



What a busy week we have had! Children from Year 2 attended a Multi-skills activity at Osterley Park. Year 6 enjoyed 'Robin Hood' at The Arts Centre, Hounslow on Thursday and Year 5 today have had an interactive workshop to support their upcoming studies on Anglo-Saxons. And of course, the Reception and Year 1 Nativities took place. The children performed beautifully. Thanks to all parents who attended these performances and the staff for preparing the children

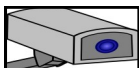


THANK YOU to all the Year 6 ambassadors for helping at the recent Parents Evening meetings. You did a wonderful job.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
A very special thank you to the Orchard community for supporting the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**. Together we raised £310.02. Thank you

REMINDER
We ask parents to please be mindful of your child and make sure they are with you and you use the paths for safe access to and from school. Please do not walk in the middle of Orchard Road and do not walk through the school car park when bringing children into school or collecting at the end of the day. This is for your safety and to avoid any cars being damaged.
THANK YOU

School Meals
*Please remember to book your child's meal **in advance** on ParentPay and ensure your child(ren) come to school on time so they receive their chosen meal*

 These premises are under 24-hour CCTV surveillance

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Week of 9th December 2024
Attendance Week (whole school)

Thursday 12th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December
Christmas festive lunch
*please see menu below

Thursday 12th December
Yr. 4. Goldilocks and The Three Bears 6pm
Admittance by ticket only

Friday 13th December
Yr. 4. Goldilocks and The Three Bears
9.15am Admittance by ticket only

Starting 13th December 2024
Nursery Parent Meetings
Please book with Nursery staff

Wednesday 18th December
School Council Christmas Fair 3.45–5pm
Admittance by ticket only

Thursday, 19th December 2024
Last day of term - Nursery

Friday, 20th December 2024 at 1.30pm
Last day of school term

Christmas LUNCH
THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER
Roast Turkey or Vegetable Samosa
Chicken or Veg Chipolata, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Brussel Sprouts, Sage & Onion Stuffing, & Gravy
Festive Chocolate & Orange Rocky Road or Christmas Pudding or Mince Pie
WILSON JONES

During October and November years 6 and 5 collected donations for our local foodbank. They were thrilled with the donations and have written to pass on their thanks.

The Foodbank wanted to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the Year 5 and 6 pupils, parents and staff at Orchard Primary School for your very welcome and generous donations to the foodbank which you delivered to us during October and November - your support for the work we do is greatly appreciated.



ATTENDANCE
Congratulations!
Hazel class and Ash class achieved the highest attendance for this week, 2nd December–6December 2024.
Well done and keep up the good work!

Attendance
If your child is unable to attend school, for any reason, please let us know. Please email: absence@tops.hounslow.sch.uk OR telephone the school on 020 8570 6247 and leave a voicemail message on the absence line by choosing Option 2. 'sick' or 'unwell' cannot be accepted as a reason so please provide as much detail (symptoms) as possible. If your child does feel generally unwell in the morning before school, we encourage them to come into school, and if needed, the welfare officer will call you if your child is not well enough to stay in school.

Absence of a child due to parents ill health or that of a relative, is not an acceptable reason for a child to not be in school.
Please try to make GP and dental appointments outside of school hours so that your child is in school as much as possible. If your child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, we expect your child to be in school before and after the appointment.

If your child has a hospital appointment or needs to attend the hospital **please provide an appointment card, hospital discharge letter or email details (appointment & time) to the absence email.** This is a requirement so that absences can be authorised.
Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Term Time Leave
The law requires that ALL children of school age attend school every day unless s/he is ill or there are exceptional circumstances. For this reason, parents should always arrange visits to family, including those in other countries, during the school holidays. If you feel that you need to take your child out of school during term time please discuss this with the school before finalising any arrangements.

A 'Term Time Leave' form is available in the school office and we ask that this is completed with all details of absence/travel prior to leave being taken.

We monitor the absence of all children and you are likely to be required to have a meeting with the Headteacher or the Attendance Support Officer, either before or after time away from school, to discuss all term time absence.

Where these term time absences are not authorized, the absence will be referred to the Local Authority (LBH) and parents may incur a fixed penalty warning notice or a fine.