



Orford Church of England Primary School & Nursery

AUTUMN II NEWSLETTER 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear all,

As we come to the end of what has been a busy Autumn term here, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past few months. It's hard to believe that I have only been here as part of the Orford family for 3 months!

It continues to be an absolute pleasure to lead this incredible school and I am frequently amazed by the standard of work brought to me for Headteacher's awards. The learning behaviours and values demonstrated by the children cannot be commended highly enough. They are a credit to you and to the school.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7th January.

With my very best wishes

Mr Head



Values Cup Aware Winners

A reminder that this half-terms Values Cup Winners were:

Mrs Robinson - Generosity, compassion and dedication.

Casper Paine - Curiosity & Bravery

Willow Whitby - Respect, Integrity & Kindness

Whole School News

This past week alone, we have seen Class 1's wonderful Nativity performance and another successful Christmas Service at the church. Not only that, but we have a special thank you to Mrs Price for an amazing and delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday made all the more festive by some superb Christmas jumpers.

Last week also saw our annual Christmas Fair in which OSLOF raised an absolutely incredible **£450!** Not only that but we have now hosted six parent share sessions, book buddies and biscuits

On the 8th of December, George, Isla, Ayden & the amazing Carol did a super job helping out at St Bartholomew's Church fayre and raised an impressive £68 for our wonderful school.



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Lunch Clubs

- Monday - Maths Club
- Wednesday - Board Game Club & Choir
- Thursday - Bible Club & Sports
- Friday - Yoga Club

After School Clubs

Thursday --Xtratime Sports (Please sign up on Arbor £3.50 per session)



Team Points

Autumn II Totals are as follows:

- Green - 627**
- Red - 683**
- Yellow - 440**
- Blue - 520**



School Improvements

After lots of hard work from Mrs Scarce, the school has finally submitted its bid to have the school roof replaced! We will waiting with baited breath to see if we have been successful. Alongside lots of tireless hard work behind the scenes, I am please to announce that the diocese has also volunteered to fund part of the bid.

Many of the eagled-eyed, may also have spotted the shiny new gables which have been installed both at the front and rear of the building.

Alongside the roof, we are also pleased to announce a successful bid with the Parish council to replace the decking outside the teaching kitchen.

Keep your eyes peeled on a number of other school improvement projects over the next few months!





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Message from the Chair of Governors

The autumn term draws to a close as our waiting and watching for Jesus also draws to a close with the dawn of Christmas Day and all the marvellous things that Christmas brings – toys, books, chocolate and much more. Jesus received the gifts of the shepherds and of the wise men. You will be receiving gifts and will say thank you. You too deserve thanks and praise for the hard work and achievements of many weeks.

The governors are proud to wish children and their families, teachers and all staff a Christmas full of joy and peace, looking forward to a happy New Year and an exciting new term.

Janet Bishop
Chair of governors



Term Dates for 2025/2026

Our term dates have now been added to the school website for the academic year 2025/2026.

News from Class 1

It's been a busy half term for all the children in the class and we have been delighted to see that the children continue to be brilliant with their learning behaviour.

Most of our learning this half term has revolved around Christmas and our class performance of 'Shepherd Little'. We were all really impressed at how the children worked hard to learn their lines at home and continued to be enthusiastic during rehearsals. We were all super proud of how well the children joined in during the dress rehearsal and main performance. It was wonderful to see so many parents and relatives in the audience.

In our maths learning this half term we have been focusing on place value, addition and subtraction and shape. All children have worked hard to develop their skills in these areas and have made great progress at their level.

All Class One staff wish you a very happy, healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in January.





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News from Class 2

Class 2 started our half term by visiting Sutton Hoo, concluding our Anglo-Saxons topic. We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit and the children were superb with many aspects of the day: from the questions they asked to their behaviour. In our art, we have been creating some fabulous line and pencil drawings based on the treasures which we saw. We are now learning about Settlement in Geography and have been making historical links, using OS map symbols and google maps to help us to learn about this human geographical concept.

Our class book has been Pugs of the Frozen North - an exciting adventure with a very Christmassy theme which has helped us to develop our comprehension skills relating to vocabulary, inference, prediction, explaining, retrieving and summarising. We will be using this text as a basis for writing in the Spring term.

