

OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER

November 2025



Welcome to our November newsletter. The children have been really engaged and are always keen to share what they have been learning.

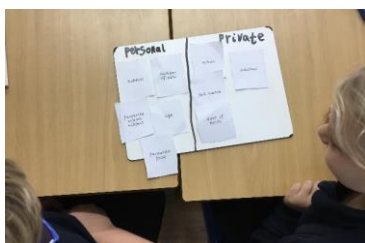
What we have been up to in November.....

Elm Class

The month began with Odd Socks Day to mark Anti-Bullying week. The wearing mismatched socks reminds us that everyone is different and unique, promoting kindness and acceptance. The children loved wearing their odd socks.



In Computing, the children have been learning about online safety and algorithms. Our online safety lessons have focused on how to keep information safe and private when using the internet. The children explored the difference between personal information and private information, and learned that anything shared online cannot truly be deleted or taken back. We discussed how, although all information about us is personal, some details are more sensitive and should always be kept private.



Beech Class

In Year 1, we have been busy learning about materials and their properties in Science. We have also learned about maps in Geography and we have created our messy map of the classroom. As part of this unit of work, we enjoyed finding various features on the playground in our first fieldwork task.



We have learned about dynamics in Music and we have really enjoyed using character voices to retell the story of The Three Little Pigs.



Oak Class

This month, Year 4 went on a trip to the 'Living Rainforest'. They saw a variety of tropical plants and animals who inhabit the tropical rainforests around the world.



The children enjoyed their day and learned about how plants and animals have adapted to their environment. They also learnt about how the animals are cared for when they are in captivity. It was a great day of learning.

Fir Class

Fir Class went on their trip to Celtic Harmony, where they were able to bring to life their recent learning of the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. Throughout the day, the children explored how early humans lived, survived and adapted to their environment. They observed traditional fire-making demonstrations and were fascinated to see sparks turn into flames using natural materials, just as people would have done thousands of years ago. The class also took part in a range of hands-on activities, including hunting and gathering role-play, where they learned about the importance of teamwork and resourcefulness. Den building proved to be a favourite, with pupils working together to construct shelters strong enough to protect against the elements. They even tried their hand at trading, discovering how communities exchanged goods and developed social connections long before the use of money.



Redwood Class

This month, Year 5 have been learning about bullying. During Anti Bullying week, the children took part in a live BBC assembly entitled, 'Power for Good'. The children learned about loads of ways that they could use their own power to create positive change. Take a look at some of the posters that they created showing their 'Powers' as well as their anti-bullying pledges.



Pre-School

We have been very busy in Pre-School. The children enjoyed carving pumpkins for Halloween and talking out their plans for Trick or Treat. We discussed the sounds that the fireworks made and came up with some good describing words. The children liked making firework pictures using fir tree branches and we also made rockets.



We had our Nursery Rhyme Challenge sing off where the children sang their hearts out to their parents. Our songs were Humpty Dumpty, Sing a Song of Sixpence, I Hear Thunder, Two Little Dicky Birds and When I was one. The children thoroughly enjoyed this event and it was lovely to have so many families join us.

We have now started to talk about hibernation and what happens during this time and which animals hibernate.

Ash Class

Throughout November we have continued to look for changes which take place. We have used autumn leaves to make wands, to decorate with spots, for threading, for printing and to make hibernation piles for hedgehogs.



In maths we have been exploring ways to make numbers up to five as well as hunting for circles and triangles. In literacy we have been planning in preparation to write our own sentence relating to our text 'Star in the Jar.' What a busy month!

Willow Class



In our PSHE unit "Health and Wellbeing", we have looked at what different strategies we can use to support our physical and mental health. We have enjoyed exploring mindfulness techniques, such as yoga, and discussed positive and negative influences on our health, and how to embrace or respond to them. We all understand it is important to look after ourselves as well as each other.

Forest School

In Forest School this month, Pre-School celebrated Children in Need and they created a wonderful Pudsey Bear using autumn leaves. They also enjoyed threading leaves to make leaf mobiles. Reception embraced their first rainy Forest School day, splashing in puddles and experiencing the joy of wet-weather play. They have also been busy exploring the environment, searching for circles in nature. Year 1 have been learning about hibernation and did some mud painting, creating earthy artwork inspired winter trees. Year 2 used their imagination and natural materials to design and craft their own Woodland Goblins to protect the trees throughout the colder months. Years 3 and 4 have been developing teamwork and problem-solving skills through den building and working together to construct shelters in forest school.



