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This week we have been thinking about the cards that many people send at this time of year (around 900 million I'm told!), and the joy that we can spread by thinking of others. Sending someone a card, at any time of year, is a very simple way of showing them that you are thinking of them and I think all of us know how wonderful it is to receive a card with a personal and heart-felt message inside it. We talked about how a hand-drawn card can be even more special, as it shows the recipient you have taken care and given your own precious time to create something for them. The children were very enthusiastic about making cards for residents of local care homes, to be delivered at the end of term. I have no doubt whatsoever that they will bring joy to those who receive them.

"What do you want to be
when you grow up?"



"Kind" said the boy

Stars of the Week

This week, we were pleased to celebrate the following children, who have impressed us with their attitudes towards their learning and their peers.

Reception: **Leonora** - for joyous singing and super effort to learn and perform all the actions for our Nativity.

Yr 1&2: **Amelie** - for remembering her words and performing them beautifully and with such confidence in our Nativity.

Yr 3 & 4: **Cici** - for her kindness, good manners and super effort, always trying her very hardest.

Yr 5 & 6: **Lara** - for working with such dedication and putting in a great deal of effort.

Christmas Feast & OCC School Christmas Lunch

Our much-loved feast, cooked & served by parents, is on Weds 17th December.

Our OCC School Christmas Lunch is on Thurs 18th December. **If you haven't booked this lunch on ParentPay meal bookings, your child will need a packed lunch as usual.**



Values Champion

This week's Values Champion is **Max EF** in Reception. Max is always surrounded by other children when I pop into the classroom and that's because he is kind and friendly, always keen to include other children in whatever he is doing. Mrs Platt told Max, "You are so reliable and work hard to uphold our class rules: be kind, be safe, be tidy and be respectful. You show that you understand how important it is to be respectful, every day, in the way that you listen carefully when others speak, without interrupting. You are a true champion Max—thank you!" The children thought Max should know: "Max always shares his games and things"... "He's always kind to his friends on the playground and has great ideas"... "Max is really respectful of other children"... "When I play with him, it's really fun"... "Max is always helping his friends to have fun and when one of his friends falls over he will check on them"... "He always makes me feel better when I am sad—he cheers me up with a joke"... "Max makes up lots of new games—and they're always fun"... "He's a great buddy to have"... "Max takes everything in his stride and he's always enthusiastic—he makes me smile." Well done Max—although you're one of our youngest children you have been recognized by children throughout the school for being exceptionally kind, and lots of fun too. You should feel very proud of yourself. Keep up the great work!

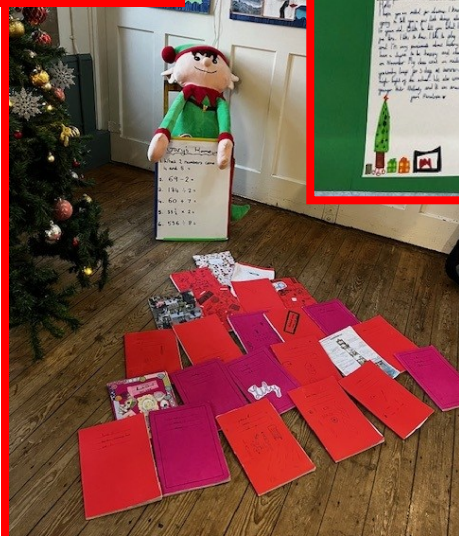
Coming Up This Week—no clubs except Recorder

Mon 8th	Recorder Club as usual
Wed 17th	Christmas Feast—cooked by parents— children come to school in Christmassy clothes
Thurs 18th	OCC School Meals Christmas Lunch
Thurs 18th	House Talent Show— children come to school in house colours
Thurs 18th	After school house bake sale—£1 for charity
Fri 19th	8:45am—Christmas Service at St Michael's Church
Fri 19th	Midday—end of term!

Dates Coming Up New Dates Added in Red

Weds 17th Dec	Christmas Feast—cooked by parents and booked on ParentPay. Children to come to school in Christmassy clothes
Thurs 18th Dec	OCC School Christmas Lunch—
Thurs 18th Dec	House Talent Show and After School Bake Sale (£1)
Fri 19th Dec, 8:45am	Children to come to school in house colours
Fri 19th Dec, midday	End of Term Christmas Service, plus Coffee Morning
Mon 5th Jan	End of Term
Tues 6th Jan, 8:30am	INSET DAY—school closed for children
Fri 9th Jan	Spring Term begins—welcome to Mrs Jenkins!
Tues 13th Jan, am	Swimming starts for Years 5&6
Thurs 15th Jan, am	Panto for Reception and KS1
15th January 2026	Panto for KS2 children
	Closing Date for applications for Reception 2026

As for that pesky elf - he's been up to his usual mischief!



Years 5&6—Spreading Kindness

The Year 5&6 children took such a lot of care with their cards for the elderly in local care homes, as you can see from the poignant messages in these cards below. We will be very pleased to deliver these at the end of the week, and I am sure they will bring smiles-a-plenty.



Years 3&4—what a lot's been going on!

It was so wonderful to be welcomed back by everyone this week and fantastic to be with the class again. It was hard to believe how much some of them had grown in the four weeks that I was absent. I had a little surprise for them... our English and maths end of term assessments! The children coped very well and were focussed and eager to perform well. We loved watching the Nativity and also making cards for the elderly in local care homes. We had lots of fun in our last gymnastics session at the Tew Centre and it was great for me to see how much the children have come on in their djembe drumming skills with Mr Stone.



Applications for Reception—September 2026

Applications for Reception places for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 and due to start school in September 2026 are now open. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2026. Families are encouraged to apply online via the following link:

[Reception applications | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Christmas Fair

Last Saturday's Christmas Fair, always one of the highlights of the year for me, was a wonderful event, full of fun for all ages. A huge thank you to everyone involved for putting in so much effort to make it the success it was—we are delighted to have raised over £3,000, which will go towards otherwise unaffordable resources for the children and classrooms, such as new tables and chairs—watch this space!



A Miracle in Great Tew!

The children's performances of *A Miracle in Town* on Thursday were just magical. The children had us all captivated with their singing, their acting, their speaking, their dancing, their enthusiasm and their beaming, proud smiles. For me a highlight was reflecting on the children's confidence, and the way they worked together to create a real feast for the senses. Well done to every single one of them—I know they made us all feel very proud. And a huge thank you to the staff who worked so hard to this all together; rehearsals can be tricky for young children but the staff made sure it was fun for the children, as was clearly written all over their faces. What a wonderful memory the children have given us all! It's one I will certainly treasure!





High Flyers Breakfast & After School Club

We have had a wonderful week celebrating all things Christmas! The children have enjoyed making beautiful Christmas cards and decorations, as well as creating some fantastic arts and crafts.

Our exciting Christmas Jumper Competition brought out some brilliant designs—

1st place: **Liv**

2nd place: **Rafe**

3rd place: **Austin**

All the designs were fabulous—well done to everyone who took part!

We also enjoyed plenty of outdoor fun throughout the week.

Our High Flyer of the Week certificate goes to **Olive** for showing kindness, beautiful manners, and great patience. Well done, Olive!

We're looking forward to lots more festive fun next week, including our Christmas party on Thursday, with exciting activities, party games, and of course, a delicious party tea. We hope to see the children there!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

The High Flyers Team



You can book through our website, <https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

Vouchers - for those working over 16 hours, you can take advantage of the 'Government's Choices Scheme', to save 20% on childcare. Also, when booking through our system you can pay by bank payment, so there is no booking fee.

We also offer 10% off for siblings attending the club!