



# Newsletter #13

Friday 5th December 2025

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## This week...

**Choir Club** recorded their favourite Christmas song for [BBC Radio Oxford](#) on Tuesday this week and this will be aired on Monday at 7.05am and 8.05am, so make sure you tune in! The choir are performing at The Big Christmas Sing at the Centre for Music in Oxford this evening. We wish everyone an enjoyable performance and will update you all in next week's newsletter.

### Assembly

This week's focus was on the Ladygrove Standard **Purple** and **Yellow** Values and Rules: Respect-*Show respect and manners*; Responsibility-*Be a role model and show kindness*. The children loved The Kindness Song ([link](#)), singing along with big smiles.

They also practised reminder phrases to themselves and with each other including: 'You get what you give' (i.e. You give respect, you get respect; You give kindness, you get kindness etc.) and 'Do the right thing.' (to be the best version of themselves). Many of the children have been role modelling their manners, respect and kindness this week!

**"GOOD MANNERS  
are just a way  
of showing  
other people  
that we have  
RESPECT for them"**  
*Miss Kelly*

**Year 6 Leavers Hoodies** This is just a friendly reminder for those of you who have yet to complete the Google Form. Thank you to those of you who have – we've had just over 30 responses.

Please click on the link below to complete the Google Form to consent to your child's first name being included, even if you do not intend to purchase one. If you do not give consent, we will unfortunately not be able to include their name.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSh5e2nnDP228fzQR8U1Qqr8-54T-oXDMb00wf7ar6Bhrs9w/viewform?usp=header>

We are asking for this to be done by Friday 19th December, so we can move forward with submitting names to the company.

Any questions, please feel free to speak to Shell Talmage, Emma Hopper, Rosie Collins and Claire Sellwood or if you would prefer, you can email [lppsclassof26@gmail.com](mailto:lppsclassof26@gmail.com)

### Class 10

In January, we are delighted to welcome Matthew Addison back to Ladygrove Park as he returns from his year-long sabbatical teaching in Chile. He will be taking over as the Class 10 teacher. We would like to thank Emma Ackerman for her wonderful work with Class 10 this autumn term. She put a huge amount of effort into this long term. We wish her every success in her new school.

### Celebrating Success



Felicity from Class 11 and her Stagecoach troupe joined various Stagecoach groups from across the country to perform at The Shaftesbury Theatre last weekend. They wowed the audience with a Barbie themed performance in the evening after learning a K pop workshop with professional West End dancers. Felicity said *"I loved being on a West End stage and I liked watching others dance. I liked the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders group!"*

Congratulations to Tommy, Ollie and Link from Class 10 for winning the silver medal for the Thames Ridge Cub Scout 'Scrapheap Challenge' 2025, beating 32 other teams from




across the district. Your award also took into consideration your team work, planning, and behaviour, and was decided upon by a panel of judges. Your cub group and families are super proud! Well done!



## Dates for Autumn Term...

*Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!*

Monday 8th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 2 Production, 9.15am and 1.30pm - Tickets required!</li> </ul>
Tuesday 9th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Cycle Training TEST DAY - remember bikes and helmets</li> </ul>
Wednesday 10th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery, Class 1 Christmas Craft &amp; Sing Song 1.30 - 2.30pm. Refer to email sent 14/11</li> <li>Didcot Town Carol Concert (Choir pupils) - <a href="#">refer to letter here</a></li> </ul> <p>To clarify - the numbers for the Civic Hall are <b>very strict at two tickets</b> per performer. This is due to their fire regulations.</p>
Thursday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Jumper Day - £2 donation split between Save the Children and PALS charities</li> </ul>
Friday 12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 Art Gallery for parents - more details will be shared on Google Classroom</li> <li>PALS Christmas Raffle Draw on KS1 Playground, 3.15pm</li> </ul>
Monday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery and Reception Christmas Lunches - <b>all other year groups require a packed lunch</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday 16th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 &amp; 2 Christmas Lunches - <b>all other year groups require a packed lunch</b></li> <li>Reception Sing Song to parents and carers, 2.30pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 &amp; 4 Christmas Lunches - <b>all other year groups require a packed lunch</b></li> </ul>
Thursday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 &amp; 6 Christmas Lunches - <b>all other year groups require a packed lunch</b></li> </ul>
Friday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 Christmas Story for parents and carers, 8.45am - refer to letter sent 19/11</li> <li><b>Last day of Term 2 - normal finish time</b></li> </ul>
Monday 5th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start of Term 3</li> </ul>

