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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS: DECEMBER 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a December so far! It is amazing what we can squeeze into just less than 3 weeks. I have already shared photos of our amazing performances. The candles, the singing, the acting and the Christmas wishes started the festive season in style. This week, we have had parties, Christmas Lunch, movie days and festive activities. All alongside continued hard work for end of term assessments.

As always a huge thank you to our brilliant staff team for all of their hard work this year. And many thanks to parents/carers for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs Lavelle and Mrs Wise

Attendance



The Rights of the Child, Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

Our overall attendance figure for the school since September is **95.8%** which is excellent and actually matches this time last year.

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Class Attendance

Attendance in each class for December was as follows:

Reception Daffodils: 97.27%

Reception Sunflowers: 97.54%

Mrs Dadswell's Class: 96.19%

Mrs Baum's Class: 96.09%

Mrs Turner's Class: 93.71%

Miss Stebbings Class: 96.84%

Mr Walsh's Class: 99.60%

Miss Allen's Class: 95.78%

Mr Storrar's Class: 88.8%

Mr Walsh's class are the Attendance winners this month and were delighted to be able to keep our Attendance Bear for another month. Well done Year 4 on achieving a near perfect score!



KS2 Choir

The choir excelled themselves on Wednesday when they performed for the Neuro Active group at Ouston Community Centre. They represented our school very well and we are very proud of them. Thank you, and well done, to Miss Stebbings for stepping up and being our choir lead in Mrs Lavelle's absence.



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Christmas Crafts

As always our staff have come up with lots of creative ideas for Christmas cards, calendars and other activities. Here are a few examples of some of the lovely Christmas cards produced.



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Goodbye to Mrs Newman

Yesterday, during our Achievement Award Assembly, we said goodbye to Mrs Newman. She has worked at the School for 14 years and we shared some memories we and the children have of her from over the years. We also invited a very special person to say goodbye, the young boy who Mrs Newman first came to the school to work with. Thank you Luke – you made her day! Mrs Newman also shared how much she has loved working at Ouston and supporting so many children over the years. She will certainly be missed. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best for her *chilled and relaxed* future!



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House Team Winners

Well done to the Red Team who are our team winners for the term with 36 points collected from receiving Star Awards. They will have a red/non uniform day on Friday 9th January.

Dates for the Diary

JANUARY

5th: Training Day for Staff – Pupils not in School
6th: Pupils return to school
9th: Red/non uniform day for Red House Team Winners

FEBRUARY

10th: Safer Internet Day
18th: Wizard of Oz Theatre Production in school pm, Years 1 - 6
20th: Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.10am, Year 2 (Mrs Baum) Class Assembly at 2.30pm
20th: End of half term.

MARCH

2nd: Pupils Return to School
5th World Book Day – pupils may come to school dressed as a book character
9th: KS1, Reception and Nursery Parents/Carers Evening, 2.30 -5pm
10th: KS1, Reception and Nursery Parents/Carers Evening, 3.30 -6pm
13th: Mothers' Day Breakfast
16th: KS2 Parents/Carers Evening, 2.30 -5pm
17th: KS2 Parents/Carers Evening, 3.30 -6pm
30th: Egg decoration!

APRIL

1st: Easter Coffee Afternoon & Performances for Nursery and Reception Parents/Carers
2nd: Year 4 Class Assembly, 9.10 and Year 1 Class Assembly, 2.30pm.
2nd: End of Term

Ouston Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children/young people and vulnerable adults. We expect all school staff and volunteers to share this commitment, along with our parents/carers and wider school community.

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