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**May the joy of the angels, The gladness of the shepherds, The worship of the wisemen  
And the peace of the Christ child be yours, be yours this Christmas. (All) And the  
blessing of God The Father and the Son And the Holy Spirit be with you And remain  
with you always, With you always, and remain with you always.**

Dear Parents,

What a week!

We had an exciting visitor in school today – many thanks to Santa for popping by on your travels!



The Pantomime on Tuesday - Sleeping Beauty at the Oxford Playhouse - was a huge success – lots of fun had by all. A massive thank you to FOBS for supporting us with the cost of the travel, without FOBS' contributions, it would not be possible for us to make memories like these. See below for more information regarding their amazing fund-raising efforts this Autumn.



Our church service on Wednesday night was very special – the children sang beautifully and spoke with such confidence – it made us all very proud to see. A massive thank you to Mrs Bunting for all her hard work – she makes it look easy, but as we know it is anything but. It was of course also a truly special occasion we shared as a school community - a heartfelt and memorable event, filled with joy, a few tears and an overwhelming sense of gratitude for all that Ms Warren has done during her time at Buckland School. The warmth and appreciation shown by children and families was a



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testament to the incredible impact she has had on the community. Ms Warren's leadership, kindness, and dedication have left a lasting legacy that we will carry forward in the years to come.

It has been a busy term full of achievements, growth, and special moments. From our oldest children visiting the Houses of Parliament as well as spending a week in the Brecon Beacons at Woodlands, our youngest visiting Little City, Beech going to Millets, Sycamore enjoying their Viking Day and everything else in between, we have had an amazing term. A massive thank you to both our staff team for their incredible dedication and hard-work and to you all - our parents and carers, for the invaluable support you provide every day. Your partnership with us makes such a difference to your children's success and happiness at school.

## FOBS



## Wellbeing

Christmas is often associated with having fun and being joyful. However, for some children, not having a routine can be quite stressful and make our loved ones anxious. The Mental Health Foundation have provided top tips for how to look after our mental health this Christmas. These include:

- Talk about your feelings
- Do something you are good at



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- Ask for help
- Keep in touch with your friends/family
- Accept who you are
- Eat/Drink well
- Keep active
- Take a break
- Care of others

This week's wellbeing message comes from all of Oak class:

"Have a great Christmas everyone. See you in 2025!"

### Staffing

This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Johnson whose warmth, kindness and smiles we will miss so very much – however, we wish her nothing but success and happiness in her new role working with her brother on a new venture – how exciting!

Today we have also said goodbye to Mrs Williams who is retiring after 9 years at Buckland school. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Williams for all she has done for our school and wish her the very best in her new adventures.

After the holidays, we are delighted to welcome Ms J Robinson-Hooper who will be working in Beech class Wednesday and Friday, and Miss K Johnson who will be working in Acorns class on a Thursday and Friday in a job share with Mrs Bull.

### Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	120	223	157
<b>Running total</b>	594	392	667

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Willow and Florence

Beech – Charlie and Ava

Sycamore – Dylan and Olivia

Oak – Jams and Eleanor

Bronze badges have been awarded to:



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Horse: Sofia, Tudor, Hermoine, William O, Billie, Ira, Alexander, Arabella, Georgie, Wilder, Ingrid, Austin, Evie, Ruth  
Ox: Olivia, Emily, Toby, Betsie, George K, Charlie  
Dragon: Freddie, Lola, James P, Lucy, Anna, Chloe, Millie, Finn, Alex M, Miranda, Thomas

Congratulations to all.

We hope you can take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy this special time with loved ones. May your holiday season be filled with joy, peace, and all the magic that this time of year brings. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, ready for another term.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With warmest wishes,

**Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team**