

This week we have written our newspaper reports about how Stonehenge magically appeared - ideas ranging from historically gathered information to ideas such as stones with feet, aliens and stones falling from the sky! When you are next in class please come and have a look at their wonderfully creative writing.

In maths, we have started to look at written methods for addition and subtraction - this will be our focus up until Christmas.

Spellings and Homework

Please could the children learn their spellings. The homework sheet this week looks at conjunctions. A **conjunction** is a type of **connective** ('connective' is an umbrella term for any word that connects bits of text together). Specifically, a conjunction connects two **clauses** in a sentence.

The Year 4 children will be taking part in a national voluntary pilot multiplication tables check later in the year. It would be of great benefit if all children could regularly practice times-tables on the website <https://tt.serveweb.co.uk/quiz#> (this is a timed session) as well as the www.mathstest.org website.

OV's Spirit: The Greatest Show performances

We are all enjoying practising our class pieces for the whole school performances. Details regarding tickets will be sent home soon. However, you might like to mark your calendars with the dates and times:

Monday, 10th December - Full dress rehearsal in the morning and 1.30pm performance

Tuesday, 11th December - 9.30am and 6.30pm performances.

Wednesday, 12th December - 6.30pm performance.

Years 3 and 4 costumes.

In preparation for our whole school performance please could we ask parents to bring in items for costumes by Monday, 3rd December, don't forget to clearly label everything.

Miss Gulliford's class - Are you able to help us gather resources for our cloud costumes? We would be very grateful for donations of white material, cotton wool or wadding. We will be making their costumes in class. The children will need to wear white PE tops and navy school trousers or they might like to bring in a pair of navy blue, yellow or white tights.

Mrs Johnson's class - will need to wear black trousers/leggings and tops.

Mr Whapham's class - Please could they have their PE kits, with trainers, in school for the rehearsal and performance dates. If you have any head/wrist sweatbands these would add the finishing touches to our costumes.

FRIENDS OF ORCHARD VALE - Christmas Fayre - Sat, 24th November 1pm-5pm

Please do come along. Bring your family and friends to our Christmas craft fayre on Saturday. The children have been working hard on producing some lovely craft items to sell. We have stall holders selling their own crafts items. FoOV have their own stalls and games. There will be plenty to eat and drink, such as pork and stuffing rolls, mince pies and mulled wine.

Flu Vaccinations - Monday, 26th November - Reception to Year 5

If you have given permission for your child to receive the flu vaccination, Virgin Care will be in school on Monday to administer this.

Wanted aqua board

Miss Felgate is leading a forest school mosaic/tiling project and would like to ask anyone with a connection to the building trade whether they have off cuts of aqua board. If you are able to help please contact Miss Felgate via the school office. Thank you.

Violin Lessons

Our visiting Violin Teacher has spaces for children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to take Violin Lessons. These are held on a Tuesday morning in the Music Room. Cost is currently £56 per term with ten lessons during the term. Individual lessons last 15 minutes. Please contact the school office for more information.

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week Two'

Diary Dates (don't forget to check the school website, www.ovschool.co.uk for up to date information)

Tue, 4th December - Tuck Shop

Wed, 5th December - Christmas Dinner /School Council Christmas Jumper day
(this is not a non-uniform day)

Keep warm this weekend.

Miss Gulliford Mrs Johnson Mrs Benn Mr Whapham



Nut free zone

Orchard Vale aims to protect the children/staff who have severe nut allergies.
We request that parents/carers observe our nut free policy and do not include-
nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes



Items which should not be brought into school:

Packs of nuts, peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches,
Items which contain nuts - cereal bars, certain chocolate bars, sesame seed rolls,
cakes.

Snacks for morning break for Key Stage 1

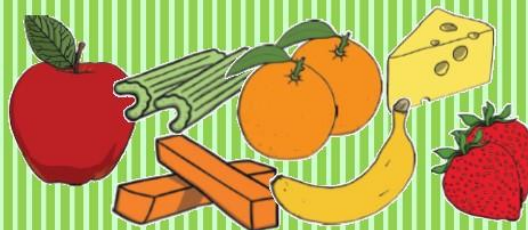
The Government provides a piece of fruit.

Snacks for morning break for Key Stage 2

And

Afternoon snacks for Key Stage 1 / Foundation

A piece of fruit, vegetables or cheese



THINGS NOT TO BE EATEN AT BREAK TIME

breakfast bars - yogurts - fruit winders - fruit in wrappers



Starting your Christmas Shopping?



If you shop with your favourite brands through Orchard Vale's Angel link the retailers below will make a donation to the school.

Before starting any online shopping:

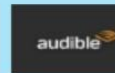
1. Please go to www.ovschool.co.uk.
2. Click on the School Angel link.
3. Select your required retailer.



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Generate a free donation when you take out a free trial

Take out a free Amazon premium trial for 30 days with no obligation to continue and as a thank you Amazon will make a donation ranging from £3 to £5. Click on the logo's to find out more . . .



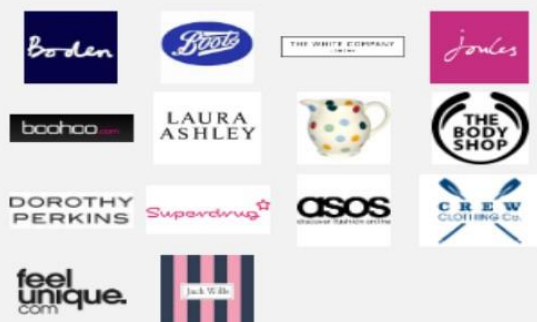
General shopping... ☺



Practical shopping... ⚡



Shops for the girls... ♥



Travel, hotels & holidays... ☀

