: Save the date! On Thursday 14th Dec, we invite you to come into the nursery to listen to our festive songs.

On this day, we will have 2 sing-along sessions; the morning session starts at 11.00 am and the afternoon session is going to start at 2. 30pm. We will open the nursery gate five minutes before the session starts. Please arrive on time for songs and fun!

Key dates:

Thu 14th Dec: Nursery Christmas Singalong

Fri 15th Dec: Deadline for Autumn Term Homework Passports

Wed 20th Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day

Wed 20th Dec: School Closes for Festive Break

Thu 4th Jan: School Reopens to Students

If you need to contact the Nursery, please message us via email the address below: spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org

Reception News

Next week as the children begin practice for their Nativity, we will introduce them to the Christmas story. We will continue to sing our nativity songs to help us retell and act out the story! In numeracy we will be exploring number bonds to 10. We will explore the different ways we can make 10 using our 'part, part, whole' model. As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child has labelled winter wear. We would also greatly appreciate any donations of spare trousers and underwear.

P.E sessions will start after Christmas. Please find your child's P.E day below. Children can come to school already dressed in their P.E kit on their P.E day.

Apple Class: Monday

Cherry Class: Tuesday

Pear Class: Wednesday

Key Dates:

Thurs 14th Dec: Reception Nativity 9am

Fri 15th Dec: Deadline for Autumn Term Homework Passports

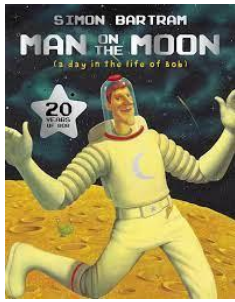
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Year 1

The children have had a lovely week in Year 1. They continued to sew their badges in DT, and in science, the children took part in an exciting investigation to discover which animals are carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

Next week, in our English lessons, we will be planning and writing a non-chronological report about fictional aliens. In maths, we will be revisiting some old topics such as number bonds and fact families for revision, and in science, we will be learning how to take care of pets. For our history lesson, we will be making a timeline of all the famous people we have learnt about this half term, and in RE, we will be learning about the Ten Commandments that are important to Christians.

Year 1 PE Days

Apricot Class: Monday and Wednesday

Damson Class: Tuesday and Friday

Mulberry Class: Thursday and Friday.

Please could the children come to school in their P.E kits on those days.

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Year 2

Once again, we have had another good week watching our pupils celebrating their fantastic achievements together. In English next week pupils will be writing effective sentences for a journey narrative. In maths pupils will be recognising the differences between 2 and 3D shapes. In geography pupils will be recapping on the amazing facts and physical features of India. In science pupils will be discussing what we need to do to save our planet and why. In poetry pupils will continue to recite the poem The North wind doth blow, and we shall have snow. This week in computer science pupils will be exploring the capabilities of a spreadsheet in adding up coins to match the prices of objects. During our PE sessions pupils will be collaborating with a partner and practicing hitting a ball through the air with a tennis racket.

Weather: As we are approaching more wet and windy weather conditions, please ensure that all children are coming into school with a labelled coat.

Lunches: We are a nut free school; therefore, we ask that anything that may contain nuts is not included in packed lunches please.

PE: Ash/Holly Tuesday and Thursday

Elm/Cedar Monday and Wednesday

Key Dates:

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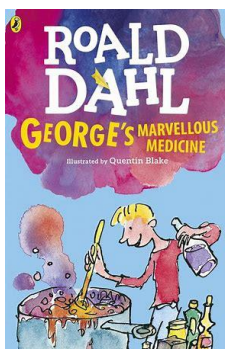
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Year 3

We've had a lovely week in Year 3! The children enjoyed learning about the mummification process and were excited to have a go at it themselves when we attempted to mummify an apple! We look forward



to seeing the results over the coming weeks! They also had lots of fun learning about different types of homes from around the world in our Geography lesson and were very creative when designing their own dream home.

Next week, in our writing sessions, we will be continuing our work on writing instructions, and in maths, we will be revising our knowledge of the 4- and 8-times tables. In our DT lessons, we will be continuing with our cushion designs. All the children have found this very exciting as they have been learning how to sew.

Reminder: We have our Freshwater Workshop next Friday. The contribution payment date has been extended to Wednesday 6th December to give you all a little extra time. The children are very excited and are looking forward to the performance.

PE days: Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct P.E. uniform in line with our school's policy on their P.E. days.

