



OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

3rd December 2021

Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

Rudolph Run

Tilly was worn out after taking part in the Rudolph Run on Monday. Miss Nickson organised the event and managed to organise the weather for the afternoon.



We are hoping for the same weather on Friday afternoon for our OJS Carol Concert. The children have been rehearsing and singing beautifully during the past few weeks.

Baby News!

We are pleased to announce the birth of two new babies born to our school staff.

Sebastian Alexander was born on October 11th and weighed 9lb 2oz. Miss Crilly and her family are over the moon to welcome him into their family.

Baby Freddie was born on 21st November weighing 8lb 5oz. Miss Wagstaff and her family are thrilled.

They are all doing really well and we send them our best wishes



Baby Freddie



Baby Sebastian

Curriculum

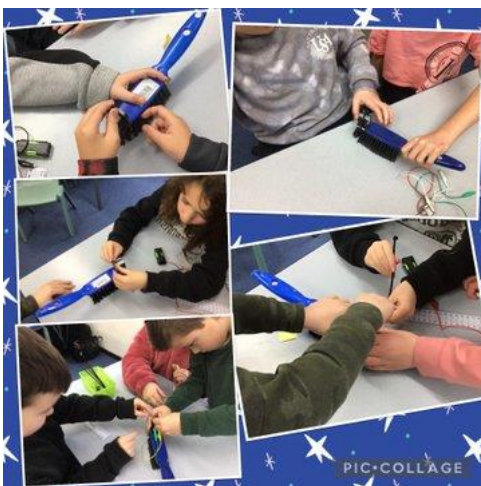
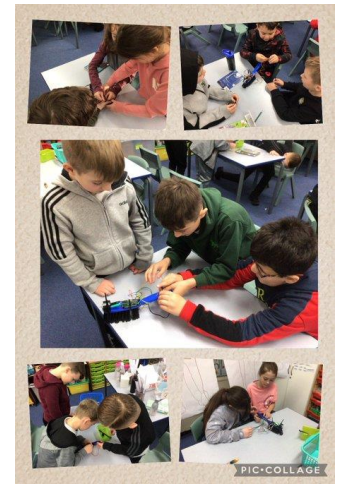
D.T week has been a creative week in the classrooms. Miss Roberts inspired staff to plan fun learning projects for children to develop their knowledge and skills.

Year 3 have used cutting & shaping techniques to make book marks for a friend. Investigating existing products has been a part of understanding the design brief.

Year 4 have used their scientific knowledge of forces to design & make a brush monster, ensuring a high quality finish. The brush monsters are already moving!

Year 5 have been busy designing an Anglo Saxon village, constructing frames and investigating structures.

Year 6 have designed and made a Zoetrope based on a cylinder. This links to prior learning in History when they learned about the Victorians. Here are a few of the photographs tweeted this week showing our engineers of the future.



This Week's Class Attendance Figures

Apple	97	Cherry	86.9
Ash	97.2	Pine	96.7
Larch	90.4	Silver Birch	95.4
Beech	97.1	Lime	92.2
Hawthorn	81.6	Rowan	92
Willow	95.6	Sycamore	92.3

As a school we must achieve at least 96% attendance.

Congratulations to Ash class for winning this week's class attendance and the overall school attendance with 97.2%! Ash class will receive extra MUGA time and 5 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of lower school attendance is Ash class with 97.2%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of upper school is Pine class with 96.7%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member.



Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	<i>Amelia H</i>	Cherry -	<i>Daniel</i>
Ash -	<i>Lottie H</i>	Pine -	<i>Jayden</i>
Larch -	<i>Lucas K</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Jack B</i>
Beech -	<i>Jay W</i>	Lime -	<i>Maisie-Jayne W</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Ellis D</i>	Rowan -	<i>Karl P</i>
Willow -	<i>Toby R</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Isabella</i>

Congratulations to all our Star Readers this week.

Another great week of reading. A huge congratulations to Willow class who are now the first millionaires across lower school, with the highest percentage of tests passed to date - very impressive! Beech is nearly there, let's see if you can make a million by next Monday.

Both Ash and Larch class have surpassed half a million words which is a great achievement in year 3.

Keep up the great work everybody.



Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	Freddie C	Cherry -	Finlay Mc
Ash -	Rueben L	Pine -	Phoebe P
Larch -	Jacob G	Silver Birch -	Faith B
Beech -	Harry B	Lime -	Libby I
Hawthorn -	Prelea D	Rowan -	Oscar L
Willow -	The Whole Class	Sycamore -	Alan H

Well done to all!

Upcoming Events



2021 Christmas Season Events

A schedule of events has been sent out via the ParentApp. It is also available to view in the 'Letters for You' section of the App.

All of these events are also on our School Calendar on the ParentApp where you can download them to your personal phone / device calendar.

