



# Oldbury Observer Autumn Term 2025 edition 15

## Mr Irving's Comment

The Autumn Term was brought to a happy close with Christmas performances throughout the week - these were really well attended, happy occasions; our children and staff felt thoroughly supported, thank you. My thanks to the staff for making these opportunities for our pupils possible - the singing, spoken parts, props and costumes all contributed to some lovely memories being made. Our recent Christmas events have once again shown just how important and valuable your input is - your engagement and support make our work in school all the more effective.

I take this opportunity to thank every member of staff across the school for their efforts through the Autumn Term, not just for the big events such as the Christmas performances but also (and most importantly) for the daily acts of kindness, compassion and patience that really make a difference. I also thank the very many of you who have taken the time to give us some kind adn t

On behalf of the staff of Oldbury Park Primary School, I wish you all a Merry Christmas; we look forward to working alongside you into 2026.

## The Week Ahead

### School Dates

Monday 5th January - School closed to pupils - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 6th

# Term Dates

## Academic Year 2025 to 2026

Term dates Academic Year 2025 to 2026

Holiday	School closes on	School re-opens on
Autumn Term	Not Applicable	Monday 1 September 2025
Autumn mid-term	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025
Christmas	Friday 19 December 2025	Monday 5 January 2026
Spring mid-term	Friday 13 February 2026	Monday 23 February 2026
Easter	Friday 27 March 2026	Monday 13 April 2026
Summer mid-term	Friday 22 May 2026	Monday 1 June 2026
End of summer term	Monday 20 July 2026	Not Applicable

## Academic Year 2026 to 2027

Term Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the academic year 2026 to 2027.

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End of summer term	Wednesday 21 July 2027	Not applicable

## Attendance Update - **IMPORTANT** for **ALL FAMILIES**

### Request for toys



We would like to offer the children the opportunity to play with an increased selection of toys at lunchtime, on the Ks2 playground. If you have any of the following toys, in good condition, and would like to donate them to school, please pop them into the office.

We are looking for:

- Building blocks, Duplo, Lego, Stickle bricks.
- Toy cars
- Barbies (+ clothes)
- Dolls (doll clothes, bottles etc.)
- Dinosaurs
- Animals (farm, sea creatures safari etc)

*We are not able to take cuddly toys.*

**Thank you so much for your support with this!**

## EVENT - Parent Talk: Raising Kids in the Smartphone Era



**SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD**

### PARENT TALK: Raising Kids in the Smartphone Era

Practical ideas and friendly chat about helping kids thrive in the age of smartphones. What works for families right now, from first phones to healthy habits at home. No judgement, just real talk and small steps to make a difference.

**WHEN**  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 – 5:30pm **AND**  
Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 – 9:00am (same talk)

**WHERE**  
Main Hall, Oldbury Park Primary School  
Oldbury Road, Worcester

**Reserve a FREE place by scanning one of the codes**

Jan 12 / 5:30  
Jan 20 / 9:30

1 - If you are keen to attend with event, please sign up using the QR codes or following the link. You can also just turn up on the day. This even is free.

Jan 12 (Evening)<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1977561184738?aff=oddtcreator>

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## Reception

We have really enjoyed celebrating the run up to Christmas in Reception. We created Christmas lists, wrapped presents, and meticulously decorated the classrooms!

We have also been talking about how we celebrate Christmas, showing respect to everyone when they shared their personal family traditions. We also learnt about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries such as Australia and Iceland.

We are so proud of all the children and how well they have settled in to their first term at Oldbury Park. Thank you for your generous cards and gifts. We also want to thank you for your continued support. We wish you and your family a restful Christmas break. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

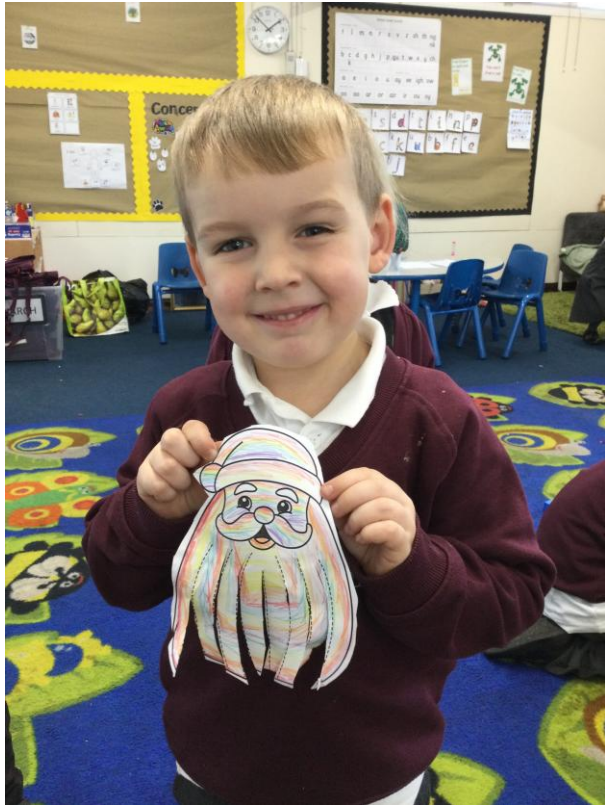












Monarch also enjoyed a very wet and muddy Forest School this week! It was a joy to see the children jumping in puddles and making mud pies. We apologise for the wet socks!







