



# Newsletter

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Yesterday our Nursery children took part in their Christmas Production and today the children took part in our Christingle Service where we were joined by Father Justin from St James' Church. Father Christmas and his Elves also visited Oakwood to see the children.

Last week was an incredibly busy week too. Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in their Christmas performances. They were fantastic and I would like to thank all parents/carers who attended.

I would also like to thank everybody who kindly put money in our donation trays at the end of each performance last week. In total we raised £221.13 which will be split equally between the Salvation Army and St James' Church. Today our Ambassadors visited the Salvation Army to gift the 13 new games and 5 new dolls purchased for vulnerable children. We also presented a cheque to Father Justin of St James' Church to support their soup kitchen.

Our Christmas Jumper day raised £81.06 for Save the Children. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

## Scarlet Fever & Strep A

When we return after Christmas, due to having some children in school with vulnerable medical conditions, we would ask that you inform us immediately if your child receives a diagnosis of Scarlet Fever or Strep A. Thank you for your understanding.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming the children back on January 9th.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan  
Head Teacher



## KEY DATES

January	
5th & 6th	Non Pupil Days
9th	Back to School
Menu	W/C January 9th Week 2

## Attendance

Year	Last Week 05.12.2022	This Week 12.12.2022
Reception	90.8%	83.7%
Year 1	94.2%	86.6%
Year 2	92.9%	85.8%

Please be advised we will ask you for medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.

**The Year 2 Ambassadors delivered the gifts of games and dolls to the Salvation Army for vulnerable children.**



Reception & Year 3  
Admissions for Academic Year  
Starting in September 2023

If you need to apply for a Reception/Year 3 place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. You can complete your application from **7th November 2022**. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**. Applications can be made online via

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)



### Lost Property

If your child has lost items in school, please remember to look in our lost property area. There is a plastic bin in the school reception area which houses all lost property items.

### Christmas Crafts

The children have been very busy making Christmas crafts over the last couple of weeks. Thank you to everybody who purchased their child's crafts.

### Christmas Bazaar—Funds Raised

Our Christmas Bazaar raised an amazing £1401.92. All money raised will be directed back into the school to provide the children with additional learning resources and playground equipment. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.



### Poppy Appeal—Funds Raised

The appeal for the Royal British Legion raised £192.36. Thank you for your support.



### School Kitchen

The menus will remain the same as we enter January 2023. When we return in January we will be on week 2.

The lunchtime colouring competition winners were picked by Father Christmas today. Details of all winners will be announced when we return in January.

Mrs Fairhead and her team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

### Thank You

I would like to thank Pickering Electronics for their kind donation of £5000 to be spent directly on the children. To date we have purchased a Christmas book for every child and further updates on how the money will be spent will follow shortly. We very much appreciate Pickering's generosity and wish everybody in the company a very Merry Christmas.



### St James Church Soup Kitchen

Today the Ambassadors presented a cheque to Fr. Justin from St James' Church for the very worthy cause of their soup kitchen for the homeless people of Clacton.



### JANUARY RETURN






**5th & 6th January—Non Pupil Days**  
**9th January—Back to School**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### Environmental Bulletin



#### THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS

-  Unplug your phone from the charger (and the charger from the wall) when your phone is fully charged.
-  Turn lights off when you leave the room. This is one that parents (who tend to pay the energy bills) forever tell their children.
-  If you use a tumble dryer, clean the lint filter after every couple of uses. This will help it run more efficiently, helping to save electricity.