

GPA Xmas Newsletter

November 2025

Save the date

- Next week: Alpaca experience bookings open on ScoPay
- 5th December: Christmas jumper day (hamper donations for Christmas raffle)
- 10th December: Deadline for return of raffle tickets to school office
- 12th December: Christmas Fayre 3.30–5.30pm

Thank You!

Thank you so much for all of your generous chocolate donations for the Christmas Fayre Chocolate Tombola and for supporting the spooky Halloween bake sale, which raised an amazing £160! In the lead up to Christmas, we have a number of fun activities planned which we hope will make great festive memories for the children. Any help you can provide, as bakers or volunteers for the Christmas Fayre, would be greatly appreciated.

Xmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 5th December** there will be a Christmas jumper day at school to support the Christmas Fayre raffle. We look forward to receiving your generous donations so that we can create wonderful hampers for you to win. If you also have a hamper going spare, that would be MUCH appreciated! Donation suggestions as follows: Bottles, toiletries, unwanted gifts, homeware (candles etc), kids craft materials. (Please no books or teddies)



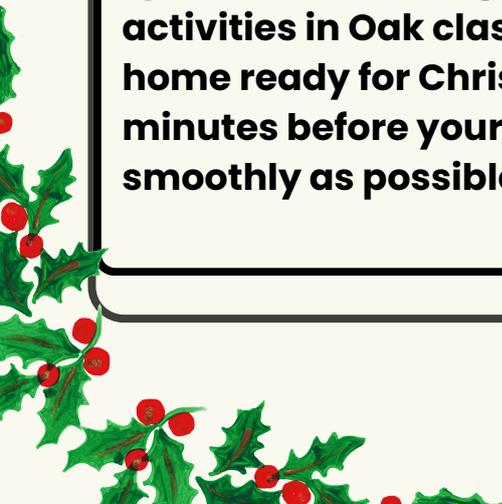
Xmas Fayre

Taking place straight after school on **Friday 12th December**, the Christmas Fayre is full of festivities for children to enjoy. Come play games and win prizes in our fun room, enjoy treats and the choir entertainment in the hall, and get up close with our special animal visitors in our immersive Alpaca Experience. To make the Christmas Fayre a success we need volunteer support, both for running the event and of course, the skills of the bakers (you know who you are). Maybe you have a family member that would be willing to spare some time to help out? Please do get in touch to let us know. Volunteers will be asked to arrive by 3pm.

Xmas Experience



This year, Santa is extremely busy (the children must have been especially well behaved!) and will not be at our Christmas Fayre. But, fear not! We have some very special animal guests coming to meet the children instead. The experience will allow the children to pet and feed (if they are hungry!) Xmas alpacas. It will run in 10-minute sessions, with groups of 15 children per session, from 3.30pm. Sessions will be bookable via SCOPAY next week. Tickets are £5 and will be sent home via school bags. Non-school attending siblings are also welcome, simply overpay the amount to take into consideration how many tickets you need. You can indicate your preferred time slot, but if it is full, you will be allocated the closest available time slot. The alpaca experience will be located just outside Ash class where there will be lots of photo opportunities and a special Christmas gift. The experience also includes post-grotto activities in Oak class, such as a chance to make reindeer food to take home ready for Christmas Eve and a game. We ask that you arrive 5 minutes before your allocated time slot to ensure the event runs as smoothly as possible.



Raffle Tickets

Look out for raffle tickets in school bags. If you would like to purchase any more, you can request further books from the office. You are welcome to sell tickets to family and friends. There will be lots of hampers full of goodies to win. Please hand in your raffle tickets (whether you choose to purchase or not) and cash payment to the school office by Wednesday 10th December (to give us time to fold the stubs before the prize draw!). You can also pay digitally using the QR code that we will send out on WhatsApp and Facebook. Keep the large side of the tickets you buy and only return the stubs with your details completed – on all stubs! Just write your name and child's class if you are a parent/carer. Find out if you are a winner at the Christmas Fayre, where the raffle will be drawn in the hall at 5pm. If you win but aren't at the Fayre, you will be notified after the event.

Spending

Here is what GPA fundraising will be spent on this term:

- The on-site Christmas theatre production – booked for 24th November.
- Improvements to on-site cycle storage.
- Paraphernalia for the school Christmas lunch including cups, crackers, drinks and decorations.
- The Christmas Fayre – all that the event requires to make it a festive success.



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