## Year 1

Happy Christmas to you all. Thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts that we have received, it is very kind of you.

This week at forest school the children loved going on a Christmas chocolate lolly hunt! We were all lucky enough to find a lolly and then eat our lollies!!

Forest school will start the first week back and be every Wednesday again. Please return waterproof suits and PE bags on the first Tuesday back.

Please check that everything is still named.

We wish you all a lovely break and lots of quality family time.

Year 1 team













## Year 2

This term, our Year 2 children have been learning how to stay safe when using the internet. They've discovered simple rules like not sharing personal information, being kind online, and telling a trusted grown-up (TAG) if something makes them sad, worried or upset. We're all working together to ensure our young explorers can enjoy technology safely and responsibly. Keep chatting to your children about their online adventures at home!

Our History learning this term finished today with our own recreation of the Great Fire of London Pudding Lane! We made houses and set fire to them, starting with the bakery, to see how the fire would spread. The children absolutely loved it and it was an exciting end to our term!

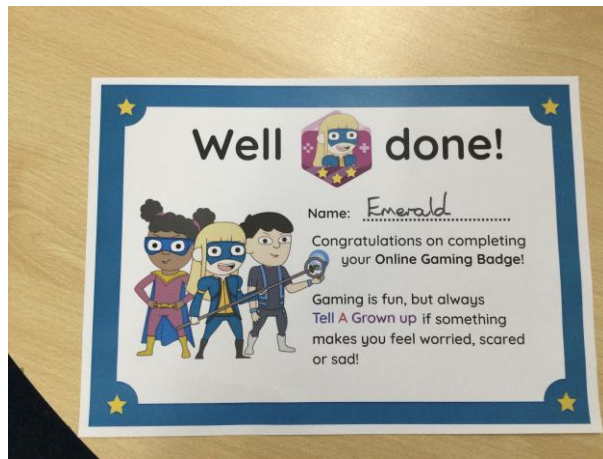
We hope you have enjoyed seeing the children's art work sent home this week as a special gift bag with their Christmas bits inside.

Thank you for all your support this term, the children have been fantastic and have worked really hard. Thank you for the lovely cards and gifts too, it is very much appreciated!

Make sure you have a rest over the holidays and enjoy lots of family time. We wish you a fun and merry Christmas and look forward to seeing the children back in January.

Forest School will continue on a Monday alternating each class weekly. The first session will be Emerald on Monday 12th January, followed by Sapphire on Monday 19th January. Please could all PE kits be returned on the first day back and have waterproof clothes ready for their forest school sessions.

Year 2 team



















## Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderfully busy half term and have worked incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum.

In art this week, we have been developing our printing skills. The children explored different techniques and patterns, carefully refining their work before producing a final piece – a festive Christmas card. The results were fantastic, and the children showed great creativity and focus throughout the process.

We have also been very busy rehearsing and performing for the Year 3 and 4 production of *No-One Raps Like an Elf*. The children sang amazingly and performed with huge enthusiasm and confidence. We are incredibly proud of all their hard work and bravery on stage. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

In maths, we have been learning about scaling. The children really enjoyed scaling up Santa's food and even reindeer food, applying their mathematical thinking to fun, festive problems.

