



NEWSLETTER

19TH DECEMBER 2025



And so, another year draws to a close. As a school, we have plenty to celebrate and be thankful for but like many of our families we are all looking forward to some rest and relaxation over the next couple of weeks.

The children have really shown us the true meaning of Christmas with their wonderful singing, performances and learning. It has been such a joy to see the school full (literally) to bursting with friends and families for all our festive events.

The staff, Governors and children would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



MISS MORGAN

We are delighted that Miss Morgan has been taking some of her 'keeping in touch' days in Otter Class during the last few weeks. She will continue to teach in Otters on a Tuesday in the new year for 5 weeks. On her return in March she will be based in Otter Class on a Monday and Tuesday, Dragonflies Class on a Thursday and Friday (alongside Mrs Wahid on Monday-Wednesday) and covering non-contact time on a Wednesday. Mrs Mason-Cook will be undertaking her second placement at Watlington Primary School for 6 weeks beginning in early March.

CAROL SERVICE

Please join us this morning at 11.15am for our Christmas Carol Service. Our oldest children will lead the event with readings whilst our Ladybird class enact the Christmas story. This is always a very special end to the school year. FOSPS will be serving tea/coffee and mince pies after the service while the children are having their lunch. Term will finish at 1.00pm when children can be collected from the usual places.



INSET DAY

Please note that the children return to school on Tuesday 6th January. Monday 5th is an INSET day.



TERM 4 FOREST SCHOOL

In term 4, Ladybirds will continue to have their Forest School session on a Tuesday morning. Dragonflies will be attending on a Tuesday afternoon. Dragonflies class to wear appropriate forest school clothing to school on Tuesdays.

Please ensure the children have plenty of layers on, extra pairs of socks, hats, scarves and gloves as the weather will undoubtedly be chilly.



OPAL WORKING PARTY



We would like to invite any parents who are interested in our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme to join our working party. If you are interested in getting involved, please let the office know.

THANK YOU

WINTER FAYRE AND WREATH MAKING

Thank You to FOSPS for another incredible Winter Fayre. The school was full of fun and laughter during the event and it was lovely to see so many past and present friends of the school in attendance. The event was a very successful fundraiser for the school and we really do appreciate all the hard work that goes into this.

Wreath making proved popular again this year with some outstanding creations. Thank You to Julie for her time, skill and support.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you for all donations to for Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December 2025. We managed to raise £58.20 Save the Children.

DRAGONFLIES NATIVITY

We were treated to a fantastic performance of 'The Easy Peasy Nativity' by Dragonflies last Tuesday. The children were word perfect, looked incredible in their costumes and retold the nativity story beautifully. A huge Thank You to everyone who came along to support the children and to all the Dragonflies staff who worked so hard to get the show on the road.



ROCKING OUT AT 9:00 AM!

Rocking out at 9:00 a.m. with our four Rock Steady school bands was awesome! Well done to all our performers – you have all worked so hard, and the concert truly showed your dedication and talent.

The energy, enthusiasm, and confidence on stage made the morning unforgettable.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The whole school enjoyed a delicious lunch cooked by Nicky on Wednesday. This is no mean feat, considering the size of our kitchen. It was a wonderful festive meal, beautifully prepared and served with plenty of Christmas cheer.

A huge thank you to Nicky for her hard work and incredible effort—your cooking brought joy to the entire school community!



VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

This has become quite the tradition for Key Stage 2 to carol sing around the village. Thank you to the BP garage, The Farm Shop and the church for hosting our travelling choir. We hope we were able to spread a little magic and Christmas cheer.

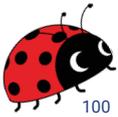


ATTENDANCE

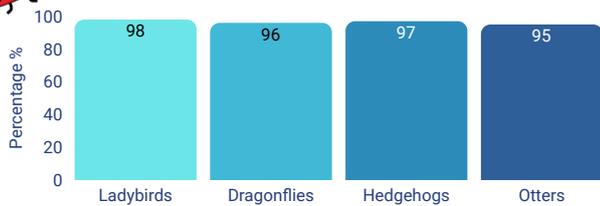
The school has an attendance target of 97%, and each child has an important part to play in helping us meet it. Regular attendance supports learning, builds confidence, and ensures every pupil can make the most of the opportunities school offers.

Thank you to all families for supporting good attendance—together, we can continue to build strong habits that help every child thrive.

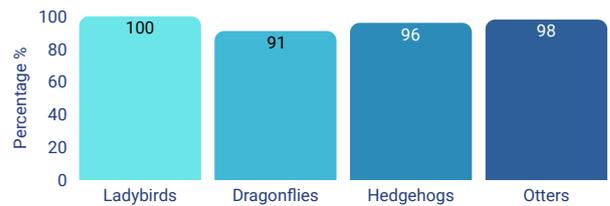
This full terms attendance for the whole school was 96.6%



Attendance 8th to 12th December 2025



Attendance 15th to 19th December 2025



Well done to Ladybird class for achieving the highest attendance for the last two weeks again!



CAKE CLUB

Would you like your child to be in with a chance of winning a cake each Friday? Cake club membership costs £10 for the year; which can be paid in full, or at £3.50 per term to guarantee your entry. Membership means your child's name will be entered into the Cake Club draw each Friday to win the cake kindly donated by a different family each time. If you would like to take part in Cake Club and help us raise funds for FOSP, please see Mrs Venner or leave money in the office clearly marked with your child's name.

Calling all bakers. We have created an online cake club rota: [Cake Club Google Sheet](#) - Please do pop your name down against any of the available dates if you would be willing to bake or donate a cake. If you are unable to edit the google sheet directly, please email the office with the date you'd like and we can pop your name on for you.

Please can we ask that all cakes made are nut and gelatine free.

