



The Orchard School

Weekly Bulletin

Week commencing: Monday 13th November 2023

Dates for your diary

Monday 13th November	Anti-bullying Week
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November	School photographs
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Activity morning for parents/carers
Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December	Santa's Grotto

Headteacher News

I hope you all had a good half term and were able to enjoy Halloween and Bonfire celebrations. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday for what is a busy term ahead. Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to join us on Monday for the curriculum parent workshop. I hope you found it informative and supported your understanding of what your child is learning in school. If you do have any further questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Odd Socks Day

Remember to wear your odd socks on Monday for the start of anti-bullying week to celebrate the amazing ways in which people are different.



If any family members participate in odd socks day, please send a photograph into school!

Children In Need

On Friday our child can come into school wearing bright colours or something spotty for a donation of £1 to support Children in Need.



We are also selling raffle tickets for £1 to win a cuddly Pudsey Bear.

Headteacher Award

I always enjoy it when pupils visit me to celebrate good work. Two pupils have received headteacher awards for the development of their independence skills which is lovely to see.

- Gurleen in class 13 for independently eating her dinner with a fork.
- Logan in class 3 for independently walking 10 steps to the slide. He then continued to show off his walking by exploring my office!

Safeguarding

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)

Following a sad case of strangulation following entanglement with an electrical cord, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents have updated [the bedtime section](#) of their [Keeping Kids Safe Hub](#). We have been asked to highlight these resources to parents and carers across a range of aspects of life with babies and children.

Link: [Bedtime - RoSPA](#) and [Keeping Kids Safe - RoSPA](#)

Happy Diwali

For all those families who will be celebrating Diwali on Sunday, I hope you have a wonderful day. It would be lovely for the children to share their Diwali celebrations with their friends in school. If you have any photographs from your celebrations, can I ask that you send them into school, so we are able to talk about your Diwali celebrations with your child and their friends.



Outdoor Learning

We have been busy developing our outdoor learning area to further support pupils learning. Class 15 have enjoyed exploring the area and took part in bonfire celebrations.

Sam says 'We have been learning all about Bonfire Night and how to keep safe at a Bonfire Celebration. Pupils used their imagination to talk about how we could make a bonfire and drew on previous mathematical knowledge of long and short when collecting sticks from the outdoor learning area. Pupils worked together to carry the logs because they described some logs as 'heavy'. We made a bonfire using sticks and filled up pop bottles with water to make our own fireworks/rockets which flew into the sky and landed on the school roof! Pupils were really excited about the fireworks. We also talked about other celebrations that use fireworks such as Chinese New Year and Diwali and shared our own experiences. At the end we made toasted marshmallows and pupils drew on past experiences pretending to toast marshmallows.'

