



LOVE, TRANSFORMATION, GROWTH. 'Growing deep roots. Producing good fruit'

www.offenham.worcs.sch.uk

office@offenham.dowmat.education

head@offenham.dowmat.education



Elfridges

Thank you to our wonderful PTA, who injected a little more of their magic into our school day by organising another fantastic 'Elfridges' sale. The children absolutely loved being able to select gifts for their family and friends and decorating tags to go on the gifts.

We are so grateful to the PTA and all that they do. We are looking forward to the Christmas Fayre and Christmas party they are organising for us.



Coming up...



- Tuesday & Wednesday – KSI Nativity
- Thursday – Christmas Jumper Day
- Malvern Class Walk Through Thursday
- Friday – Non-uniform day – *chocolate*
- Christmas Fayre
- Sunday – Christingle & Tree of Light

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 12th December

Wear a Christmas themed jumper. If you don't have one, please put some tinsel on one you already have. (This is not a non-uniform day – just wear the Christmas jumper instead of your school one)



Christmas Fayre - We would like some children to come and help sing Christmas songs to welcome people into the Christmas Fayre on the 13th December. The gates open at 5.30pm and we would like children to start singing at 5.25pm. They would need to be dropped at the main school entrance at 5.15pm. Any late-comers can join us outside once the gate to the Fayre has been opened.

Parents, you will need to collect your child once we have finished singing.



Visit to Acorns Hospice

Yesterday, Ffion, our ECO and charities minister, along with Ellie her deputy, went to visit Acorns children's hospice in Worcester. They handed over the money they had raised at the doughnut challenge. Staff at the hospice were so pleased to receive our donation. We know that it will be put to great use and will help children and their families this Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity.

The girls were also able to deliver the Christmas card designed and made by Ffion, decorated with KS2 fingerprints and signed by everyone at school. It now sits pride of place in the reception area at the hospice.



Thank you to Ffion's grandma, Mrs Northcott, who acted as our very own chauffeur – we are so grateful for her time.

Music Concert

What a wonderful afternoon of music we enjoyed on Wednesday!

We were treated to piano solos and duets, a violin ensemble and class brass. We even got to sing along to a couple of songs. Phoebe and Amelie played 'The little drummer boy' as a piano duet and we all sang along with them. We also sang Jingle bells with both the string ensemble and class brass. We have some very talented musicians in our midst!



SAFEGUARDING

Project Evolve

Each half term, to complement their work in ICT, all children undertake a lesson from Project Evolve.

Project Evolve is a scheme of work that is focused on on-line development for children. Children learn about safe ways to work, play and engage online as well as learning about the huge potential the on-line world can offer.

Severn class had a very interesting lesson this week, focusing on the way they use the on-line world, how much time they spend on line and the apps and platforms they use.

Here's a guide to apps and platforms and the recommended age of use:

We have also found that some children use DISCORD as a means of communication. On its information page DISCORD say that there is a minimum age limit of 13 years. This is due to the open nature of the chat.



With all the apps and platforms you choose to allow your child to use, we would ask that you exercise caution and be with the children as they use them and check their devices regularly. **Do you know everyone your child is communicating with? Are your household filters in place? Do you monitor what they are watching and looking at, and who they are communicating with?**

Snapchat and Discord in particular have recently been brought to my attention as platforms that are particularly open to misuse by those who pose the greatest threat to our children.

Please be vigilant and be aware of what your child is accessing and who has access into their lives.



Key Stage 1 Nativity

Tickets have been issued. Please do not forget to bring the tickets to the performance. There will be a raffle each night for a chance to win a box of Christmas delights.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Please take a look at the Wake Up Wednesday article for this week which is about on-line safety tips.

Malvern Class' Walk Through Thursday will take place after school on the 12th December.



This week in Avon Class...

We've been working incredibly hard on our KS1 Nativity, and we can't wait to share it with you! The children have been practicing their lines, songs, and dances with so much enthusiasm and dedication. Their hard work is really paying off, and it's wonderful to see how much they've grown in confidence. Each child has embraced their role, and the performances are coming together beautifully. We are so proud of how much effort they've put in, and we know they are going to shine on stage. Thank you for your support as we get closer to show time – we hope you're as excited as we are to see the performance.



Thought of the Week

This week, in our assemblies we have enjoyed the final two lessons from the film Frozen.

Lesson four –
Love is putting someone else's needs first

Lesson five –
Sacrificial love is powerful



Music of the Week

This week, in our assemblies, we've been listening to 'Elegy for the Arctic' by Ludovico Einaudi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DLnhdnSUVs>

It's a beautifully haunting piece of music. The video link is to the live filming of the piece in the Arctic in conjunction with Greenpeace.



JOIN US AT
OFFENHAM ROYAL
BRITISH LEGION
CLUB FOR OUR
**CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**
DECEMBER 7TH
FROM 11 AM TO 3PM

Stalls include Candles and Wax Melts, Wooden Gifts, Handmade Instruments, Cakes, Chocolates, Resin Art, and many other crafts and gifts.

SANTA WILL BE MAKING A VISIT!
WHY NOT BOOK A SLOT TO MEET HIM? GENDER NEUTRAL GIFT INCLUDED £5 PER CHILD.

TO BOOK A SLOT WITH SANTA, PLEASE EMAIL
OFFENHAMRBLCLUB@GMAIL.COM



SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Christingle at church 4pm (& tree of Light).. 15th Dec.
TERM ENDSThursday 19th December for PUPILS

2025
TERM STARTSMonday 6th January for ALL



PTA DIARY DATES

Non-uniform day (chocolate)..... Fri. 13th Dec.
CHRISTMAS FAYRE.....Friday 13th Dec.
Christmas PartyThurs. 19th Dec.



REMINDE**RS**



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



REMINDER – SCHOOL MEALS

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



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.



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.**



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.

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.



Offenham Baby and Toddler Group (NGT) takes place every Friday @ Offenham Village Hall 10 – 11.30am.

Awards This Week:

Golden Apples



Avon – Myla & Emily

Malvern – Jessica O & Neve

Cotswold – Nelly & Emmy

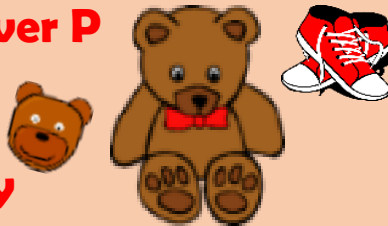
Severn – Jack A & Harry



Sports Award – Oliver P

Viv – Ffion & Ellie

Cheer Bear – Finlay



Stars of the Week

Avon – Esme

Malvern – Kara

Cotswold – Ariella

Severn – Jack P

Attendance

Avon -91.3% Malvern -93.3%

Cotswold -95.3% Severn -97.3%

Overall-94.6%



Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthday of Jessica O, Leah, Olivia and Edey

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Jessica, Leah, Olivia and Edey 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.



Housepoints

1st - **Emeralds** – 102 housepoints

2nd - **Rubies** – 97 housepoints

3rd - **Sapphires** – 91 housepoints

