



Orchard Manor School News

The Apple Press Orchard Manor School Updates and Communications



19 December 2025

"Sometimes the best Christmas present is remembering what you've already got." Cathy Guisewite

Hello Everyone!

We made it! The end of another fantastic term and we are all full of excitement for Christmas. Can you believe it - 2026 is just around the corner! Time certainly flies when you are having fun. First of all we would all like to say a huge thank you to our students for just being wonderful and learning so much throughout the year, and to you all, who have come and supported us at our fundraising events, and it has been lovely seeing you at school too. And what can I say about this wonderful team we have here? As always, dedication, care, and love has been at the front of everything they do for our children, right through the school. It's just been yet another great term and a super way to end 2025.

So, with Christmas just around the corner, there has been a real buzz around school! We have had our Christmas Jumper day and our Christmas Lunch. Today we have our Breakfast Brunch before we leave. There have been competitions for the best decorated classrooms, making of decorations and artwork, and lots of super excursions to see Santa, and of course the beginning of training for 10Tors. After all these activities I am sure that our students will be looking forward to a well earned break and some special family time as will most of our staff! On behalf of everyone at school, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Winter Warmer Evening was another wonderful success and a lovely way to bring our school community together. We hope that you enjoyed our musical efforts and managed to join in with the Christmas songs too. We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **£1,174**. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated raffle prizes and helped organise the event – we couldn't do it without you! It was brilliant!

We had our lower school Nativity play last week and it was a real highlight of the term and truly put us all in the festive spirit! The children were absolutely fantastic and performed with such confidence, enthusiasm and pride - we were very proud of each and every one of them. There will be a video of the photos from all the performances, so if you want to have a look please go to our Facebook page. Thank you to our wonderful staff for their hard work making it such a success, and thank you too, to our families who came to watch!

As you know, if you have been keeping up with our social media, we have also enjoyed a very busy term of sport, with lots of internal competitions and external fixtures taking place. The most recent competition had the final this week - Boccia! We are very pleased to announce that 8KA have taken the Boccia 2025 title after a close final game against 11CG! Well done everyone and well done for showing such amazing sportsmanship throughout the whole competition!

Throughout the term and into the new year, we thank you for your support in ensuring our pupils return in the correct school uniform. Your help in keeping our pupils looking smart and ready to learn is greatly appreciated. Please remember that hoodies are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn in school.

Finally we would all like to wish Rachel a very fond farewell and good luck in her new adventures and welcome Paige to her new position as our Deputy Safeguarding Lead in January.

Right, I think that's it! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope you have a fantastic holiday and we cannot wait to see everyone back in school on **Monday 5 January at 9:10am** ready for another exciting term of learning, fun and new opportunities.

Nicola Jones, Headteacher