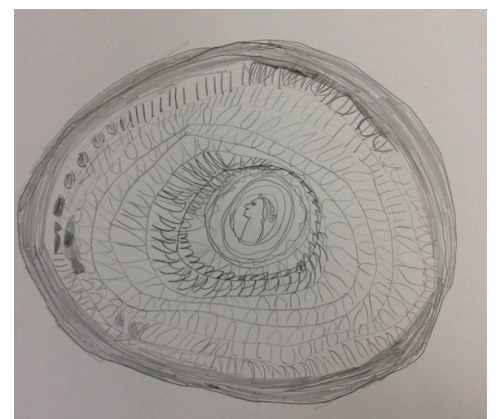
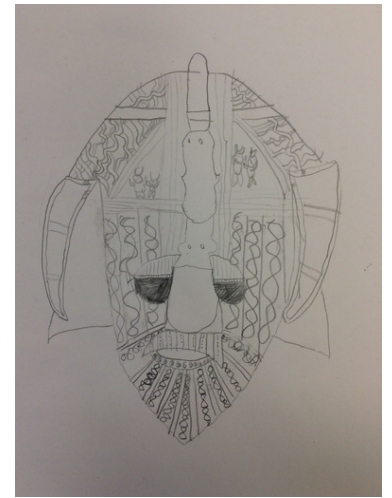
We are now concluding our first multiplication and division unit in Maths and the children have been busy using equipment to help them to solve problems based on this.

In Science, we have had a busy half term in science investigating forces and magnets including experimenting to discover how different surfaces create different levels of friction and the effects these have on moving toy cars and measuring the strength of different magnets by their ability to pick up paperclips.

In French we have finished our 'Getting to know you' topic and have done lots of practicing asking and answering questions about our names, age and how we are feeling.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Class 2 team.

Mrs Reeve and Mrs Nottingham





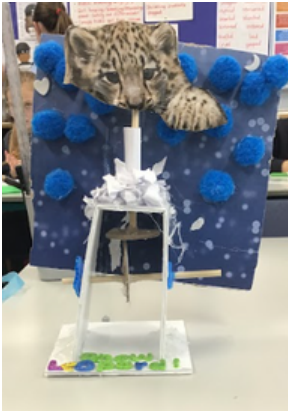
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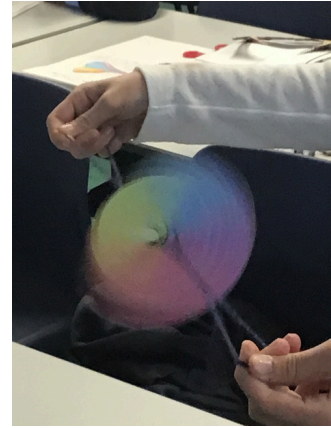
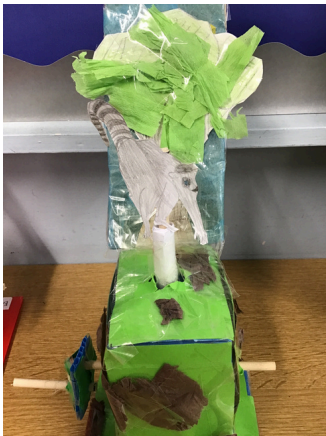
News from Class 3

Class 3 kicked off the term with our wonderful cam toy creations, as part of our design and technology work. In English, we have spent the last half term reading true, extreme survival stories, and have used them as inspiration to write a jungle safety pamphlet, a formal letter and a poem. In geography we have used atlases and maps to identify world biomes and climates, and focused our learning in particular on Russian biomes and climates.



In maths, class 3 have improved their arithmetic procedures for calculating multiplication and division, and studied fractions, in particular: finding equivalent fractions, ordering them, adding and subtracting fractions.

In PE the children have enjoyed forest schools provision and hockey with Xtra Time. In our science learning, we completed practical investigations linking to light, it's reflection, refraction and how shadows are caused.



Other News



OTHER REMINDERS

Dates

- Tuesday 7th January - First Day Back
- Friday 24th January - Class 2 Share Session
- Monday 27th January - Class 3 Share Session.
- Thursday 6th February - Class 1 Share Session
- Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day

Arbor lunches

Please continue to sign up to lunches after Christmas. This helps us enormously here at school and also ensures parents and carers know what their children have eaten during the day.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

MID-DAY SUPERVISOR OPPORTUNITY

We are looking to employ an additional lunchtime supervisor next half term initially on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (11:45-12:45).

Salary £12.26/hour

For more details or to arrange to visit the school for an informal chat, please contact us on 01394 450281 after 6th January 2025.

