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### Christmas Market

Thank you to the PTA and their team of volunteers for a wonderful evening of 'Christmas cheer' last Friday.

It was such a great school community experience and raised just over £1400 for the school.



Thank you for all of your donations to Save the Children £76.20 will be sent off to them next week. You all looked great in your Christmas jumpers.

### ELFRIDGES

This event is postponed until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> as per the text sent out earlier today.

**KS1 Nativity** – Tickets have been issued to KS1 pupils today so please check book bags for yours. We are full for the Thursday so please do not turn up without a ticket.



### Handmade Christmas Decorations

Our school tree is looking beautiful with all its wonderful handmade Christmas Decorations - thank you to everyone who has made one.

Please remember to label them with your name and year group.



**Music Concert** – We enjoyed a wonderful music concert this week – thank you to everyone who came to the concert. Well done to all of the pianists and brass players.



**Tree of light service - Sunday at 4pm**  
During the service, the tree of light will be illuminated.



### Maypole Club Visit

Yesterday, we invited some members of the Maypole club to hear KS2 singing carols and afterwards they enjoyed tea and nibbles in the Preedy Room with the Pupil Parliament members.





Thank you to everyone who brought in gifts for Ukraine. I will take them to the drop-off point tomorrow. They will then wing their way to families in Ukraine showing love to those most in need.

## Calling all go-getters.

Want to learn new skills and make new friends? Why not come along to our FREE Beavers Open Event at Scouts 1st Badsey?

**Who**  
All young people aged 6 to 8 years old with their parent/s or carer/s and adults interested in volunteering

**When**  
Wednesday 17th January 2024 6.00pm to 7.00pm

**What**  
Exciting Beavers activities for girls, boys and adults to join in

**Where**  
Scouts 1st Badsey Hut, Sands Lane, Badsey WR11 7EZ

**Contact**  
Julie at heretohelp@scoutshw.org.uk or call 07774 667074 to find out more

## Ready to try something new?

scoutshw.org.uk/  
#SkillsForLife



*Friends of Offenham Church calendars are for sale in the Village shop. Limited availability.*



## This Week in Avon Class...

This week, in Avon class, we have been focusing on counting to 20 with accuracy.

To practise this, we watched a fun video on YouTube. We love doing the actions and singing along.

Here is the link if you would like to practise at home too -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azIGOkLIlgs>



Year one children have been working hard to complete their end of term assessments. We are so impressed with their knowledge and all that they have remembered. Well done!



## Darcey's Health and Well-being Box



Here are Darcey's tips for the week from 'Action for happiness' – 'New ways November' and the first couple of 'Do Good December' calendar.

- 4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
- 5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely
- 6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find
- 7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today
- 8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member
- 9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead
- 10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

## Music of the Week:



This week we have been enjoying listening to and watching dancers from the Royal Ballet. We have been listening to excerpts from Tchaikovsky 'The Nutcracker'. We have listened to the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, the Russian Dance and the Toy Dance.

Nutcracker Suite - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiEie0CIGIM>

Sugar Plum Fairy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV1qLYukTH8>

The Russian Dance - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygDnPpcVetA>

The Toy Dance - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMt99cQvdak>

*Please only use YouTube with your parents' supervision and permission.*



## Thought of the Week:

**HOPE IS BEING ABLE  
TO SEE THAT THERE IS  
LIGHT DESPITE ALL  
OF THE DARKNESS.**

– DESMOND TUTU

## IMAGE OF THE WEEK:

'Waiting for Christmas' by Maria Ferrante .



## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

09.12.23 – Tree of light service – 4pm at church  
13.12.23 and 14.12.23 – KS1 nativity play – 5.30pm  
21.12.23 – Christmas Service and Christmas party at school  
(parents are very welcome at Church).

21.12.23 -TERM ENDS FOR CHILDREN

22.12.23 Staff Training Day

08.01.24 - TERM STARTS

01.02.24 – Year 5s to make Christingles

04.02.24 – Christingle service

09.02.23 - Staff Training Day

HALF TERM - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

22.03.24 - TERM ENDS

08.04.24 – TERM STARTS FOR CHILDREN

06.01.24 – May Day


HALF TERM – 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May

24.05.24 - Staff Training Day

19.07.24 – TERM ENDS

22.07.24 – Staff Training Day



**Christingle:** The Christingle service will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Year fives will make the Christingles on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, in school, for this service. 

Childnet – Information for parents about online issues:  
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

## PTA DIARY DATES

21.12.23 – Christmas party at school

**Follow Offenham CE First School PTA on Facebook for information and updates.**



# REMINDERS



**RECYCLING** - We have a recycling drop-off point in our entrance area – you can bring your pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



**Water bottles** - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day. If your child would like juice at lunch time, please send another bottle. ONLY WATER IN CLASS.



## Safeguarding



Please could we ask that if your child has hurt themselves at home and has a scratch, bruise or bump that you email the office alerting us to this.

## REMINDER – SCHOOL MEALS

School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before. **ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

## Health and Safety



Just a reminder that bikes and scooters should not be ridden across the playground. Please make sure to dismount and push them across the playground so that everyone remains safe.

## Reader Helpers

If you can spare an hour or so to come and listen to children read, please speak to a member of staff. You will then be provided with all the required safeguarding forms to complete.



Offenham Baby and Toddler Group (NCT) takes place every Friday @ Offenham Village Hall 9.45-11-15am.

**Viv Bear - Alberta**  
**Cheer Bear – Dimana**  
**Sports Award – Freddie**

**Stars of the Week**  
**Avon – Claudia**  
**Malvern – Edey**  
**Cotswold – Arthur E**  
**Severn –**

## Awards This Week:



### Golden Apples:

**Avon – Hayden & Jack**  
**Malvern – Elsie & Brody D**  
**Cotswold – Noah & Amelie**  
**Severn – Isla G & Ollie P**

### Housepoints

**1<sup>st</sup> - Emeralds** with 103 housepoints  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - Sapphires** with 98 housepoints  
**3<sup>rd</sup> - Rubies** with 88 housepoints

## Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Olivia T, Edey, Jesse and Ben

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Olivia, Edey, Jesse and Ben and we say thank you that they are part of our school family. We pray that they may grow in wisdom and grace, give dignity and respect to others and that they may know your hope and joy every day. Strengthen and bless them on their birthday and every day throughout the next year. Amen.

## Attendance

**Avon – 97.4%**      **Malvern – 96.7%**  
**Cotswold – 94.7%**      **Severn – 96.1%**

**Overall – 96.2%** ✓