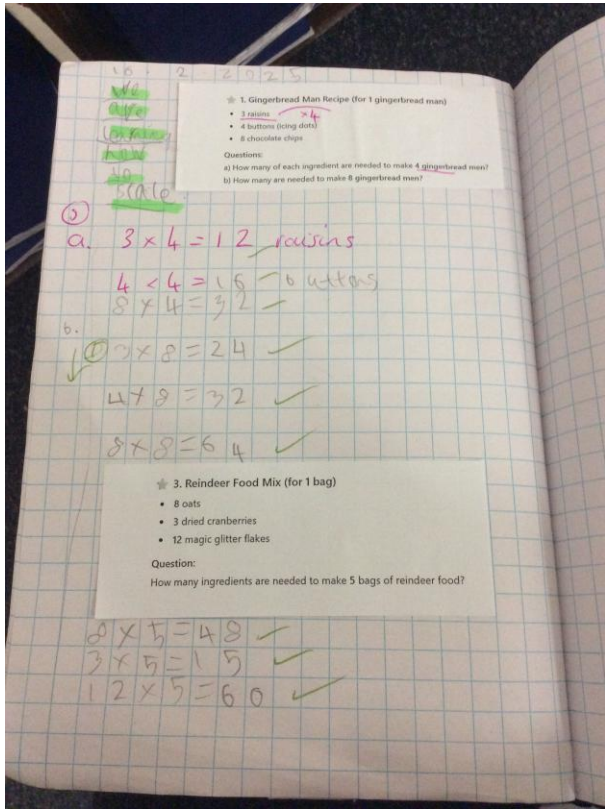
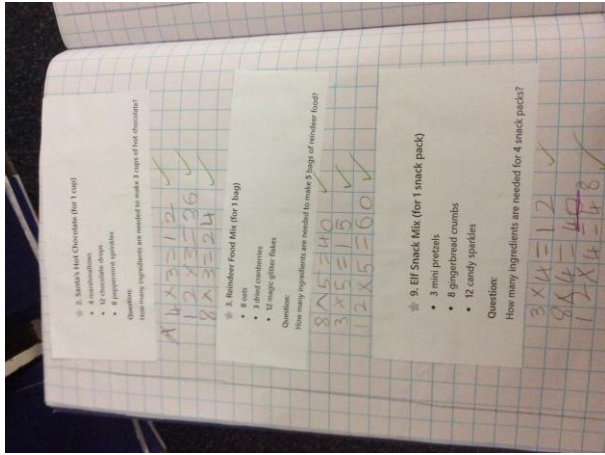
It has been a packed and productive half term, and the children should be very proud of everything they have achieved.

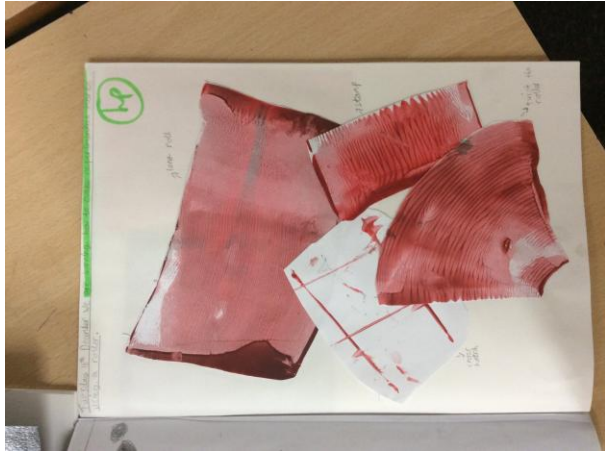
Looking forward to next term, the children will have brought home a letter with the new PE/forest school dates on them. PE and Forest School days remain the same (Tuesday and Thursday).

**Arrowsmith will start with Forest School on the first day back**- so please ensure they have all the necessary kit needed! **Hampton will begin with PE on the first day back.**

We would like to wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas break and New Year. 🌲 ✨

We look forward to seeing you all in 2026!







### Year 3 and 4 Choir Trip

Some of our Year 3 and 4 choir members had a wonderful opportunity to perform at the Guildhall on behalf of the Rotary Club. The children sang a selection of Christmas songs to members of the public, spreading festive cheer.

The choir represented the school brilliantly, singing with confidence, enthusiasm and beautiful expression. They showed excellent behaviour and teamwork and should be extremely proud of themselves for performing outside of such a special setting.

It was a fantastic experience for the children and a lovely way to share the Christmas spirit with the wider community. Well done to all involved! 🎄 🎤











## Year 4

### **Employer Encounter**

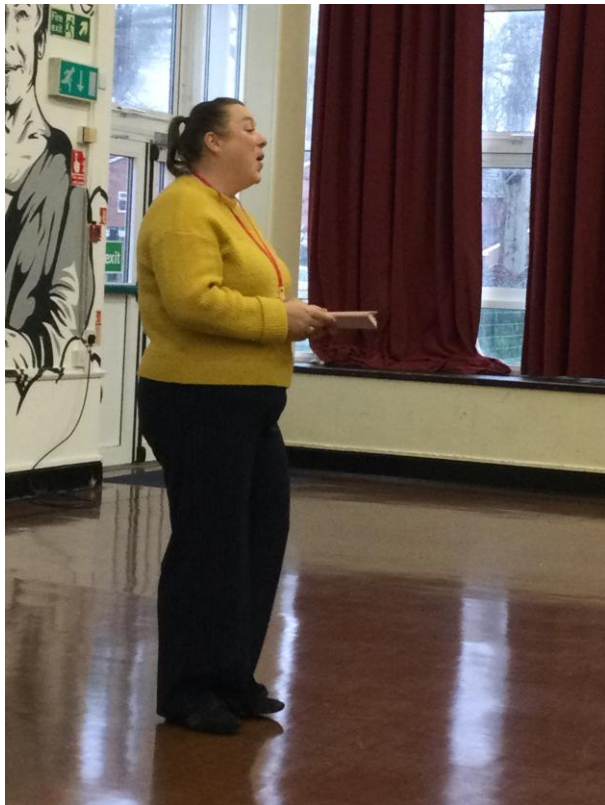
This week we had the privilege to welcome Billi, a parent from our school community, to be our expert in the field of Theatre.

