



Orchard Manor School News

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**“Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree.”**

— Emily Brontë

Hello Everyone!

The crisp and leafy days of Autumn are certainly upon us now and we are being treated to a gorgeous red, gold and orange glow from the trees around the school. Its beautiful. We are so lucky to have such a gorgeous site to work and learn in.



Our main news for the week is that our globetrotting students are now home from their trip to Gran Canaria. Judging by the huge amount of photos which were sent back they had an absolutely fantastic time.

Everyone got on superbly and experienced so many different new things, including for some of them, getting on a plane for the first time! They visited a banana plantation, saw sand dunes,

dived into Spanish culture, went to school in a foreign country and so much more! It was a lot to pack into a week— But they LOVED IT!

If you would like to have a look at the photos please go to our [Facebook Page](#) where they were all posted as the trip went on. We would like to say a huge thanks to [Eat That Frog](#) who organised this fantastic cultural exchange in conjunction with The Turing Programme especially for staff and students of SEND schools and colleges within Great Britain.

Our learners enjoyed a variety of enriching activities to help with learning, communication, language, teamwork, and independent living. The villa they all stayed in was amazing - with its own pool and BBQ area, much to the delight of our travellers. The whole set up was just perfect for our young students.

I would like to say once again, a huge thanks to the members of staff who went with them, ensuring that all everybody was safe, extremely well fed, and of course well looked after. Everyone arrived home tired and happy after a really full itinerary, and no doubt with lots of special memories too. So, thank you OMS Team—we couldn't do this without you!

As we step ever closer to the festive period we have some dates for your diaries for our Lower Campus Christmas play. This year Flo, our Expressive Arts teacher is putting together a traditional Nativity with Inn Keepers, Shepherds, Sheep, Wise Men and all the other ingredients that we are used to seeing at Christmas time—please pencil in Tuesday 9 December at 2pm, Wednesday 10 December at 2pm and Thursday 11 December at 11am for the performances.

Right, I think that's it! All that's left to say is have a great half term everyone, rest and relax and we will see you on the 4th of November ready for the final months of 2025!



Nicola Jones, Headteacher