

Offenham C E First School Newsletter - 5th December 2025



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Elfridges 2025

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
(DURING SCHOOL HOURS)

Our Elfridges stall is making a comeback!! This is one of our favourite PTA events of the year.

Children will have the opportunity to buy a surprise gift for someone special which they can bring home, wrapped and labelled, to put under the Christmas tree!

All gifts are £2 each and they can buy as many as they would like, so please make sure they bring some pennies on the day if you would like them to take part. There will be several different gift options, both for adults and children, for them to choose from.




Coming up...

Wednesday - Music Ensemble
NATIVITY

Thursday - **NATIVITY**

Friday - Elfridges

Sunday - Christingle Service




Our Christmas Postbox is OPEN

Please make sure that the child's full name and class are on the card.



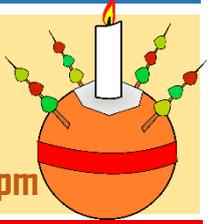

Our Posada – Travelling crib - will be moving through our classes throughout Advent. Mary and Joseph and their donkey will be given a welcome in each class before coming to Church with us on the 19th December when they will be joined by the other characters from the Nativity.

Christmas tree decoration - Please start bringing in your handmade decorations for our school tree. It only has a few decorations on it.



Christingle

There will be a Christingle service in church on Sunday 14th December at 4pm



Christmas jumper day - You all looked so merry and bright in your Christmas jumpers!

We have enjoyed a wonderful celebration of the arts this week - We had a great Rockstars choir showcase after school on Tuesday, a music afternoon showcase on Wednesday afternoon and a Drama showcase on Thursday after school.

Our thanks go to Mrs Wilde, Billie and Charmaine.

Letters will be going out to all existing members of Rockstars choir and Drama club so that children can continue their arts journey with these fantastic teachers. If there are any spare places, we will open them up to others in our school.



This week in KS2...

On Thursday, Key Stage two were transported back nearly 2,000 years for an action-packed Roman experience led by our fearless Roman commander, *Dominus!*

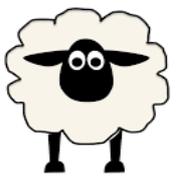
The morning began with the children proudly joining Dominus' legion as they prepared to "invade Britannia." They tackled a Roman fact-finding quiz, practised Roman numerals through team games and even took their seats in the Senate to propose new laws for the school. They also tried their hand at *Ludus Segedunum* and explored a range of genuine and replica Roman artefacts to discover how life changed under Roman rule.

In the afternoon, the children returned to the hall for a demonstration of Roman weapons and armour before learning Latin commands and practising Roman battle formations. They then put their new skills to the test as they faced Queen Boudicca and the Iceni tribe in a lively re-enactment.

The day ended with a visit to "Caesar's amphitheatre," where they enjoyed a fun, child-friendly version of a dramatic gladiator display.

It was a fantastic day of history brought to life! well done to all our brave legionaries!





Hey Ewe!

KS1 Nativity Tickets have been sent home today. Don't forget to bring the tickets to the performance



and bring cash for some raffle tickets to be in with a chance of winning a Christmas goody box. Please check your email box for further information.



Music



The music ensemble and violin ensemble will play at the church service on the last day of term (19th December).

There will be a brass showcase concert next term - we are looking forward to hearing all that our talented cornet players have learnt.

Music of the Week



This week we've been listening to an instrumental version of a traditional Advent carol.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | Cinematic Christmas Cover – The Piano Guys



Children's Christmas Arts and Crafts Afternoon

Let's spend a fun afternoon making Christmas decorations and gifts.



£5.00 per child (must be supervised by an adult).



December 13th - 2-4pm

At Offenham Royal British Legion

Ring Sam to book your space on: 07814 214861

Thought of the Week

"Once you choose hope, anything's possible."

— Christopher Reeve.

Bretforton Silver Band presents:

A VILLAGE FESTIVE GET-TOGETHER

Join us for our cosy winter toastie!

Santa's grotto, craft stalls, and refreshments available

With festive music by 'Bret Prep', the Silver Band's training band



Sunday 14th Dec, Doors open 1:30pm, **Entry Fee: £5**

Includes, a FREE screening in Theatrebarn of Raymond Briggs'

'The Snowman'

SCHOOL DIARY DATES



- Nativity ... 5.30pm..... Wednesday 10th December
- Nativity ... 5.30pm..... Thursday 11th December
- KS1 Little Owl Farm..... Thursday 18th December
- Church service..... Friday 19th December
- End of Term Friday 19th December
- Young Voices Wednesday 14th January

PTA DIARY DATES



- Elfridges..... Friday 12th December
- Christmas Party..... Friday 19th December
- Golden Ticket Friday 13th February
- Movie Night...(5-6.45pm)..... Friday 13th March
- Easter Raffle..... Friday 20th March

Awards This Week:

Golden Apples



Avon – George
Malvern – Finlay
Cotswold – Isaac
Severn – Myles

Stars of the Week

Avon – Molly P
Malvern – Sebastian
Cotswold – Edey
Severn – Oran



Viv – Pippa
Cheer Bear – Holly

Birthdays



This week we celebrate the birthdays of Jessica O, Leah, Olivia & 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 birthdays and every day throughout the next year.

Amen.

Housepoints



1st – **Emeralds** – 74 housepoints
 2nd - **Rubies** – 69 housepoints
 3rd - **Sapphires** – 51 housepoints



Attendance



Avon –96% **Malvern** –98.3%
Cotswold –97.7% **Severn** –97.7%
Overall – 97.4% ✓

This is not a school event,
 A responsible adult must be present at all times for the short rehearsal and concert.

Can your kids sing
Jingle Bells and
 Away in a manger?

THIS SATURDAY!!!



We are looking for kids of any age to join us at
The Festival of Christmas Trees Concert in EVESHAM
 Saturday evening 6th December 7pm and be part of Evesham's festive music making celebration amongst 50+ Christmas tree's, Evesham's finest Orchestras and choirs!

Short rehearsal at 4pm. Concert at 7pm. Dress Christmassy!
 The kids choir perform near the beginning and are welcome to go home after if need be.
 Please note: if your child plays a string instrument and is a quick learner we have a very easy children's string orchestra rehearsing at 2.30pm Please email me for parts.

Cost: FREE
 Where: All Saints Church, Evesham (big church next to the bell tower)
 When: Sat 6th Dec 2025 at 7 pm, choir rehearsal run through at 4pm
 Any questions : wendy.nieper321@gmail.com

Evesham Christmas Tree Festival

Christmas Concert

Kids Singers
 join us on
 Saturday!!

Saturday 6th December 2025
 Parish Church of All Saints
 Market Place, Evesham

7.00pm

With
 - Marcel Zidani
 - Vale Connection Ladies Choir
 - Hands in Harmony
 - Evesham Children's Orchestra & Singers
 and introducing the first ever public performance of
 - Evesham Community Chamber Orchestra

short rehearsal 4pm,
 ready on stage 6.50
 for 7pm start



Free admission

Donations to the work of All Saints in the community are welcome
 Further information: Diana Raphael or Robert Raphael, robert.raaphael@wychavon.net