



# The Orchard School

## Weekly Bulletin

**Week commencing: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### Dates for your diary

<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Santa's Grotto
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Breakfast with Santa End of term
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	We welcome all children back after the Christmas break

### Update from Liz

It has been another busy week of festive activities. It was wonderful that so many family members were able to join us at the activity morning on Tuesday. I know you all enjoy the opportunity to spend some time in your child's class and getting to know the staff in there.

The festivities continued this week on Wednesday evening with a community carol service. There were some lovely performances from pupils from The Orchard, Rounds Green and Langley schools. It was enjoyed by all who attended, and we are hoping to do future events and build the collaboration with our local primary schools.

Then it was time for the highly anticipated disco on Thursday where pupils had fun dancing to their favourite songs. The highlight was a visit from Father Christmas himself! Thank you to the following companies who donated their time or products to the disco:

- Chadwicks Café
- Magic Moments Card Shop
- Stephen Fox from Iceland
- DJ Simon and Chloe Bates

Next week we carry on the festivities. A letter has been sent home regarding Breakfast with Santa.

We finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me to The Orchard, I can honestly say I have had an amazing first term as Headteacher and feel part of the wonderful staff team here. I am looking forward to the new year and moving the school forward.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you all enjoy celebrating the festive season with your families.

## Class 12's visit to Ash End Farm

On Thursday Class 12 had an amazing time on their first school trip to Ash End Farm. They enjoyed taking part in the Nativity and meeting Father Christmas and his reindeer. There were smiles all round throughout the day from both staff and pupils and as you can see from the photographs it was enjoyed by all.





## Oscar meets the Queen!

Oscar from class 11 had a once in a lifetime opportunity last week. He had been nominated by the Roald Dahl Charity to help Queen Camilla decorate the Royal Christmas tree at Clarence House. He also met Father Christmas and his reindeer. What a wonderful experience this was and thank you to Oscar and mum for sharing the photographs.



## And the winner is.....

The hotly anticipated raffle has been drawn this afternoon for the tickets to the Boxing Day match between West Bromwich Albion and Norwich City



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Shangika from class 8 picked the winning ticket and the winner is.....

**Amy Corey**



The toy raffle will be drawn on Monday.