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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

We have had a great start to this half term and have already achieved so much – mostly thanks to our fabulous community and the collective efforts we make. You have all been incredibly generous with donations this term, both for Children in Need and for the Christmas Fair tombola. Whilst times can be hard and money can be tight, you continue to astound us with your generosity whenever we ask for it.

It has also been lovely to welcome so many families into school for parent/carer evenings this term. Working together like this is how we achieve the best possible outcomes for our children, so thank you for your support. It was great to see so many adults leaving the building with smiling faces having listened to teachers say such positive things about their children!

We do need to ask for your continued support with another matter. Please ensure that you are not leaving your child unsupervised before the start of the school day. Children must be supervised by a parent or carer until the bell goes at 8:50am. Children who have walking permission can arrive from 8:45am when adults are on the gates to help supervise these children.

As we are now in December, our thoughts turn to the festive season. Children are busy practising for Christmas performances, and I have loved listening to them. Please see below for the dates for your diaries. POPS will be providing refreshments at all the Nativities this year. A message will be sent to Parents/Carers the day before each nativity to remind families of the event and to inform them there will be refreshments. Please note it is cash only.

We would also love to welcome you to another one of our festive events. We look forward to seeing you at the POPS Christmas fair on Friday 5th December, 3:30-5:30pm. In order to help make the fair as successful as it can be, we are kindly asking for baking donations for the cake stall. Any baked goods need to be brought to the school office on the Friday morning. To ensure tins/trays/storage boxes are returned we would ask that these are labelled with your name. Please also provide a list of ingredients you used for food allergy awareness. You can also help and support the fair by purchasing raffle tickets. Christmas raffle tickets will be available to buy to win either hampers or x2 children's tickets to Whistlestop Valley. Tickets are £1 each and there is no limit to how many you can buy. Tickets are on sale on Arbor until 3pm Wednesday 17/12/25 with the draw taking place on Thursday 18/12/25.

I hope you all enjoy the build-up to the festive season and thank you once again for your continued support.

Mr McAlinden



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Sporting updates

On Tuesday 25th November, our Sports Hall Athletics team delivered a fantastic performance at the Leeds South qualifying round held at Morley Leisure Centre. Drawn in an exceptionally tough group, our athletes rose to the challenge with determination and teamwork, securing an impressive second-place finish. Their brilliant effort has earned them a well-deserved place in the City Plate semi-finals on Tuesday 13th January 2026. We couldn't be prouder of their achievement, and we'll be cheering them on as they battle for one of the two coveted spots in the City Finals!

The Boys' U11 football team kicked off their season with back-to-back thrilling matches against a very strong Clapgate side. Our boys put in an excellent performance, showing great teamwork, energy and resilience. Despite creating plenty of chances, the ball just wouldn't find the back of the net thanks to the outstanding heroics of the Clapgate goalkeeper. Despite two 3-0 defeats our newly formed team and their coaches can look forward to further games as they gel as a squad. A brilliant effort from the team and plenty of positives to build on as the season continues!

Staffing

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hoskin at the end of this term. Whilst she has loved working in her role as SENCO at Oulton and supporting so many of our families, she has decided it is time for a bit of a change in direction. She is going to take her super skillset of liaising with parents and carers on to a new role working for a children's hospice. Whilst we will all miss her dearly, we know this will be an exciting new challenge for her and something she will undoubtedly excel at. We thank her for all the wonderful work she has done over the time she has been with us. We are currently recruiting for a new SENCO and, in the interim, Miss Cooper will be taking on the role. We thank you in anticipation of your support during this transitional time.

Some of your children may have mentioned that Mrs Hardisty has been back in school, following her maternity leave. Mrs Hardisty will return for three days each week in January and will be sharing the teaching of Orcas class with Mrs Brookes. Sadly, Miss Wood will also be leaving us at Christmas.

We are delighted to welcome Hollie Thornton as a new teaching assistant in Reception this term and I know that you will join me in welcoming her to the Oulton family.

Free community CPR sessions

When and where: Wednesday 21st January 2026 from 6-7pm in the school hall.

Description: Join us for a practical, hands-on session on where you'll learn the essential skills of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). This informal workshop is designed for all members of the community—no prior experience required.

What to Expect:

-  **Guided Instruction:** Trained facilitators will demonstrate CPR techniques step by step for both adult and paediatric resuscitation
-  **Hands-On Practice:** Try chest compressions on training manikins to build confidence.
-  **Key Skills Covered:**
 - Recognizing cardiac arrest



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- Calling for emergency help
- Performing effective chest compressions
- Using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
-  **Community Focus:** A welcoming environment where families, friends, and neighbours can learn together.

Purpose: This session empowers community members with life-saving knowledge. By attending, you'll gain the confidence to act quickly and effectively in an emergency, potentially saving someone's life.

POPS – PTA Treasurer needed!

Help us keep track of funds and make sure every penny raised supports Oulton Primary School. Just a few hours a term—friendly team, big impact.

Job Description: PTA Treasurer

Organisation: Oulton Primary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) **Role:** Treasurer **Type:** Voluntary

Purpose of the Role

The Treasurer plays a key part in the PTA by managing the association's finances. This role ensures that funds raised are properly recorded, managed, and used to benefit the children and school community.

Key Responsibilities

- Maintain accurate and up-to-date financial records for the PTA
- Manage the PTA bank account, including deposits and payments
- Prepare simple financial reports for PTA meetings
- Work with the Chair and Committee to set budgets for events and activities
- Ensure compliance with charity and financial regulations (if applicable)
- Count and record money raised at events, ensuring transparency
- Prepare the annual financial statement for the AGM
- Liaise with auditors/independent examiners if required

Skills & Qualities

- Good organisational and record-keeping skills
- Basic numeracy and confidence with handling money
- Trustworthy and reliable
- Ability to communicate clearly with committee members and the wider school community
- Team player who can work collaboratively

Time Commitment

- Attendance at PTA meetings (2 hours every half term)
- Support at fundraising events when needed
- Ongoing management of PTA finances throughout the school year

What You'll Gain

- The chance to make a real difference to the school community



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- Experience in financial management and teamwork

A rewarding role supporting children's education and enrichment

Dates for your diary

Event	Date	Time
POPS fundraiser – Christmas Fair	Friday 5th December 2025	3:30-5:30pm
EYFS Christmas Concert	Thursday 11th December 2025	2:30pm
Christmas Crafternoon	Friday 12th December 2025	1:45pm
KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 16th December 2025 Wednesday 17th December 2025	2:15pm 9:30am
Christmas Dinner and Festive Clothing Day. Christmas raffle draw.	Thursday 18th December 2025	All day
Reception Polar Express theme day (Reception children to come to school in pyjamas – please make sure they are suitable for a day at school)	Friday 19 th December	All day
KS2 Festive Sing	Friday 19th December 2025	2:30pm
Spring and summer learn with us events will be detailed in newsletters before the term where it falls.		
POPS CPR training	Wednesday 21 st January 2026	6-7pm
POPS meeting (new parents and carers welcome)	Wednesday 21st January 2026	7pm



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