



19th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Wishing You a Merry Christmas!

As we come to the end of a busy and successful term, we want to thank all our families for their incredible support. Your partnership makes a huge difference to our school community. We wish you a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. See you in January! Our last day at school is today (Friday 19th December) and all pupils are due back on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

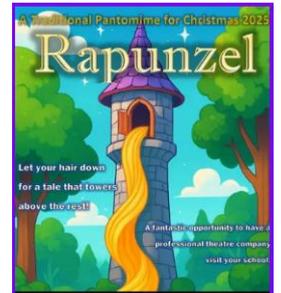


Great Yarmouth Festival of Carols

Our choir has been rehearsing throughout this term to prepare for the Great Yarmouth Schools Music Association festival of Carols at the Minster This annual event has been running for 73 years now and is a brilliant lead up to Christmas. The choir performed with several other local primary and high schools and sung their hearts out, sounding amazing.

Rapunzel

The whole school enjoyed a fantastic Christmas performance of Rapunzel delivered by Purple Dreams productions on Friday 12th. The children were full of energy as the characters whipped up their excitement with all the usual jokes. There was also some fantastic dancing from Mr Sayer and Miss Casey, although I promised not to put that photo in this newsletter!



Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday we enjoyed the whole school sitting down together for our Christmas dinner. It is always special to be able to sit down together as a school and enjoy a festive meal together. The hall and tables were decorated, carols played and Santa visited riding one of his reindeer.



Christmas concerts

Thank-you to everyone who attended our Key Stage 2 Christmas concert and our Key Stage 1 Nativity performance. A special thank-you to those parents that joined in our traditional '12 days of Christmas' number, with some very tuneful and not so tuneful voices. The children absolutely love performing to you and with you and what a fantastic job they did. Thank-you to all the staff that rehearsed with the children and took extra time to put these performances together.





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PFA – Fundraisers!

Movie Night - the children enjoyed staying behind at school for a treat of a movie and snack. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was delightful to watch them sit back, giggle and relax. The evening ended with excitement from some children about going home from school in the dark, a brand-new experience for many of them.

We also ran our very popular Present Shop and Pupils Sweetie Raffle again this year – in total we have managed to raise **£628.03** for school funds!



Year 6 – Crucial crew

On November 26th our Year 6 pupils attended a Crucial Crew event at the new library in the marketplace. This is a multi-agency education project that aims to equip Year 6 students with essential life skills to help them stay safe and confident as they transition to secondary school and beyond. The program covers a range of topics, including fire safety, road safety, crime reduction, first aid, mental health and water safety. It is delivered through interactive workshops.

Christmas Hampers

A big thank-you to all the staff and wider school community who contributed towards the 10 hampers that Mrs Branch created for families in our local community who are finding it tough over this Christmas period. These have been gratefully received.



Year 5 – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Our Year 5 class were fortunate to be invited to attend a performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory put on by the pupils of Ormiston Victory Academy. It was a great opportunity to not only see a high school production, but also to see a large high school in action and the opportunities available to them when they move onto high school in the not too distant future.

Leadership for Change

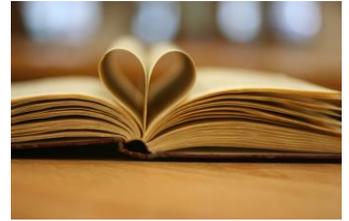
This term a group of ten pupils from Years 3 and 4 have been following a course by the Economist Educational Foundation which encouraged them to think about a project idea which could lead to change in an area of school life. They have considered the influence of the news, how we view the news and the idea of fake news in the media. They have also looked at what makes a great leader and the qualities that they value within a leadership role. They have further developed their communication skills through challenges and games. Last week they pitched their 'idea for change' to a panel of judges and were questioned about their project idea. Project ideas looked at creating an outdoor RESET area, providing a sensory for all pupils, setting up a food van so that children did not get hungry, making school more fun and looking at setting up a pop-up shop selling donated items to raise money for charity. All children received a participation certificate in Flying High assembly to recognise their ideas and contributions this term.





