



# Offenham C E First School

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## Newsletter - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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**Thank you for all your kind donations today for the PTA Christmas Fayre.**

*A message from Harry and Isla G your SMSC ministers...*

*Over the half term holiday, we would like you to design a flag that represents who you are, your beliefs, your likes and hobbies, places you like to visit, the place where your family comes from, who's in your family...*

*You will have received a piece of paper to do this and we would request that you only draw your design on one side. Once we have received your completed flags we want to create a display celebrating our uniqueness; our similarities and differences.*

*We look forward to receiving your completed designs. Please remember to put your name on your flag.*



**Coming up...**



**CLUBS START AFTER HALF TERM**  
**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Trip to Atwell Farm Park**  
**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Ultra Marathon**



**Poppies and other poppy related merchandise will be available after half term. Suggested donations of 20p and over for paper poppies and other merchandise starts at £1. All proceeds go to the Royal British Legion.**



### Toilet Twinning



Following our donation day on Friday and Toilet Twinning assembly on Monday, a little girl in KS1 brought me her purse on Tuesday, which was filled with her savings. She wanted to give all that she had so that others could have a toilet and clean water. After checking with her parents, they confirmed that she had spoken about it lots at the weekend and wanted to give what she had to make a difference to the lives of other people. They were so happy that she is acting with such kindness and commitment to want to make difference!

I told someone I know about this inspirational young lady on Tuesday evening and they were so moved and inspired that they have matched the amount she gave. Her savings were £21.95 and so my friend gave me £21.95 to put towards our donation pot. Together they have given £43.90 which, when added to the total raised in school on Friday and another donation which came in on Monday, takes the grand total to £196.61.

**WITH THIS EXTRA MONEY WE ARE SO PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO TWIN THREE TOILETS WITH OUR TOILETS AT SCHOOL - THIS IS AMAZING!**

These seeds of kindness sown here in the UK will have a big impact on the lives of people we are not very likely to meet. The kind act of one small child has taught me afresh how important our actions are - big or small - because they have the power to transform, to inspire and to influence those around us.

FOREST CHURCH -Today we enjoyed a wonderful time at Forest Church.

Church is not just about a building, church is about people. This morning, we were a people worshipping together in the beauty of nature.

Here are some photos of our time together.



## STAYING SAFE AT HALLOWEEN

We know that some of you have already got your costumes ready to go Trick or Treating during the holiday and we would ask that you take a look at some safety tips produced by West Mercia Police in 2022, entitled "Tricks for a safe and fun Halloween". Take a look at their website for more information.

### Here are some of their tips:

Plan your trick or treat route beforehand.

Only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents.

Always go in groups.

Don't go without an adult.

Be cautious about eating what people give you when out trick or treating, check with an adult when you get home.

Be visible, stay in areas that are well lit with streetlights where possible, take a torch just in case.

Don't wear masks that restrict your vision, you need to see when crossing roads.

Don't enter any house when trick or treating, stay on the doorstep.

Don't knock on doors where you see a 'No trick or treat callers' sign. A pumpkin on the doorstep is a good sign if someone is willing to receive Trick or treaters.

If someone doesn't open the door do not keep on knocking – move on.

Avoid using real candles in lanterns and pumpkins. Battery operated lights are safer.



## Non -Uniform Days for the Christmas Fayre

There will be non-uniform days on:

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
in exchange for a Christmas item

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
in exchange for a chocolate item.



The Autumn Raring2go magazine is now available online. It's full of fun things for pupils and their families, right up to the end of the year. Please follow the link below:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/herfordandworcester/autumn2024/>

## KS2 ultra marathon to raise money for badminton nets.

Try and get some sponsorship for this event during the half term break – Jude and Isla D are very excited about the event.



## WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Please take a look at this week's Wake up Wednesday article which is about building emotional resilience.



## Attendance

Avon – 100%	Malvern –98.2%
Cotswold –97.9%	Severn –98.3%
<b>Overall–98.5%</b>	

## Thought of the Week

I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go.

Rachel Joy Scott



## Music Box



This week we've listened to another piece of music from the Baroque period, this time by Alessandro Marcello. We have enjoyed his oboe concerto in D minor.



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

## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

**HALF TERM .....Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**  
**KS1 trip to Farm Park.....Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**KS2 Ultramarathon.....Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Last swimming session.....Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**Christingle at church 4pm (& tree of Light) ...15<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**TERM ENDS .....Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December for PUPILS**  
**TERM STARTS .....Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January for ALL**  
**Young Voices..... Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**Y4 Y5 Residential.....14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

## PTA DIARY DATES

**Non-Uniform Day (Christmas item). Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**Wreath Making .....Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Elfridges.....Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**Non-uniform day (chocolate)..... Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE.....Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**Christmas Party .....Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

## This week in KS2...



Cotswold Class art lessons encouraged children to express their creativity, taking inspiration from the artist Chila Kumari Singh Burman. Born in Liverpool, Chila describes herself as a 'Punjabi Liverpoolian' who likes to combine her Indian roots with popular culture. The children explored her ice cream designs, that were created from a childhood memory of her Father who had been an Ice-cream man. The children then focused on their favourite foods. Each child created a piece of art based on a food memory using coloured papers from magazines to make a mixed media background. These artworks will be combined into a large installation in the school hallway. This will brighten up the school corridor, turning it into a vibrant display of their creativity.



Dear parents...this year we have been tasked with the challenge of raising money to purchase a...

## Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

This will be installed on the school field and enable children to play their favourite sports in all weathers.

We know you are always so supportive of our fundraising events, and hope you will get behind us again to provide our school with this amazing facility.

Thank you!



We hope you find time to rest, relax and recharge.

Our next half term is a busy and exciting one.

Take care and stay safe.

