



Offenham C E First School Newsletter - 9th January 2026

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FUTURE DATES:

Y5 Cornet concert – 20th May – Time TBC

Extra cornet lesson on Wednesday 25th March – this is in place of 14th January when cornets are not needed due to Young Voices concert.

Grandparents' Day – 5th June



ECO Box



Amelie and Arthur, our ECO and charities ministers, are working on a new ECO project. They are so excited to share this with everyone over the next week or so.

CAROLS ROUND THE MAYPOLE

I've heard great things about the children's beautiful singing at the Carols around the Maypole event. A big well done and thank you to everyone who took part - it was your biggest audience ever, with well over 400 people there to listen to you!

It is so important that you take part and keep this wonderful tradition and partnership between our school and village going! Even though I couldn't be there I am so very proud of you all.



COMING UP...



Tuesday - Rockstars Choir

Thursday - Drama club

Sunday - Messy Church 4-6pm, Bretforton

Happy New Year!

Keeping Safe Online

A message from the Children's commissioner for England:

"I want to inform you that I have recently published a new guide, 'What I wish my parents or carers knew': A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives.

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play..."

If you would like to read more on this, please follow the link below:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>



Spaces at Drama and Rockstars Choir

There are still a few spaces left at both of these after school clubs. If you are interested, contact the office and Mrs Newton will send you the information.

This Week in Cotswold Class...

In Cotswold Class, we have been designing and making castles as part of our Design and Technology learning. We began by exploring what makes a strong structure and practised creating nets of shapes. We then designed our own castles, thinking carefully about who the castle would be for and which key features it should include. After that, we started creating the different parts needed for our individual designs. We are currently finishing our castle creations and are really looking forward to showing them to you soon.



SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION



In light of many schools closing across the county and country, I thought it useful to let you know what would happen if our school had to close following an overnight situation - due to weather, heating malfunction or damage to our building. Our aim is always to provide high quality education every day, in school, for our children and we would only ever close the school as a last resort when the safety of pupils and staff may be compromised.

We would inform you of a school closure via email and text by 7.30am on any day where the school will be closed and all school closures will be posted on the WCC website.

If the school is closed you will receive, via email, a message from your child's classteacher and tasks for your child to complete at home - this will be before 9am. We would appreciate your support with the completion of these tasks.

If we needed to close the school or lock the school down whilst your children are here with us - you would be contacted via email or text and clear next steps will be shared.

SEND Support: A school SEND tea and talk session was scheduled for the same day as the Worcestershire partner meeting but it might be that the session in Broadway will be more beneficial for our families. Mrs Stockford, our school SENDCO will be available in school that morning if you would like to make an appointment to see her.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service



SENDIASS CONNECTS WYCHAVON

From January to March 2026, SENDIASS will be visiting venues across Wychavon to offer free, confidential support for parent carers and young people with SEND. Shining a spotlight on what SEND support is available to you and your community, and how you can access it.

SENDIASS CONNECTS: Wychavon
Find out more from our FREE training events and drop-in sessions in Pershore, Evesham & Droitwich.

-  **FREE one-to-one advice drop-ins**
-  **FREE practical training sessions**
-  **FREE Young Person SEND support**

For more information please visit:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SENDIASSCONNECTS



SEND Support and Advice for Families

Concerns about dyslexia, ADHD, autism, anxiety? Worried about your child's mental health? Struggling with school avoidance? Need independent advice and support? Got questions?



Drop in on ...
Wednesday 21 January 2026
between
9.30 - 11.30am
at
Signpost Broadway
4 Russell Sq,
Broadway, WR12 7AP



FREE hot chocolate and croissant!

Signpost  

Thought of the Week

We started the week with some frosty mornings and a sprinkling of snow which did look really beautiful.



“Kindness is like snow- It beautifies everything it covers.”

-KAHLIL GIBRAN

Benefice



18 January

4.00pm to 6.00pm

Barn at The Fleece

Bretforton

Free Fun for Families

Crafts Activities Fun Games

Free Tea

Please book for catering purposes

Contact pennyanne68@gmail.com 01386830367

Music of the Week



This week we've been listening to a piece of piano music called, 'Snow is dancing by Debussy



snow is dancing - Google Search

DIARY DATES 2026



- Young VoicesWednesday 14th January
- No Cornet LessonWednesday 14th January
- Messy Church 4-6pm Bret.....Sun. 18th January
- SEND Tea and Talk.....21st January
- Some Y5 to Cedar Lodge. Monday 2nd February
- KS2 to Cadbury World... Thursday 12th February
- SEND Tea and Talk.....4th March
- Extra Cornet lesson Wed. 25th March
- SEND Tea and Talk.....29th April
- Cornet ConcertWednesday 20th May
- Grandparents Day..... Friday 5th June
- SEND Tea and Talk.....17th June

PTA DIARY DATES



- Golden TicketFriday 13th February
- Movie Night...(5-6.45pm).....Friday 13th March
- Easter Raffle.....Friday 20th March

Awards This Week:

Golden Apples



Avon – Evie

Malvern – Martha

Cotswold – Jonah

Severn – Bonnie



Stars of the Week



Before Christmas / This week

Avon – Nancy / Jack

Malvern – Robyn

Cotswold – Faustas / Skylar

Severn – Noah / Jacob Mc

Sports Star – Mollie

Cheer Bear – Lacie

VIV Bear - Arthur



Birthdays



This week we celebrate the birthdays of Logan & Rory

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Logan and Rory 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** – 59 housepoints

2nd – **Rubies** – 57 housepoints

3rd – **Sapphires** – 39 housepoints

Attendance



Avon – 98.4% **Malvern** – 97.6%

Cotswold – 98.1% **Severn** – 95.2%

Overall – 97.2%



REMINDERS...

Please make sure that your child has a coat in school every day regardless of the weather in the morning.



RECYCLING - We have a recycling drop-off point in our entrance area for pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



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.



Lunches - Remember to order and pay for lunches for the week with Black Pepper. A reminder that we now have nothing to do with the ordering process - we cannot add any late orders.



Water bottles - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day.



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 (NCT) takes place every Friday @ Offenham Village Hall 10 – 11.30am.