



# VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term  
Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The start of December is a very exciting time for children and the school is full of Christmas joy as we practise and prepare for our Christmas events in the coming week. I know you are going to love seeing the children perform and share the message of Christmas. Thank you for your support for those who have needed to send into school costumes and don't forget next Thursday we have Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children.

On Monday, Liz West, CEO with Laura Thomas, Director of Primary Education of Initio Learning Trust, visited Verwood First School to walk around and review progress made since the Ofsted inspection in September. This was followed by our Local School Committee meeting ( local Governance) in the evening. These visits and meetings allow leaders to share the developments the school is making and prioritise actions for the next term.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

**Katharine Anstey**  
Executive Headteacher

### Children Celebrated in Praise Worship

	Nursery	Oak Base	Sycamore Base	Beech Base	Willow Base	Ash Base
Headteacher's Award	Evelyn C	Casey G Abi HJ	Ruby W Evie G	Zara B Bertie B	Kane WD Freya L	Sienna S Sofia Rose H
Fruit of the spirit Award	Darcy Mae K	Edith N L Millie C	Roma J Jude C	Daisey H Savannah G	Sophie T Hugo M	Gracie G Max H

### Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance in school and being on time every day . Good attendance in school is a top priority and our expectation is that pupils attend school every day for every session.

#### This week's attendance

Oak Base	94.61%
Sycamore Base	95.55%
Beech Base	95.97%
Willow Base	94.12%
Ash Base	94.82%

## Campus Car Park Gate Monitor

An opportunity has arisen for a campus gate monitor, start of the day, 8.00am to 8.45am and end of the day, 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Please can you contact Rachel Long through the school office for further details on 01202 822652, alternatively email on [rlong@verwoodfirstschool.org](mailto:rlong@verwoodfirstschool.org)



## Christmas Performances in School Hall

Tuesday 5th December	Nursery, Oak and Sycamore at 9.30 (Doors open at 9.00am)
Wednesday 6th December	Nursery, Oak and Sycamore at 1.45pm (Doors open at 1.30pm)
Thursday 7th December	Nursery, Oak and Sycamore at 9.30 (Doors open at 9.00am)
Thursday 7th December	Beech and Willow - 2.00pm (Doors open at 1.45pm)
Friday 8th December	Beech and Willow - 9.15am (Doors open at 8.45am)

## Christmas Performance Tickets

Tickets will come home with your child on Monday 4th December, tickets are colour coded per performance, please ensure you bring your tickets with you on the day of the performance. It is essential that you attend the correct performance with your ticket due to restricted capacity within the school hall.

## Christmas Performance at St Michael's Church

Thursday 7th December	Ash Base (Year 4 ) starting at 9.30am <i>(please bring children into school as usual and we look forward to seeing parents/carers at the Church)</i>
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## Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day is Thursday 7th December, we are inviting all children and staff to wear their Christmas jumpers into school on this day. Please ensure your child is wearing their usual school uniform on this day but they can replace their usual jumper/cardigan with a Christmas one.

Ash Base would usually be in their PE kit on a Thursday, due to their performance, please could they wear their school uniform with their Christmas jumper and not their PE kit.

Oak Base would usually have forest school on a Thursday, please note that there is no forest school now until the new year, please can Oak Base wear their school uniform with their Christmas jumper on Thursday 7th December.



# VERWOOD CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 2nd December 2023 4pm - 7pm

The Town Council wishes everyone  
a very Merry Christmas



Christmas Light Switch on 4.30pm | Children's fair ride  
Mulled wine | Face Painting | Fire service | BBQ | Verwood Concert  
Brass Band | Carol singing | Forest FM Candy floss & doughnuts  
Elf in the Window comp (Prizes of vouchers to Odeon Cinema)  
Glitter Face Painting | Meet Santa Claus & much more!



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