



### Key Dates

*For Christmas Events See  
Overleaf*

#### **School Closes for Xmas Holidays**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
2021

#### **SCHOOL is CLOSED Friday 17th December in lieu of the Jubilee Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
**School Closed INSET**

#### **School Opens for Spring Term**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
2022

#### Social Skills: Growth Mindset

Within Social Skills last week, we focused on how we can develop a growth mindset. The children considered what a growth mindset is and how it is different to a fixed mindset. They discussed how they can change their mindset from "I'm not good at this..." to "I can't do this yet!" and considered how changing their mindset can help to support them when they find something difficult or hard to do.



#### Hanukkah

This week as part of our SMSC and Religious Education curriculum, our Social Skills lesson focused on the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. The children learnt about the origins of the festival and who celebrates it. The children discussed the different ways that Hanukkah is celebrated such as lighting the Menorah, eating special foods such as potato latkes and playing with a dreidel.



#### West End in Schools Workshops

Over the last two days, the children in years 1 to 6 have enjoyed participating in workshops delivered by trained actors from the West End.



For the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 the Christmas spirit was brought into the classroom by an exciting story explorer workshop, exploring the classic tale of Scrooge and his encounters with the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. The children were taken back in time to Victorian London where they explored the characters and classic Charles Dickens story – The Christmas Carol.

The children in Years 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed taking part in a dance workshop – where they explored the traditional panto tale Jack and the Beanstalk. Learning the magic of panto, through the art of movement and storytelling along with classic pantomime tricks and humour – 'It's behind you' and 'Oh yes it is!'

#### Christingle and Advent assembly

This week at Oyster Park, the children are celebrating the start of Ad children's Social Skills lessons next week, they will learn about the Christian celebration of Advent and how some Christians begin to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Each year group will discuss how they celebrate advent at home. The children will also learn about the Christingle and how each part of the Christingle has a very important meaning to some Christians and what each part is symbolic of. Each year group will create their own Christingle and together, hold their very own Christingle service.





### **Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. If your child wishes to have a school dinner when they normally don't they are more than welcome to. Parents will be required to make the payment of £2.25 via the school app on the day. Your child will then be able to choose from the festive options.



### **Carols around the Christmas Tree**

This year, we would like to invite parents to join us in sharing the Christmas cheer for carols around the Christmas Tree. Parents and carers are welcome to join us on the allocated afternoon for their child's year group where you can join in with a range of Christmas carols and songs spreading the Christmas cheer. We will be serving a range of festive treats for you to enjoy. This event will be held on our playground so please ensure you wrap up warm and that children are sent to school wearing an appropriate winter coat. **Please not that in the event of bad weather this may be cancelled and parents will be informed via the school app.**

Event	Date
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Craft Morning (classroom)	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Cinema Afternoon (classroom)	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Stories	Dates Vary
<b>CHRISTMAS CAROLS (Playground Weather Permitting) 2-30pm Start</b>	
Nursery	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> (am & pm)
Reception	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 1	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 2	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 3	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 4	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 5	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 6	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CHRISTMAS PARTIES</b>	
EYFS (Classrooms)	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (Nursery am & pm/Reception from 1:30pm)
KS1	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (From 1:30pm)
LKS2	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December (From 1:30pm)
UKS2	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (From 1:30pm)



# CELEBRATE

Class	Attendance National average is 96%	 Star of the Week	Writer of the Week 	Hall of Fame
Morning Nursery Miss Ramzan	88%	Luna & Holly	Erin	
Afternoon Nursery Miss Ramzan	89%	Leon & Orton	Lenny	
RBS Mrs Bodycombe & Miss Swan	98%	Tommy	Tommy	Silas
RA Miss Arnold	100%	Marley	Layla	Sebastian
1T Miss Tonks	94%	Harrison	Lydia	Harvi
1C Mrs Coomber	92%	All 1C	All 1C	All 1C
2B Miss Brannon	93%	All 2B	All 2B	All 2B
2A Miss Ambler	97%	All 2A	All 2A	All 2A
3G Miss Golding	98%	Destiny	Ellie	Lilly-Rose
3P Mrs Palmer	92%	Elioenai	Lana	Finn
4B Miss Bennett	94%	Dumitru	Ava	Ellarose
4C Mr Cording	98%	Oliver	Marek	Isabelle
5SL Mrs Smithson & Miss Lochman	90%	Lochlan	Declan	Alexis
5A Mr Adams	92%	Jessica	Anjali	Jacob
6F Mr Forsyth	94%	Alexis	Casey-Lee	Gracie
6K Miss King	98%	Tylor, Abbie & Jackson	Alyssa	Fern
6E Mr Eccles	93%	Isla	Jayden	Alice

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