



Dear Parents,



What a fantastic and festive week we have enjoyed, full of Christmas fun and celebrations.

Our visit to the Dick Whittington pantomime was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was wonderful to see so many children dancing along to the music, with Year 3 and 4 in particular throwing themselves into the experience with infectious enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, we shared a delicious Christmas lunch after our Santa Run. It was heart-warming to see the whole school taking part so positively, completing 15 laps of the playground with big smiles, determination and plenty of Christmas cheer.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned sponsorship forms or donated via the website:

<https://helenanddouglas.enthuse.com/pf/charlton-on-otmoor-primary-school>.

Please could any remaining sponsorship forms and money raised be brought into school during our first week back in January.

Thursday brought part one of our Grand Finale with our first Nativity Service at church, and what a special occasion it was. There could be no better illustration of our school vision, *Aspire and Grow Together*. From the confidence shown by Year 5 and 6 as they proudly showcased their newly learned brass skills, to Emily's beautiful flute performance; from the support of all classes through reading and singing, to the FSU children—our shining stars of the event, every child played their part. Together, they demonstrated just how much can be achieved through ambition, teamwork and encouragement. I am sure parents felt just as proud as I did watching the children perform. Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate, and to the PTA for providing mulled wine to keep everyone warm and festive. One of our parents has taken some lovely pictures of the event. Please have a look at her website which is password protected. Details on how to access the website are included in the body of the newsletter email.

Looking ahead to next term, Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 will take part in swimming sessions on Thursdays, while Year 1 and 2 and FSU will continue to enjoy their Forest School learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful and joyful Christmas break.

Nadia Gosling



Friday after school Dance Club

Next Term 3:15– 4:15

for pupils in Reception to Year 6

To register for the club please send an email to the school office.

School email: office@charltonono.co.uk

PTA

Merry Christmas Everyone!
Yesterday we handed out Christmas gifts to all the children from the PTA. We hope the children liked them and enjoy decorating them to hang on your Christmas trees! We'd love to see all the lovely designs they come up with!

Thank you for your support in 2025.
Enjoy the Christmas break and we'll look forward to seeing you all in 2026 for lots more events!



Good Deed Calendars

Remember to keep filling in the good deed calendars. We are looking forward to seeing all the good deeds the children have been doing over the month of December.

All completed forms will receive a small prize!

Diary dates



- **19th December—School Nativity at St Marys Church 1.30pm**
- **19th December—School Finishes (Collect from school from 2.30pm)**
- **5th January—School Starts**
- **8th January-5th February—Swimming Lessons Yr3-Yr6 (Thursdays)**
- **12th January—FSU + Yr1/2 Drama Workshop (in school)**



Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 with:

100% attendance

Whole school attendance

91%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:40. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.40am
8:30am—8:40am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.40am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app. You do not need to book for Drop & Play.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

ECO COUNCIL

We did a whole school vote on which animal we would like to adopt next, and decided that we would choose a Tiger this year, as the WWF website stated that Tigers are one of the animals in need of support.



FSU

I am so proud of all the children for their performance of the Nativity last night, they all did so well! We have completed lots of fun, Christmas activities this week including our Santa fun run, Christmas jumper day, Pantomime trip/Nursery party, Christmas crafts and our last muddy Forest school session. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and enjoy your celebrations!



Year 3 & 4

Our final week of term in Year 3 and 4 has had a festive feel including: visiting the Pantomime in Oxford on Tuesday, the Santa run for Helen and Douglas House, followed by Christmas lunch, singing Christmas songs and completing our English topic based on The Nutcracker. We would like to wish everyone a very special Christmas and a happy, healthy 2026.



Year 1 & 2

It's been a busy but fun-filled week in Year 1 and 2, and we have had lots of festive activities on the go. We loved the Panto, Santa Run and the Christmas lunch, and even our Maths lessons have been Christmas themed! A big thank you to Mrs Weston for lending us her beautiful Nativity advent calendar for our classroom - the children have loved opening it each day. I hope the children have a wonderful, well-earned Christmas break!



Year 5 & 6

It has been a busy week: finishing our work on fractions, sampling Greek food, and completing our Santa run around the village. I am so proud of all the children helping to raise money, and of their support for the FSU through their nativity. Well done for your fabulous brass performance! Have an amazing and well-deserved Christmas holiday!



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Gosling or Mrs Clarke should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Forest School

