



## Oak Meadow Primary School Weekly Newsletter – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024: Issue 15

**We wish all our children and families a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!**



### A Christmas Message from Mr. Lane...

As I write the final newsletter of the calendar year, I reflect upon the outstanding successes that 2024 has brought to our school and how our children have continued to make phenomenal progress at all ages and stages. This has been encapsulated by the achievement of children in statutory assessments this year that has seen the school placed in the top 5% of all schools nationally at the end of Key Stage 2 for pupils attaining the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined. A recent publication from the Sunday Times for the top Primary Schools in England saw Oak Meadow rank in the top 1,000 at 663<sup>rd</sup> – this time in the top 4% of all settings nationally!

I am extremely proud of **every** Oak Meadow child and privileged to serve our community where we have built an environment that enables individuals to flourish and be the best they can be. I am forever grateful to all our staff and volunteers who have contributed to the personal development of children, underpinned by the outstanding relationships we build, and the unrelenting willingness adults show to go the extra mile to provide exceptional enrichment opportunities and ensure such a high quality of provision at our school. I would also like to extend thanks to all of you for the unwavering support you provide as we look forward to further successes in the new year!

Last Friday's Christmas Fair was the perfect demonstration of how everyone working together can contribute towards making a significant difference for our school. Thank you to the Friends of Oak Meadow for all their hard work in the preparations and implementation of the event that raised a total profit of **£1,275.43** for the children that will be used for future school projects. I am extremely grateful for all the donations received beforehand that made the evening such a success and your generosity in giving. I have included photographs of the winning Christmas Cakes at the end of the newsletter. Well done to the following children: Arabella and Ronan-Alan (Rec), Kit (Y1), Harrison (Y2), Charlotte (Y3), Freddie (Y4), Rosie (Y5) and Finlay (Y6). In addition to this, I would like to commend all children for their magnificent Christmas performances in recent weeks. Both Reception and Year 1 children were amazing in their wonderful productions and Years 2-6 were superb in all carol concert performances.

You will receive today your child's autumn term summary report detailing their academic attainment and progress assessed by their teacher this term. It will also include a termly attendance summary as we strive to meet the national expectation of at least 96% for every child. Children's time in school is so precious and being here, on time, every day is crucial for them to realise their potential and succeed. As we look ahead to the spring term, I will send a welcome back letter when **all children return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** detailing upcoming dates for 2025.

Finally, I would like to start the Christmas holiday by raising the first glass of the season to both Miss. Mills and Mr. Clarkson who retire today. Their service to our school, over 28 years and 11 years respectively, has been appreciated so much by so many with the countless lives they have made a positive difference towards – thank you 'Bev' and 'Dave', you will always be part of the Oak Meadow Family! Looking ahead, Mrs. Cresswell will join the office team in January. I am confident she will fit right in and settle quickly into our family – make sure you pop in and say 'hello' to her in the new year.

I hope everyone enjoys a peaceful and relaxing festive break with the coming days full of magic and treasured memories for the children, you, and your loved ones. Take care all and have a lovely two weeks... see you in 2025!





## Attendance and Punctuality



Thank you for making sure your child is in school every day and on time. Remember that our minimum attendance target for all children is **96%**.

Attending school **every day** impacts significantly on your child's learning and their attainment. Please see the table below that shows the number of lessons missed as the attendance rate falls.  
**Every day counts over the school year:**

Attendance during the school year	Equals this number of days absent	Meaning that approximately this number of lessons have been missed
95%	9 days	<b>50 lessons!</b>
90%	19 days	<b>100 lessons!</b>
85%	29 days	<b>150 lessons!</b>

Make sure your child is an **Oak Meadow attendance H.E.R.O** (Here, Every day, Ready and On Time) by arriving between 8:35 and 8:45am each morning.  
**Every minute counts over the school year:**

- 5 minutes late each day = **3 days lost!**
- 10 minutes late each day = **6.5 days lost!**
- 15 minutes late each day = **10 days lost!**
- 20 minutes late each day = **13 days lost!**
- 30 minutes late each day = **19 days lost!**

## Class Attendance for this week

### Reception and Key Stage 1

RB	86.7%
RT	92.5%
1B	97.5%
1E	96%
2B	90%
2H	89.7%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 1B – well done!



### Key Stage 2

3H	97.4%
3J	99.2%
4B	93.5%
4N	92%
5CH	87.1%
5T	92.7%
6H	90.2%
6W	90.3%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 3J – well done!



Our combined whole school attendance for this week was...  
**92.5%**

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...



**Christmas Cake Design Winners (Thank you to everyone who sent in an entry):**



**Communication**

Our doors are always open whenever you need us, and the main office number is 01902 558517.

The school email address is [oakmeadowprimarieschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:oakmeadowprimarieschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

Also remember to check the school website and follow us on 'X' [@oakmeadow12](https://twitter.com/oakmeadow12)



**Safeguarding Information**

If you have any concerns about a child, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leaders (DSL):

- Mr. Lane (Head of School).
- Miss. Billingsley (Deputy Headteacher).
- Mr. Hawkins (Assistant Headteacher).
- Mrs. Worrallo (Assistant Headteacher).
- Mrs. Parker-Thornton (Home/School Liaison Officer).