The Orchard

We welcomed our first group of children into The Orchard this month. We have enjoyed getting to know each other and exploring lots of different rooms and activities. It has been especially fun spending time in our lovely outside area, playing on the trampoline, swing, scooters and taking some of our learning outside. Cherry class has been a hive of fun, laughter and learning as we settle in to our fabulous new unit.



The dark room



Fun in the wintery sun



Our dining area

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for taking part in our 'Children in Need' mufti day. It was lovely to see the children in their spotty clothes and accessories. We managed to raise £131.21 which will benefit others in times of need. Well done to everyone.



Attendance for November



Please help us by making sure your child is in school every day and they are here by 8.45am.

Ash Class = 92.6%

Beech Class = 91.8%

Elm Class = 90.3%

Fir Class = 98.5%

Oak Class = 89.6%

Redwood Class = 89.6%

Willow Class = 94.2%

The Orchard = 95%

Grundfos

Over the last year we have been working closely with Leighton Buzzard based company, Grundfos. Through a grant from the company we have completely refurbished the changing rooms and put a new kitchen into the staff room. The remainder of the grant will be used to refurbish the accessible toilet space in the New Year.

It was lovely that managing Director, Glynn Williams and Operations Manager, Victoria Mulford were able to join some of the children to officially open the changing rooms.



Environmental Health



Last week we had a visit from environmental health who were here to check the cleanliness of the server area and to ensure the staff from HCL are serving the children correctly. They stayed for the whole of service and also checked on how the staff ensure the food stays hot for all of the children. I am pleased to share that we were awarded the 5-star rating and the provision for the children remains high. Well done to all our lunchtime staff.

What is coming up in December

- **Friday 5th December** – 5.00pm – 7.00pm – PTA Christmas Fair
- **Tuesday 9th December** – 2.15pm – Year 2 Christmas Show
- **Friday 12th December** - 9.00am – Coffee Morning – Zones of Regulation
- **Friday 12th December** – 2.15pm – Year 1 Nativity

- **Tuesday 16th December** – 2.15pm – Reception Nativity
- **Tuesday 16th December** – 2.30pm – Pre-School Nativity
- **Tuesday 16th December** – 4.00pm – Musical Theatre Show
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Christmas Jumper Day – Wear your school uniform with a Christmas jumper rather than your school jumper or cardigan
- **Wednesday 17th December** – HCL Christmas lunch – please order on time
- **Thursday 18th December** – 9.15am – Year 6 Christmas Carol service to parents at the church
- **Friday 19th December** – 3.15 – End of term

- **Monday 5th January** – Term starts for all children

And finally....

Please come to the School Christmas Fair on Friday 5th December from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

Make sure you return your raffle tickets in order to win one of these wonderful prizes.

OVERSTONE PTFA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1ST PRIZE £50 VOUCHER THE DOLPHIN STOKE HAMMOND

2ND PRIZE FAMILY TICKET TO HOGSHAW FARM

3RD PRIZE FAMILY TICKET TO MK DONS

4TH PRIZE 5KG FREE RANGE TURKEY ASCOTT ESTATE

5TH PRIZE 2 ADULT TICKETS TO CHILFEST

FAMILY VOUCHER NINJA WARRIOR (X2)

£60 VOUCHER THAI DEE MASSAGE AYLESBURY
LUNCH FOR 2 AT THE ROSE & CROWN WINGRAVE

RADLETT FRUITERS HAMPER

£30 VOUCHER RUSTICO ITALIAN BISTRO

2 TICKETS TO AYLESBURY WATERSIDE THEATRE

2 TICKETS TO HOBLEDOWN HEATH, HOUNSLOW

2 TICKETS TO ODEON CINEMA AYLESBURY (X 2)

4 GROUNDS ADMISSION TICKETS TO WADDESDON

£25 VOUCHER THE STAG MENTMORE

£25 VOUCHER THE CALZONE KITCHEN

£25 VOUCHER OPUZ RESTAURANT (X2)

£20 VOUCHER AMORE PIZZERIA

INTERIM CAR SERVICE VOUCHER WING PARK MOTORS

£15 VOUCHER CAFE ZEERA

100 BALLS AT DYNAMIC DRIVING RANGE (X2)

FLIP OUT VOUCHER (X2)

1 ADULT & 1 CHILD TICKET TO BEKONSCOT

HAPPYDASHERY PRIZE

£10 VOUCHER THE WORKS AYLESBURY
HAMPERS

AND MORE PRIZES

£1 PER TICKET DRAW 5/12/25 AT 6.45PM AT SCHOOL
PRMMOTER: OVERSTONE PTFA, CHURCH STREET, WING, LU70NY
LOCAL AUTHORITY: AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL
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