

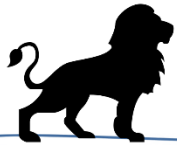


Allanson Street News

13th December 2024

Our value this month is:

Courage



Reminders

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Complete guidance can be found on the school website. If you have any questions regarding uniform, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Remember that we have plenty of pre-loved uniform in our Unicycle centre. If you'd like to access this service, please contact Mrs Browne or Mrs Tyrer via Class Dojos.



Dates for your diary

- 16 Dec- Year 1 Singalong
- 17th Dec- UKS2 Christmas party
- 18th Dec- Christmas Dinner Day
- 18th Dec- LKS2 Christmas party
- 19th Dec- EYFS + KS1 Christmas party

COUGHS & SNEEZES SPREAD DISEASES



COVER UP!

Coughs and sneezes spread diseases!

To help stop the spread of germs:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw used tissues in the rubbish bin.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.

Remember to immediately wash your hands after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. **Don't get sick for Christmas!**

This Week's Highlights

In **Nursery** we have been putting the finishing touches to our Christmas songs which we will record for families to watch. We have had lots of fun creating a calendar and Christmas card to bring home – the calendar photos are amazing!

In **Reception**, we have continued our learning around 'The First Christmas' in Drawing Club by drawing and writing about the angels and three kings. We have also had a busy week performing our Nativity Show for Year 1 and 2, and then for the Reception Parents – What a show! Each child performed excellently.

In **Year 1** we have been making our mince pies, exploring the world of poetry in English and practising for our singing afternoon next week.

In **Year 2** we loved performing our nativity for our families. The children loved performing it for you and we were so proud of their courage – this is why we had to pick all of the children to be the courage value winners this week! We have also worked hard to finish our sculptures and write our letters to Santa.

In **Year 3** we enjoyed a lovely Christmas crafts afternoon on Wednesday, thank you to all of the parents/ carers who came along to join in the fun. We have also been planning to write our final stories about the excitable Edgar, a dragon who always seems to end up in trouble!

In **Year 4** we have been working hard to improve our multiplication and division skills by solving problems and learning how to multiply 3 numbers together. In English, we have been revising our knowledge of direct speech and learning about how to set out a newspaper article and in art we have been adding the final touches to our amazing animal fusion sculptures!

In **Year 5** we have continued to focus on our handwriting, editing, and improving skills and have produced some emotional letters based around a character from our class novel. Some children have had the opportunity to write in pen. Keep working on those handwriting skills! All children have designed their own playground structure using Tinkercad. We are impressed with their designs and cannot wait to see what their final structures look like.

In **Year 6**, we have been working hard on our long multiplication skills, multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. In English, we have finished writing our balanced argument about the use of horses during WW1. In history, we looked at the impact WW2 had on Britain and discussed how Britain was rebuilt after the end of the war.



★ This Week's Value Stars!! ★

Nursery: Brooke, Esmae W, Lucas D & Ren	Reception: The whole of Reception for their singing, acting and dancing during our Nativity Performances!
Year 1: Maison S,	Year 4:
Year 2: All of year 2!	Year 5: April, Riley, Mathieson, Zien
Year 3: Amber F, Gabriel M, Callum H, Eduard C	Year 6: Sophia W, Adnan A

★ Weekly Winners ★



The top Oxford Reading Buddy this week:

	eBooks completed	Logins	Badges earned
Kimberley Year 5	21	3	6



The Times Tables Rockstars winners are:

6th December - 12 December 2024

🏆 Year 6 214 Year 4 117

6th December - 12 December 2024

🏆 Year 3 193 Year 5 23



This week's tournament:

13th December - 19 December 2024

All Girls 0 All Boys 0

Attendance



Early Years – N am 90.8% N pm 89.9%

RKL 95.7% RMC 93.9%

KS1 – Y1PT 95.3% **Y1TE 96%**

Y2GW 94.7% Y2LB 92%

LKS2 – Y3EH 94% Y3LC 95.6%

Y4MC 93.4% **Y4MM 96.7%**

UKS2 – Y5EK 90.5% **Y5NO 97.9%**

Y6JM 89.7% Y6LA 95%

(This week's winners are highlighted in yellow)



This Week's Learning at Home

Word of the Week:

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| Nursery – perform | Year 3 – excitable |
| Reception – Frankincense | Year 4 – fusion |
| Year 1 – carols | Year 5 – modification |
| Year 2 – colossal | Year 6 – consequence |

The holiday season is a time for celebration, relaxation and spending well-earned time with loved ones. While this period will hopefully be calm, it's important that parents and educators acknowledge there are still things we can do to make these weeks as safe as possible for the young people in our care.

Of course, it's not immediately obvious what can or should be done to stay safe over the festive season. This free guide offers expert advice on the steps you can take to enjoy a less fraught winter break, safeguarding any youngsters who might be present for the celebrations.

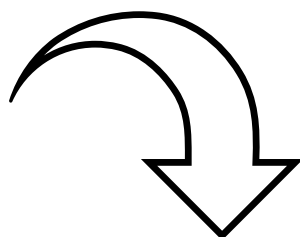
Sources

[Home Office - Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas](#)

[NHS - Winter Health Advice](#)

[RoSPA - Road Safety Tips](#)

[Home Office - Fire Safety at Christmas](#)



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

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