Reading challenge

WELL DONE to all the children who have achieved their **BRONZE** award for reading and thank you to all parents who are supporting their child with their reading and enjoyment of books; it makes a huge difference! Reading and sharing books is vitally important for a child's development across ALL areas of the curriculum. As a school, we are striving to improve reading for pleasure and enable your children to be immersed in the wonderful world of children's literature.



Over the Christmas period, if your child has their reading record signed at least 8 times after enjoying some story time with you, they will be entered into a prize draw. Here is a wonderful website with FREE online books for you to use. [Free Bedtime Stories, Fairy Tales, Online Storybooks and Audio Books for Kids! | Bedtime Stories](#)

Curriculum updates

As we continue to look to improve wherever possible, we have made a few recent changes to the curriculum that we teach in lessons. This includes:

- Using the White Rose Maths programme across the whole school. The feedback from staff has been very positive, with teachers finding the sequences of lessons clear and easy to follow and recent assessments already show a positive impact on our arithmetic assessments. More information can be found at: [Advice and guidance for parents | White Rose Education](#)
- Changing our RE, Computing, Art and Science curriculum over to The OAK National Academy. This is part of a move by Ormiston Academy Trust to align curriculum across all of its primary and secondary academies, so that subject support from the Trust can be more effectively delivered. Pupils who then move to an OAT secondary academy will also experience a smoother transition with a similar curriculum delivered in their new school. Some of you may remember OAK National Academy from the covid lockdown, when it began as a home learning tool used by most primary schools. It has since grown into a national DfE funded curriculum resource. More information on the OAK National Academy can be found at: [Free, time-saving teacher resources | Oak National Academy](#)

Parent feedback

A big thank-you to all those parents that filled in our parents survey whilst attending our parent/teacher evening back in October. This feedback is very useful to us as we are always looking to improve where we can. The highlights of the survey include:

- 95% of parents stating their child feels safe at school
- 97% of parents stating children at Edward Worlledge are well behaved and that they do well at this school
- 98% of parents who had to raise a concern with the school felt it had been dealt with properly
- 95% of parents felt that any issue of bullying was dealt with quickly (we want this to be 100%)

Things that we can further improve are:

- 88% of parents felt their child could participate in clubs. We have already started to look closely at our enrichment offer and will come up with specific actions around this feedback and communicate these in more detail next term.



Attendance Matters

Being at school all day every day does make a significant difference. We know from our experience and data that children who are regularly at school, with an attendance of over 96% do go to high school with better outcomes in phonics, maths, reading and writing than those pupils with poor attendance.

Excellent attendance is a priority for us and I am pleased to say that our attendance is ahead of where we were this time last year. However, we still are some way short of the 96.5% that we are expected to achieve. We have noticed an increase in pupils who have been arriving late, we therefore ask that children are in school by 8.45am, so that they can get straight on with their morning starter activities and don't miss any of their learning.

We made the decision to "switch up" our attendance rewards system this year and over the last 3 weeks have run our very first Attendance Prize Bonanza. There have been daily raffles, where any pupil in school on that day has the chance to win a prize – we've had pencils, pens, wristbands, board games, crafts, cake treat, non-uniform and more! We hope that pupils have enjoyed the suspense and anticipation and would like to thank parents, staff and local companies for their continued support.



Halle the Therapy Dog

Mrs Branch is very excited to announce that she has recruited a "New Worlledger" – we would like to say a very big welcome to Halle!

Halle is a fully trained therapy pet (Pets As Therapy) and some pupils may have already met her in September when we were raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Halle is looking forward to visiting Worlledge more frequently and we plan for her to support pupils 1:1, in small groups, for reading and as part of our wider academy rewards system (attendance and behaviour).

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Christmas in Breydon!
Getting into the festive spirit and enjoying decorations day.



Santa Branch & Elf Honey – delivering Christmas Presents!



Festival of Carols – The Minster