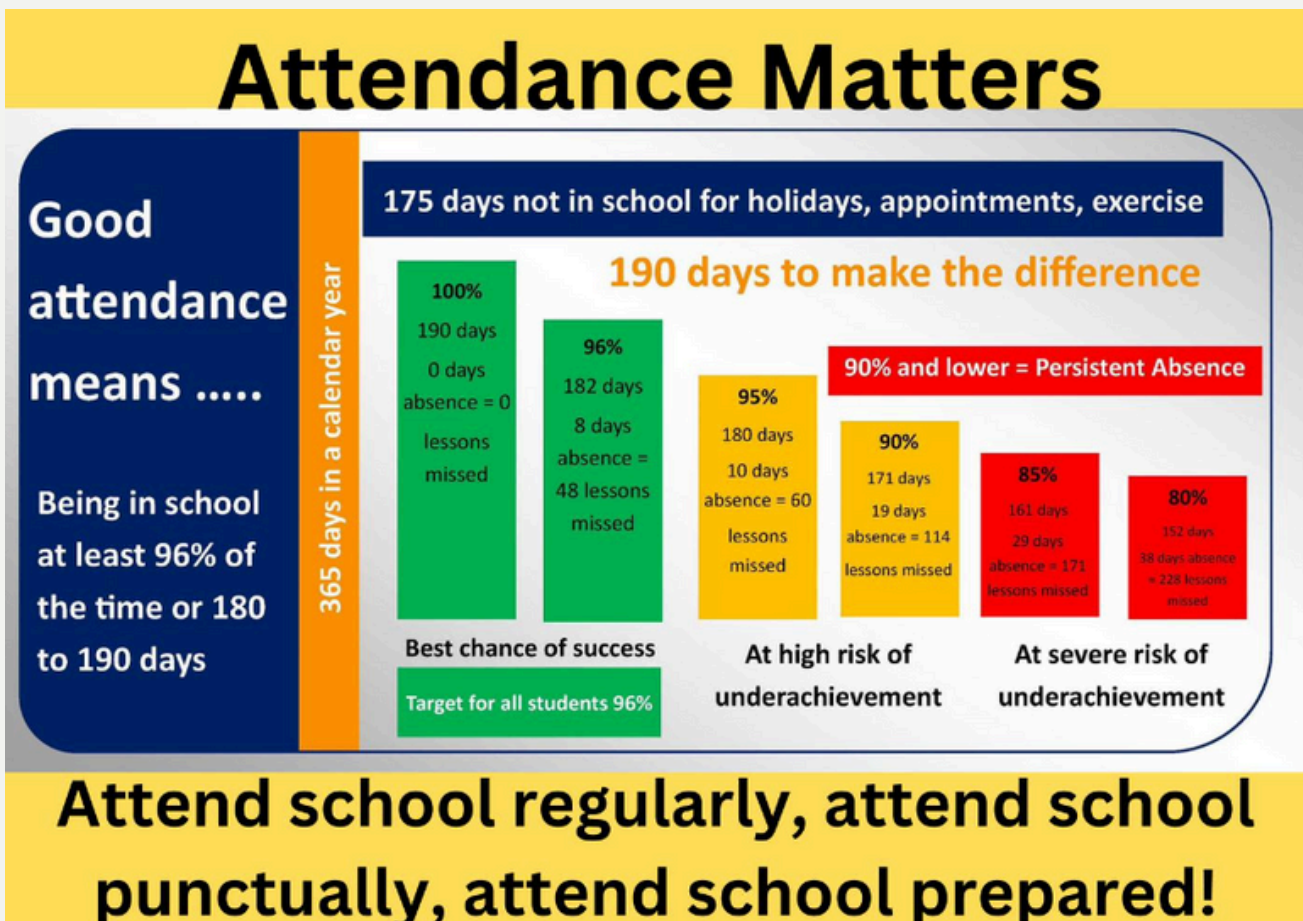
Attendance

At Orford Church of England Primary School we want pupils to be in school as much as possible and our target for all children is 96 - 100%. Regular attendance throughout the academic year is essential for pupils to learn well, prepare for important exams and experience a sense of belonging and success. There is a great deal of current research which clearly shows that even quite low levels of absence have a negative impact on achievement.

We understand that at this time of year children do get headaches, coughs, colds etc but good attendance has a strong correlation with achievement.

Please find here the link to the NHS Checker - A guide to whether a child is well enough to attend school - [here](#)

As well as another link to the UKHSA with further health advice - [here](#)



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