Our children have been busy preparing themselves for the Y3/4 Production, No One Wraps Like An Elf. Billi popped along to see some of the children's dress rehearsal to the rest of the school and give us an idea of what it is like to act, dance and sing on stage as different characters as an adult. Billi showed us some photos of her performances over the years and talked to the children about some common phrases used such as, "Break a leg", rather than wishing someone good luck.

The children also had some questions for Billi, asking where she started her time in theatre and where she has performed in the past. Lots of our children also asked her for tips and tricks to help remember lines or actions when preparing for a play, or how to not get so nervous when singing solos.

Thank you to Billi for giving your free time to share your knowledge and stories, we really appreciate it!







## Year 5

This week has been a busy week for Year 5! The children have been spending lots of time singing Christmas carols in preparation for the Year 5 and 6 Carol service that took place on Wednesday. As well as this, the children also enjoyed visiting the University on Tuesday morning where they sang carols to an audience of University staff and students. The children all sang beautifully and represented Oldbury Park with pride.

The children have also been creative in Art this week and have finished our current unit of work around Jim Dine by painting paintbrushes using watercolour and then adding a chosen effect to the bottom of their brush.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing the children in January.



## Year 6

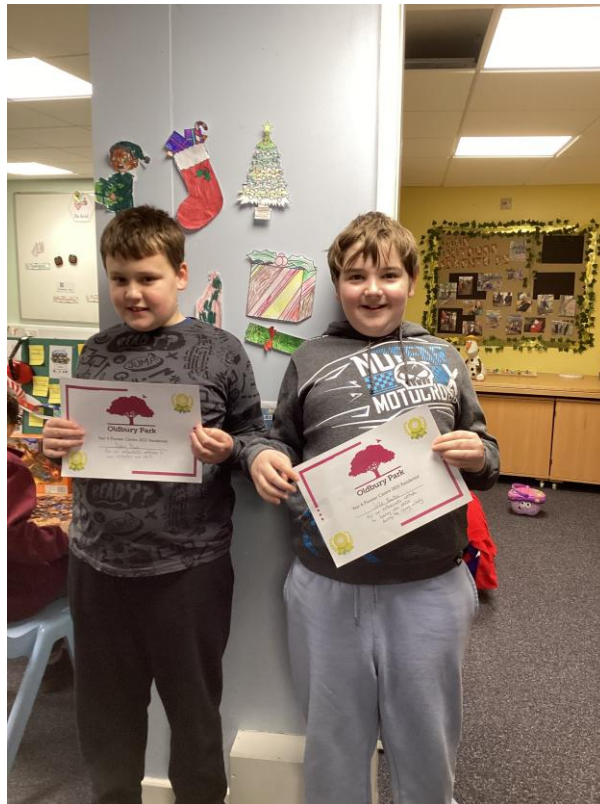
This week at Oldbury Park, Year 6 pupils showed fantastic engagement as they explored the inspiring life of Dr Barnardo through their biography writing, reflecting their understanding from *Street Child*. In maths, they made excellent progress in understanding fractions, confidently calculating fractions of amounts and discussing their strategies to deepen their understanding. The week was topped off with our brilliantly lively Christmas carol service, where the children performed with enthusiasm, confidence, and teamwork, creating a warm, festive atmosphere and marking a wonderful end to a busy term. Wishing both students and parents a very Merry Christmas and a restful, joyful holiday season!





## MAB

We have had a lovely final week of school, full of festive cheer. We are very proud of our Year 6 boys for receiving their certificates during a special base ceremony following their residential trip. We also enjoyed watching a Christmas show together, which was a wonderful way to end the term.



Our final farm trip was a really special one. We're so grateful for all the experiences the children have had this term, we ended the session by making the 'most delicious' cake together.





















A muddy Friday in the forest!







## Contact Us



If you wish to get in touch with the school, please use the following details:

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### **Phase email addresses:**

For ALL parents, we have set up a new way of contacting Phase Leaders. These email addresses are SOLELY for classroom, pastoral and academic enquiries and NOT for general enquiries which should still come through the office@ email address.

Children in Reception [eyfsparents@oldburypark.crst.org.uk](mailto:eyfsparents@oldburypark.crst.org.uk) (Miss Molloy)

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