



Orchard Manor School News

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“December is a time to reflect on the blessings of the past year and to embrace the opportunities of the coming one.” — Oprah Winfrey

Hello Everyone!

As we near the end of the year and the last few weeks of the Autumn term, the whole school is buzzing with festive excitement. Our Christmas preparations are well underway, and lots of different activities have been planned for different classes to get everyone in the mood for the festive period.

Next **Tuesday 9 December at 2pm** we're thrilled to open with the first performance of the Lower School play, A Christmas Story. It's going to be lovely! Tickets have disappeared quickly, so we kindly ask that you only come along if you've already managed to get one. If you're joining us for any of the performances, you might want to tuck a tissue or two into your pocket too. The cuteness levels are set to be off the charts. We will also have a small donation box at the door for anyone who would like to help us raise funds for new playground equipment. Every little bit is so appreciated.

That same afternoon, on **Tuesday 9th**, we will be having our **OMS Winter Warmer and Grand Prize Draw - it starts at 4pm.**

Please pick your children up as normal on that day, and don't forget to bring some pennies when you come back! We will have delicious festive treats on sale and there are stalls being run by the students. We will also have a session of Christmas Carols which we hope you will all join in with, and we will have a special guest appearance from a "boy band" but I'm not supposed to give anything away, so my lips are sealed! Its going to be a fun addition to our December celebrations, as well as being one of our main fundraisers of the year, so do come and support us - we would love to see you all!

Talking of fundraising, for those of you who would like more raffle tickets, there will be some available on the day - and we have had some AMAZING prizes from local businesses, whom we can't thank enough for their generosity. The PSFA have also donated a £100 cash prize, so don't forget to get your tickets!

We have just finished our Mock GCSEs for our year 10s, a little preparation for the real thing in the Summer- and everyone took them in their stride, so well done to all involved. 10Tors training has also started this week! It's a serious business taking on this legendary walk across the moors and our Outdoor Education team prepare our students well - in all winds and weathers! This training will continue on a regular basis until the actual challenge in May, and we all know, practice makes perfect! All of our walkers make us so proud and it's a fantastic thing to get involved in, so even after the sometimes cold, wet and windy practice walks, it is all worth it in the end!



A little reminder that the Official **Christmas Jumper Day is 11 December** so we are looking forward to seeing everyone joining in with that and we hope that everyone will **wear their Christmas Jumper again at our Christmas Lunch Day too on Wednesday 17th.**

The **end of term is the 19th of December at 1pm.** We will be sending all our children home after a delicious brunch and then the holidays start! We will be **back on the 5th of January 2026!** How time flies!
Have a great week everyone! **Nicola Jones, Headteacher**

DECEMBER CALENDAR
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

 <p>OMS WINTER WARMER! 9 December 4-6pm A Sing-song Evening with Christmas Treats!</p>	 <p>Lower School Christmas Story Tuesday 9 December 2pm Wednesday 10 December 2pm Thursday 11 December 11am</p>
 <p>CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY Wednesday 17 December</p>	 <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH 19 DECEMBER AND END OF TERM @ 1PM</p>