## Notices

<b>Attendance</b>  <b>Please email the school office.</b> <b><u>Do not email the year group.</u></b>	<p>If your child is not in school, you must notify us by leaving a message on our answer phone or by <b>emailing <a href="mailto:office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk">office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk</a></b> before 9am on each day of their absence. <b>Email is preferable as we are finding it increasingly hard to understand due to unclear messages and poor telephone signal.</b></p> <p>Please state clearly and concisely your <b>child's full name, class and their reason for absence</b> - <u>being specific about the illness or medical needs</u>. You must inform the school in advance by email above, if you need to take your child for an educational setting visit, religious observance or similar. These absences will need to be pre agreed by us. No birthdays, cheaper holidays, altered holiday arrangements or similar will be agreed. In line with strict government legislation, they will be recorded as unauthorised on your child's attendance record.</p>
<b>Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 11th December</b> 	<p>A reminder that next Thursday 11th December is Christmas Jumper Day. Children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas Jumper (to replace their school jumper/cardigan). Suggested donation of £2, which will be split between Save the Children and PALS charities. PALS will be on the gates with card machines or your child can hand cash to their teacher. Many thanks for your support.</p>
<b>Year 4 Swimming</b>	<p>A reminder that Year 4 start swimming lessons the first week in January. Thank you to all who have completed the Google form detailing your child's swimming ability. If you have</p>

	yet to do this, <b>please can you do this over the weekend.</b> A copy of the letter can be found <a href="#">here</a> with a link to the Google form. Many thanks
<b>PALS Raffle Tickets - Reminder!</b>	<p>We have some brilliant prizes this year including 4 tickets for Reading Winter Wonderland! See the poster at the end of the newsletter for all the prize sponsors!</p> <p>Tickets are £1 each. Please return the tickets stubs and cash in a sealed envelope to class teachers or the school office. <b>Please write your details clearly on the stubs and please, for licensing reasons, do not put your child's name on the ticket.</b></p> <p>Extra books can be obtained from the school office.</p> <p>The raffle draw will take place after school on the KS1 playground outside the Year 5/6 classrooms on <b>Friday 12th December</b>.</p>
<b>SEND - Online safety support for neurodivergent children</b>  	<p>Online scams like trust trades and fake giveaways can cause harm and upset to all children, but neurodivergent children are at greater risk of falling victim to scams.</p> <p>Internet Matters have worked with Ambitious about Autism and Roblox to create new resources to help families with neurodivergent children learn and stay safe from scams within games.</p> <p>There's a guide for parents, a video for children and young people, plus stories for families to read and discuss together to explore the risks, with practical actions for children to take to help stay protected.</p> <p><a href="#">Find all the resources here.</a></p>
<b>SJ Multisports Christmas Camp</b> 	<p>SJ Multisports will be running their Christmas Camp on <b>22nd and 23rd December</b>. Leaflets have now been handed out. If you would like to book a place, please visit <a href="https://sj-multisports.classforkids.io">https://sj-multisports.classforkids.io</a>. For any queries, please contact <a href="mailto:sjmultisportscamp@gmail.com">sjmultisportscamp@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>External Clubs and Activities</b>	<p>If you are looking for external clubs and activities taking place in the local area, or for any upcoming holiday camps, please visit this page on our website - <a href="https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/external-clubs-activities">https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/external-clubs-activities</a></p> <p>New additions this week:</p> <p>★ <a href="#">Elite Sports Christmas Camps</a></p>

### Admissions to Primary School - Apply Now!

Admissions to Primary School (Academic Year 26/27): If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 (inclusive), you need to apply for a primary school place for September 2026. You can now apply online. Please visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15th January 2026.

Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2026
- If your child is attending nursery classes within a primary school, you must still apply for a place in the main school
- You can list three different schools in order of preference. We strongly advise you to use all three preferences
- We advise you to enter your catchment (or designated) school as one of your preferences
- Attending your catchment school does not entitle you to free home to school transport if it is not your closest school and / under 2 miles away
- If your application is late, you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

**Please note that this is not applicable to our school but we are required to share with parents/carers**

### Oxfordshire County Council Consultation on Proposed Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2027/28 Academic Year

From 1 December 2025 to 26 January 2026, Oxfordshire County Council is consulting on the 2027-28 admissions arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools.

You can find the following documents on Let's Talk Oxfordshire here: [School admissions consultation 2027/28 | Let's Talk Oxfordshire](#) along with arrangements for other own admission authority schools who have provided them:

- Scheme of Co-ordination for Normal Points of Transfer
- Admission Arrangements and Oversubscription Criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools
- Published Admission Numbers (PANs)
- In-Year Admissions Scheme

If you have any comments, queries or concerns about the proposed admission arrangements, you can add your comments using the survey form available on the above page, or email [consultationforadmissions@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:consultationforadmissions@oxfordshire.gov.uk)



Come celebrate Christmas with The Ladygrove Church.



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Carol singing at the Ladygrove Pub  
11am and 3pm.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Carol and Crib Service 10 am  
A service for all the family  
Children are invited to come dressed as  
an angel, shepherd, King or a star.



**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Day Service 10 am  
Come celebrate Jesus's birthday  
with our family friendly service

The Ladygrove Church meet at 10 am  
All Saints School Hall  
Tamar Way.



Autumn Winter  
2025 2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

## WEEK ONE

03/11/25  
24/11/25  
15/12/25  
19/01/26  
09/02/26  
09/03/26

Option One

Creamy Coconut &  
Chickpea Curry  
Served with Rice

Beef Lasagne with  
Garlic Bread

Roast Chicken, Roast  
Potatoes and Gravy

BBQ Chicken  
Pasta

Fishfingers  
with Chips

Option Two

Vegetable Curry served  
with Rice

Vegetable Lasagne with  
Garlic Bread

Quorn Roast with Roast  
Potatoes and Gravy

BBQ Quorn  
Pasta

Cheese and Bean Pasty  
with Chips

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

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Baked Beans

Dessert

Cheese and Crackers

NEW Apple Crumb Cake

Fruit Medley

Jelly with Mandarins

Cookie

## WEEK TWO

10/11/25  
01/12/25  
05/01/26  
26/01/26  
23/02/26  
16/03/26

Option One

Classic Cheese and  
Tomato Pizza  
with Wedges

Spaghetti  
Bolognaise



Roast Chicken or  
Quorn Roast Potatoes  
and Gravy

Meatballs in Tomato  
Sauce with Rice

Fishfingers  
with Chips

Option Two

Vegetable Pizza with  
wedges

Vegan Spaghetti  
Bolognaise

Vegetables of the Day

Plant Balls in a Tomato  
Sauce with Rice

Cheese Whirl  
with Chips

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

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Peas

Dessert

NEW Gingerbread  
Cookie

Chocolate and Beetroot  
Brownie with Chocolate  
Sauce

Fruit Salad

Sticky Toffee Apple  
Crumble

Vanilla Shortbread

## WEEK THREE

17/11/25  
08/12/25  
12/01/26  
02/02/26  
02/03/26  
23/03/26

Option One

Jacket Potato served  
with Cheese

Beef Pasta  
Bolognaise

Roast Chicken with  
Roast Potatoes and  
Gravy

Mild Caribbean Chicken  
with Rice

Fishfingers  
with Chips

Option Two

Jacket Potato served  
with Baked Beans

Tomato Pasta

Quorn Roast and Roast  
Potatoes and Gravy

Caribbean Stew with  
Rice

Cheese Omelette  
with Chips

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

Vegetables of the Day

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Vegetables of the Day

Baked Beans

Dessert

Oaty Cookie

Pear Crumble

Fruit Salad

NEW Jamaican Ginger  
Cake

Cookie

### MENU KEY



Added Plant Protein



Wholemeal



Vegan



Chef's Special

### ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.



# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE SPONSORS





# Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

## Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2021** and **31 August 2022**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2026**.

## Apply online at

**[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)**

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.



## For help and information:

Web: **[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)**

Email: **[admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk)**

Tel: **01865 519800 Option 2**



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