



# OCCOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## November 2025 Newsletter



### Diary Dates



- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Flu immunisations in school
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Friends Christmas lunch for the children
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
Whole school trip to the Pantomime!  
Friends pop-up shop & Tuck Shop after school.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Foxes to Hartismere for Day of Drama  
Otters to Time and Tide museum  
Rabbits to the Sealife Centre
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
Friends disco 3:15 - 4:45pm
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Show at 2:15pm & 5:30pm
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
School Christmas lunch
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last day of term!  
End of term assembly in village hall at 2pm  
End of term tuck shop & raffle draw!
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
Children return to school
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
Whole school trip to Pipers Vale
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**  
Year 6 to Hartismere for a music lesson
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
3 Days of STEM - *more information to follow*

### A message from Miss Thornton

This half term is flying by and there is plenty to look forward to over the next few weeks as we approach Christmas. The children have started to practise their Christmas songs during our weekly singing assemblies, ready for our upcoming Christmas Show, where Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take to the stage to perform their nativity, accompanied by year 3, 4, 5 and 6's lovely singing!

On Wednesday, our exciting Christmas events start with our first Christmas lunch of the season, kindly organised by The Friends. On Friday, we have our annual whole school trip to The Pantomime!

### Thank you Friends!

We'd like to say a big Thank You to ORAC and The Friends for organising a wonderful Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see lots of families there - thank you to those of you who supported this event.



**Don't forget, the Friends disco is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 3:15 - 4:45pm. There will be a Tuck Shop at the disco too!**

### Breakfast Club

We offer breakfast club from 7:45am each day. In addition to this, we are still offering our government funded **free** breakfast club from 8:15am each day.

**If you wish for your child to eat breakfast at breakfast club, please ensure they arrive by 8:20am so they have enough time to eat it before registration begins at 8:45am.**

### Swimming & Forest School

After Christmas on a Monday afternoon, children in **Year 3, 4 & 5** will be **swimming** at Stradbroke pool. Children in **Reception, Year 1 and 2** will have **Forest School**.



# Hilltop Residential 2025!

**Year 6 had a wonderful time at Hilltop!  
Here's what they had to say about it...**

Lola

*"All the instructors were so kind and fun. One of my favourite activities was caving, which we did on the last day. I ended up getting lost in the cave - which was great fun!"*

George

*"I loved going on the zip line. It was so good to have new experiences as they could be the only time we get the chance to have them."*

Bella

*"I loved the Tree Top Trail. It was a bit like Go Ape. It was so fun because you got to go up high in the trees and at times it felt like you were flying!"*

Talia

*"The Super Swing was my favourite activity because everyone who went on it was screaming so loudly! I also loved making new friends with children from other schools."*

Daisy

*"The Super Swing was my favourite, but I also loved spending time in our bedrooms because we had our own ensuite!"*

Otis:

*"I loved the disco because we could request our own music!"*



## Rabbits

Rabbit class have been looking at the book *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon in English, which is about an Alien who is lost on Earth. The children have been busy making Alien friends for Beegu and each wrote great character descriptions.

In geography, the children have been learning about the different layers of the ocean and what creatures live there.



## Otters

Otter class have been delving into the Titanic disaster and learning about the events which led to that fateful night in the Atlantic. In science, year 3 and 4 have been getting hands-on creating electrical circuits and learning how to draw corresponding diagrams using electrical symbols. In English, our focus has been on African tales: the children have enjoyed learning about different countries and cultures through these stories.



## Foxes

Fox class have been brushing up on their map skills this half term. They have been learning how to locate places on various maps using grid references and a key.

In English, the children have started to write some suspense stories based on *The Skull* by Jon Klassen.

Brass lessons are going well and the children have just started learning *Jingle Bells* and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer!*

To keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are happening in school, visit our Facebook Page 'Occold Primary School'.

