



Orchard Manor School News

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*He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!
Clement Clarke Moore—A visit from St Nicholas*

Hello Everyone!

We have come to the end of term and Christmas is only 4 sleeps away—I hope you have all sent off your wishes to Santa and that none of you are on the Naughty List! As usual it has been a very full couple of weeks, even more so as we have been getting into the Christmas spirit all over the school.



In the last couple of weeks we have had outings to see Santa at Trago Mills, a trip to the theatre to see The Elves and the Shoemaker, judging for the Best Dressed Christmas



Classroom, Christmas Lunch, Boxing Day Bubble and Squeak and today we had a Brunch before we left today. (The Kitchen Team have been looking after us extremely well!) The Lower Campus have put on a Christmas Elf themed show for parents and the Upper Campus put on a nativity play. Woodland Learning has also had a busy time, making decorations for the Christmas Cracker and to take home. We have also had staff Christmas Dinners, a Staff Christmas Party and a trip to Gran Canaria thrown in! I did say we have been busy! There are lots of lovely photos on Facebook.

The 4th Christmas Cracker went extremely well, thank you to everyone who contributed, helped, and came and supported us. It was a lovely evening. The Grand Prize Draw was extremely successful—a special thank you goes to the local businesses who donated amazing prizes. We couldn't have done it without your generosity. The final total was counted up and the PFSA raised £1,093! FANTASTIC!

You may have heard or seen on social media, that we had a bit of a bashing from Storm Darragh. A fallen tree clipped the Post 16 building. This was all dealt with very well by the students though and they moved to Jubilee House for the last few weeks of term. Well done to all them for coping so well with the disruption and managed their change of location very smoothly, and thank you again to the staff who made this possible.

We have the new term dates up on the website now for the next school year—2025-2026. The November half term has an extra day and the half term in May '26 does too. That seems like a long way away, but no doubt it will come around sooner than we think—time seems to fly here!



Next year—2025— we are back on Monday 6 January at 9:10am.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas, a restful time over the holidays and a very happy and healthy New Year, from myself and everyone at Orchard Manor.

Nicola Jones, Headteacher