



NEWSLETTER

19TH DECEMBER 2025



Happy New Year!

It has been a very positive start to the school year and despite some peculiar weather, we are up and running. The staff would like to thank families for the many lovely gifts received for Christmas. These were much appreciated and we all feel very grateful.

It was lovely to see the support we had for all our Christmas events including the carol service and nativity.

HEADTEACHER FORUM

Thank you to those who attended the Headteacher Forum on Wednesday. As always, it was a really useful and productive discussion.

We talked about careers week, how we can use the vehicle of careers week to engage our children with learning about food and farming and how we might integrate this with some work we are planning with our school catering company, Aspens.

In addition, we discussed the food options available on school census day which we will take forward with Aspens.

The group were all very much in agreement about the fantastic work FOSP does for our school community and how we can better inform families about how the money has been spent and what they are fundraising for going forward. In the past, FOSP fundraising has supported all children being able to attend school trips, funded new iPads and a charging trolley and funded the renovation of the library for which we are very grateful.

Finally, the issue of safe walking routes to school was raised as an area for further conversation in the future. We are aware that many more families would walk to school if the route from the church was safer, so, as a school, we will begin exploring some options.

ALL WEATHER CLOTHING

Please can we remind families that all children must have wellies and trainers in school. We do go outside for break unless the weather is particularly wet, so children need appropriate clothing (scarves, hats and gloves-named). Forest School will also continue during the winter months so please ensure the children are well equipped.



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2026

- Sportshall Athletics (Otters) 21.01.26
- Reading Museum Trip (Otters) 23.01.26

February 2026

- Parent Workshop-Reading 11.2.26 (7.00pm)



ATTENDANCE

It has come to light that some parents may be putting their children in a tricky position by telling school they are taking their child for a medical appointment or that they are ill, when in fact, they are on holiday or on a day out. Sadly (or not!), your children are very honest and will always tell us exactly where they have been, which can erode the trusting relationship we hope to maintain with families. The lack of honesty makes it uncomfortable for everyone. If your child does have a medical appointment, we will ask for evidence of this to be provided to school in line with our policy.

CAREERS WEEK

Hopefully you will have seen our ParentMail form asking for help with our Careers Week. We would love to have volunteers from as many sectors as possible, so if you would like to come and share, or know people in your family who would be able to come in, we would love to hear from them. When we have gathered this information, we will begin planning the format of the week. This is sure to be an exciting and informative week for the children.

SPRING TERM LEARNING

Please take a few minutes to look at the class pages on our website (include link), where you will find all our learning for the term along with other useful information.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

FoSP will be holding a second hand uniform sale before and after school on Thursday 12th February 2026, card and cash payments both accepted.

OUR TALENTED MRS POOLMAN

We are delighted to share that our talented Forest School teacher, Mrs Poolman, has been performing this week in OXOPS at the New Theatre Oxford.

A number of staff members had the privilege of attending the show last night and were full of praise for the performance. Mrs Poolman was fantastic on stage, and the production came highly recommended by all who attended.

Sound of Music is running at the New Theatre Oxford until 18 January 2026, and we encourage anyone who can to go along and support her. We are incredibly proud to have such a talented member of our school community.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Our school will be celebrating 50 years at the Cratlands Close site this year and to mark the occasion, we will be holding an event on Friday 22nd May. This is the same day as our annual Maypole afternoon. All are welcome to attend. We would love to hear from any past pupils, families and local residents so please spread the word and save the date. Further details to follow in due course.



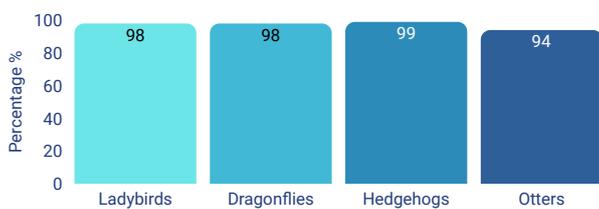
ATTENDANCE

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.

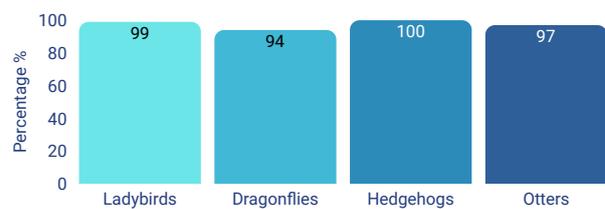
Thank you to all families for supporting good attendance—together, we can continue to build strong habits that help every child thrive.

Autumn term attendance was an 96.6%. Let's aim even higher and see if we can beat it this spring term!

Attendance 6th to 9th January 2026



Attendance 12th to 16th January 2026



Well done to Hedgehog class who have achieved highest attendance for both weeks!



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.