Chestnut: Monday & Wednesday

Hawthorn: Tuesday & Thursday

Pine: Monday & Thursday

Birch: Tuesday & Wednesday

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Key dates:

Fri 8th Dec: Freshwater Theatre Workshop

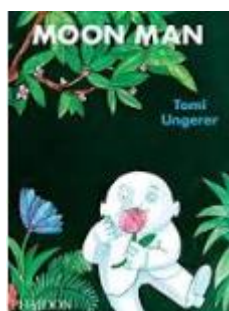
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Have a lovely weekend!



Year 4

This week was a lovely week. The children worked very hard.

Next week in English, the children will be writing their own version of the story 'Moon Man' by Tom Ungerer, using the same sentence features and phrases they learnt this week.

In Maths, we will be revising everything we have done this term, this includes place values, addition and subtraction, area, multiplication, and division.

Previous messages from last week include, in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication tests in May, please encourage your child to learn their times table daily.

We have given the children a login for [Times tables games - Learn them all here!](#) Please encourage them to use this site to learn their times table.

In June of 2024, year 4 will be undertaking their multiplication check test. The children have all been busy preparing for this already and have made great progress. A parent guide has been released online which gives more information and helpful tips on this. If you wish to visit this site, [please click here](#). It has also been attached in this email. If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher who will be able to help you.

PE

Please ensure that the children come into school with the correct kit. PE kit is: *Black shorts or joggers; Plain white t-shirt; Purple school jumper; Plain white t-shirt; trainers*

PE Days:

Laurel Class-Monday and Tuesday

Cypress Class- Wednesday and Thursday
Rowan Class-Tuesday and Thursday
Hazel Class-Monday and Wednesday
We hope you have a restful weekend.

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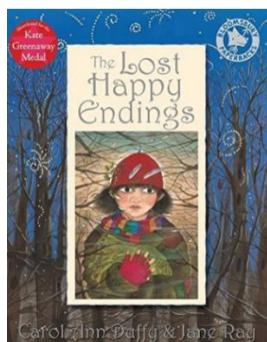
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Year 5

Year 5 We've had an extremely productive week in Year 5. We have continued working with the book called 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy in writing, today (Friday) we started working on how to write a balanced argument based on the characters in the book. In Maths we are still working with fractions, comparing, converting and ordering fractions and mixed numbers. In Science we are still learning about the solar system and looking closely at the planets. In DT we are making a book mark using appliqué.

On 15th December we have our Carol Concert at St Luke's. If you are able to walk with your child's class to and from the church, please let us know.

The PE lessons for each class are as follows: Alder class - Mondays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor) Lilac class – Tuesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor) Maple class - Wednesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

The PE lessons for each class are as follows:

Alder class - Mondays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor)

Lilac class – Tuesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor)

Maple class - Wednesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

REMINDERS:

PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black joggers or shorts and school sweatshirt.
iPad's need to be 100% charged and ready for learning every day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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Fri 15th Dec: Carol Concert St. Lukes 1.30-2.30pm

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Year 6

Year 6 have had another busy week of hard work and once again we are very proud of their effort and determination.

This week, we have been looking at persuasive letters and literary devices that help us to be as persuasive as can be. Next week, we will be using this work to write our own persuasive letters to Rishi Sunak calling for the government to do more to help the current refugee crisis. In maths, we are moving on to learn about measurements and how to convert between measurements.

In Spanish, we have been working on lots of vocabulary about holidays and we will be creating our own postcards detailing an imaginary holiday. In history, we are continuing to learn about the industrial revolution and what life was like for children of that time. Also, in DT, we will be working on our appliqué bookmarks and practising our sewing techniques.

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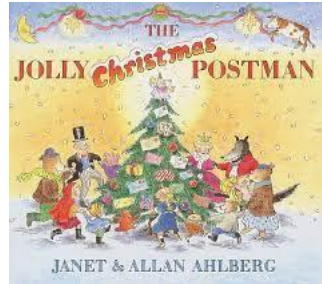
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The Orchard

This week, we read the story of **Jack and the Beanstalk**. During the literacy lessons, we talked about it: retelling the story, answering questions, describing the characters, and making predictions. In maths, we are still focusing on addition and subtraction using different methods (dienes, counters, column method, number line) and also revising 2D and 3D shapes. During the PSHE lesson, we learned about tolerance and respect and in science we discussed how to save water.

Next week's book will be **The Jolly Christmas Postman** by J. and A. Ahlberg.



PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Thursday

Key Dates:

Wed 6th Dec: Coffee Morning in the Orchard

Thu 14th Dec: ~~Sycamore Drama Performance 11:15 (Sycamore Parents Only)~~ Please note that this date will be re-scheduled due to a clash with another Orchard activity involving some of the Sycamore children. Please await an update from the team.

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