Here is a list of next week's Christmas Season Events

Monday 13th December 2021 – Year 5 Swimming Programme

From Monday, Year 5 will be going swimming every afternoon for 4 days (Monday-Thursday). A letter detailing the arrangements has been sent out to all Year 5 parents/ carers via ParentApp.



Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Booking and payment via ParentPay, payment will secure booking. Please note there will NOT BE A DELI BAR AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY. If your child does not want a Christmas Dinner, they will need to bring a packed lunch. The cost of the lunch is the normal price of £2.20. The menu has been sent out separately and can be found in the Letters for You section of the ParentApp.

This event is now available for booking via ParentPay. Please ensure you book and make payment by Friday 10th December.

Please note that even if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, there will be no charge but you will still need to book via ParentPay so that our catering team are aware of expected numbers.

Children can wear Christmas Jumpers or anything "festive" or "Christmassy"! We will be accepting donations to [Claire House Children's Hospice](#) on this day. Any contributions would be appreciated.



Thursday 16th December – OJS Exhibition

We are very happy to announce our first Overchurch Exhibition which will take place on **Thursday 16th December**.

At the end of each term, we invite you to celebrate our learning by showcasing classwork and homework at the Overchurch Exhibition.

As part of this day, we ask the children to complete one project at home to display in the exhibition. The project choices for each year group have been sent out via the ParentApp.

The completed project should be brought into school by Wednesday 15th December labelled with your child's name. You will then have the opportunity to visit the school hall on Thursday 16th December at the following times to view the exhibition:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Larch: 9:05-9:20	Hawthorn: 10:50 – 11:05	Silver Birch: 9:50-10:05	Sycamore: 2:25-2:40
Apple: 9:20-9:35	Willow: 11:05-11:20	Cherry: 10:05– 10:20	Lime: 2:40-2:55
Ash: 9:35 – 9:50	Beech: 11:20 – 11:35	Pine: 10:20 – 10:35	Rowan: 2:55-3:10



Friday 17th December – Panto Production of Jack and the Beanstalk

Change of Venue

The production was originally scheduled to take place at St Mary's church but will now be here at school from 1pm.



THE OAK TREE DINER



Pupil Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 15th December

On **Wednesday 15th December** the Oak Tree Diner will be serving a traditional Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings. The menu has been sent out via ParentApp and can also be found in the Letters for You section of the App.

Please ensure you book your child a place in advance via ParentPay, cost of the lunch is the normal price of £2.20. **Payment will secure booking and will be available on ParentPay from 3pm on Monday 22nd November. Please ensure that you book by Friday 10th December.**

Also, please note that if your child is in receipt of **free school meals**, there will be no charge but we will still require a booking via ParentPay. This will allow the catering team to be aware of expected numbers.

Please be aware that there will be **NO DELI BAR** on this day.



Menu Change – Thursday 16th December

There will be a change to our scheduled lunch menu on this day. We will be serving:



*Burger / Veggie Burger
Chips
Corn on the Cob*



Cookies



There will NOT BE A DELI BAR AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

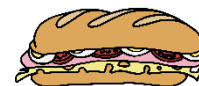
Menu Change – Friday 17th December

Due to Jack and the Beanstalk now taking place here at school, we will have to make some alterations to our lunch service on this day to allow the production team to set up in the Hall.

We will be serving the following:



*Fish / Veggie Nuggets
Paninis
Chips
Corn on the Cob*



Ice Cream

There will NOT BE A DELI BAR AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

Weekly Subject Focus

Each week we focus on a different subject which includes taking part in projects and conducting experiments. This helps to give the children a more in-depth knowledge of the subject as well as a greater interest. For your information, please see below the schedule of our weekly subject focus for the remainder of this term.

Week Commencing 13 th December 2021	Music Week
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Flu Catch Up Clinics

If your child did not receive their nasal flu vaccine, you can telephone the NHS Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510 for information regarding catch up clinics.

The Immunisation Team are will be returning to school on Friday 21st January to conduct a catch-up clinic. E-Consent forms are now open and can be completed via the following link:

www.wchcimms.co.uk

Our school codes are as follows:

School: Overchurch Junior School

Code: WC105056

Please be aware that the e-consent forms are sent directly to the NHS and we have no access to them or are made aware of submissions. If you have any questions regarding the flu programme or the consent forms, please contact the NHS Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510.



After School Sports Club – Spring Term 2022

Next half term our after-school sports club will be Athletics. The clubs will be available for booking from Monday 13th December.

Clubs will start week commencing Monday 10th January and will continue for six weeks until the February half term break. The cost of the club will be £18.

The days on which the clubs will take place are as follows:

Mondays:	Year 3
Tuesdays:	Year 5
Wednesdays:	Year 4
Thursdays:	Year 6



OJS School Sports Kits

If you have any of our school sports kits at home, please wash and return them as soon as possible

