



# VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful week we have had filled with Christmas joy! Each base has shared with families the Christmas message and we are all so proud of how well the children shone during these performances.

Nursery, Oak Base and Sycamore Base, started the week sparkling and shining with their angelic cherub performance and storytelling. They were so incredible at performing their lines and songs to a backed hall of family members. Thank you for your support with costumes and tinsel!

Beech and Willow base have cheered us up with the wonderful 'Twas the Night before Christmas' performance and carol concert. Their singing was superb as was the playing of the hand chimes. Amazing!

Despite the weather not being on our side on Thursday, Ash Base shared their Christmas storytelling in the school hall and demonstrated superb performance skills and resilience with the last minute change of location. Well done, a fantastic morning.

I believe it is important for the children to have the opportunity to be part of a special Christmas performance, if they wish and we very much appreciate all your support to make time to attend these events and clap and sing along.

Next week we have the festive storytime event. Please make sure your child is booked in, if you are able to attend. Adults can come into the hall and wait during the event and enjoy some refreshments and music. We will also have our Christingle service on Friday and would appreciate each child bringing an orange into school next week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, which is hopefully not too wet,

**Katharine Anstey**  
Executive Headteacher

## Children Celebrated in Praise Worship

	Nursery	Oak Base	Sycamore Base	Beech Base	Willow Base	Ash Base
<b>Headteacher's Award</b>	Jaxon W	Rosie B Ethan W	Evie F Louis B	Oakly B Joe D	Ellie W Jenson J	Esmae C Maison Z
<b>Fruit of the spirit Award</b>	Jaxon A	Logan G Chloe F	Noah L Will M	Jacob D Kayleigh D	Toby B Amber C	Amelia D Isobel J

## 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	94.58%
Sycamore Base	95.49%
Beech Base	95.76%
Willow Base	94.14%
Ash Base	94.70%

## 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)

## Christingles

Children will be making Christingles on the last day of term, Thursday 14th December, please could we ask children to bring in an orange for this from Monday 11th. Everything else will be supplied by us. The children will be bringing them home for you to light with them.

## Festive Bedtime Story Reminder

We are looking forward to children attending our Festive Bedtime Story event on Tuesday 12th December, 4.30pm to 5.30pm. Children are invited to come back into school in their pyjamas to enjoy a different story in each base read to them by teachers and they will be treated to hot chocolate and biscuits. If your child is attending and has allergies, the office will contact you to discuss this further and ensure there is an alternative for them. **Please note if you have not booked your child in and turn up on the night, preparations for any allergies will not have been made, therefore, please contact the office if you would like your child to attend on Tuesday.**

The main playground gates will be open from 4.15pm, please bring your child to their usual base door where their teacher will welcome them, please also collect your child at 5.30pm from their base door. If children are to be collected by an adult other than their parents, please can you advise their teacher.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming our parents and carers to the school hall to enjoy festive music and refreshments.

## Friends of VFS Meet and Greet

Want to know more about the Friends of VFS?

We know a lot of people can't make our evening meetings but would like to know more about who we are, what we do and how to get involved. We will be meeting in the school library - a previous Friends project! - for an informal meet and greet on Monday 11th December from 2pm. We hope you can join us for a cuppa and some biscuits! If you have any questions please get in touch on [friends\\_of\\_vfs@hotmail.com](mailto:friends_of_vfs@hotmail.com) - we hope to see you there!

## Term Dates

Just a reminder that Thursday 14th December is the last day of term. School finishes at normal time of 3/3.05pm. School and Nursery restarts on Wednesday 3rd January.