Oughton Primary & Nursery School
December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all of our families celebrating. This term has flown by!

Staff News

We sadly said goodbye to Miss Fletcher this term. As many of you are aware, she has been absent from school for a long while now with ill health. We wish a swift recovery and wish her the very best for the future.
We have welcomed two new cleaners this term - Mr Harvey and Mr Norman, both ex-pupils of Oughton, which is lovely.

Christmas Tree Festival and Winter Wonderland
Thank you to all of the staff and Year 6 children who organised, helped and supported the running of this event. Thank you to Mrs Woollon for making the games and Year 6 who ran them - they were a great success.
The winner of the Christmas Tree Festival was Year 1 with their white tree. In Second place was the Year 2 red tree and in third place was Reception with their silver tree.

White - Year 1

Red - Year 2

Silver - Reception

Well done to James Year 1 who guessed the number of sweets in the jar - there were 121 sweets in the jar and he guessed 120!
Well done to Arsha Year 4 who caught the reindeer with a grand score of 50!
Well done to Arlo Year 1 who landed on the Lucky Lapland square!

This week we have had many different events: Year 1 and 2 performed their Christmas production on Tuesday and Key Stage 2 are holding their Christmas Carol Concert today.
Yesterday we had our Christmas dinner and we linked this with Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for all your donations for the Save the Children charity. Our Choir visited the Cheshire Home to sing to the residents on Tuesday.

Online Safety
Please ensure that you are keeping a close eye on all children using devices at home, especially over the holiday period. We all know the negative impact of gaming for a long time. Please monitor your child's use on the internet. Remember the age recommended for WhatsApp is 13+. If there are issues with children using WhatsApp by being part of a group chat, please remove them. We do not want these issues to continue at school. Please follow all age guidelines on games, apps and social media. We need to keep all children safe online.

Thank You
Thank you to one of our families from Emergency Event Medics and MVS Recovery who have kindly given all the children edible Christmas treats.

I wish you all a relaxing Christmas holiday and hope that you get to spend time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Lisa Clayton
Headteacher

Dates will be published on our school website: www.oughton.herts.sch.uk

Dates

Thurs 18th Dec Year 3 - 6 Carol Concert to Parents/Carers at 2.30pm.
Fri 19th Dec - Occasional Day - no children in school.

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Mon 5th Jan - Staff INSET Day - no children in school.
Tues 6th Jan - All children return to school.

Attendance

Please remember to contact us if your child is not in school, this includes each day of an illness. Please message us via Arbor or phone and leave a message on the answerphone (press 1 on the menu). Anyone with a percentage of below 90% is deemed to be a Persistent Absentee and we will be requesting a meeting in order to help to improve attendance. Please be aware, penalty fines are issued if there are 10 or more unauthorised absences. Holidays will not be authorised. Our Attendance Policy is on our website.

Governor Update

I am delighted to announce that we now have 2 new Parent Governors who will be joining our Governing Body next term. Mrs Lake, parent of a Year 3 child and Mr Ballard, a Parent of a Reception child are our newest members.

Our Governors have been working hard this term. They reviewed and ratified all our school policies at the beginning of the autumn term, have met to discuss all elements of the school and met with staff subject leaders to monitor the curriculum across the school.

I would like to thank them for all that they do for Oughton Primary.