



# The Orchard School

## Weekly Bulletin

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

#### Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half Term
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Odd Socks Day Parent Support Group
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Photos
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Photos
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
<b>Date to be confirmed</b>	Parents Activity Morning

#### Thank you

As we reach the end of half term, I wanted to thank all our families for their support in ensuring the pupils have settled back into the school routine and have had an enjoyable and productive start to the academic year. We have had to make some unforeseeable class changes this half term; I know this is not ideal, but it has always been done with the best interest of all our pupils in mind. Thank you for your patience and support with this whilst we have ensured the pupils have been placed in the appropriate class groups to support their learning.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable half term and I look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Attendance Matters

**The whole school attendance so far for this academic year is 87.7%.**

**Last week's whole school attendance was 87.3%.**

As we move towards the winter months and the season of coughs and colds, I just wanted to mention about school attendance. Below is a clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent into school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Additional information can be found in the NHS [‘Is my child too ill for school?’](#)

## Harvest

This week the pupils have participated in Harvest Assemblies which were organised by Charlotte our RE lead.

Our thanks go to Sarah and Roz the parish priest and children's family worker from St Mary's church who were both impressed with the pupil's participation in the assemblies.

We would also like to thank our families for their donations for our harvest festival this year which are being donated to a local food bank.

## Remembrance Day Poppies

We are selling poppies and other items in school to support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If your child would like to buy a poppy or other item, please send a donation into school in a sealed envelope and pass to the class team.



## Safeguarding / Firework Safety

Fireworks are loud, spectacular, beautiful and exciting but as we all know, when celebrating with fireworks, firework safety must always take priority over everything else. There are many hazards and common causes of injury in the UK associated with fireworks, we have listed a guide to sparklers, bonfires, and the firework code.

1. Adults should only buy fireworks over the counter from respected stores.
2. Only an adult should handle and light fireworks.
3. Fireworks should be kept in a closed box away from sparks.
4. An adult should read and follow the instructions for lighting fireworks carefully.
5. Fireworks are lit at arm's length.
6. Always stand well back (8m is best).
7. Never go back to a lit firework.
8. Never put fireworks in your pocket.
9. **NEVER THROW FIREWORKS.**

