



# OXTON ST SAVIOUR'S NEWS

Newsletter - December 2023



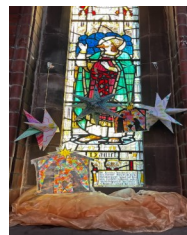
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It has been a very busy term for our staff and pupils. In the midst of our teaching and learning, preparation for all our festivities, competitions, church celebrations and community activities, we are mindful of the need to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. People all over the world will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and sharing in the joy that this brings. Our pupils and families have given generously to support charities both nationally and locally. **The children return to school on Monday 8th January.** On behalf of the Governors and all staff I would like to wish you a restful Christmas and a New Year of health and happiness.

**Mr Ramsden**

We have decorated two of the windows in church related to two different Christmas carols; Once in Royal David's City and Little Donkey. If you go to St Saviour's Church over the festive period please look out for these wonderful creations.



**Raffle for school fund**

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket. £150 was raised for the school fund which is an incredible amount!

## A Higgledy Piggledy Nativity

Children in F2 and KS1 performed their annual Christmas Nativity and what a wonderful, uplifting show it was. The children were fantastic and so enthusiastic! Thank you to all those involved in putting together these wonderful performances.



## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all who donated to the Hope Café (Christ Church Liverpool) shoe box appeal. The response and generosity shown was incredible!

## Learning & Giving

As part of their DT topic Years 5 have evaluated various branded soups before designing their own recipes which were based on a vegetable soup. The children were thrilled with their creations and also made extra to take to the Charles Thompson Mission who were really grateful and said they had received many positive compliments from the centre's visitors. A great big thank you goes to Leo's Mum for her chef's expertise and for spending her afternoon in school, cooking with the children—we couldn't have done it without your help!

## A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart  
As Christmas time draws near,  
May hope fill each room you decorate  
And bring joy to those you hold dear.  
May peace be before you at every meal  
And faith ring through every song.  
For Christ is alive, the light of the world  
May he bless you all season long.



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We would like to congratulate Miss Duckworth on the birth of Wallace, who was born on 15.11.23, weighing 8lbs4oz. Mum and baby are doing really well and we send them all our love!

## Staffing update for after Christmas

After Christmas Mrs Grant-Jones will still be with us for three days Monday to Wednesday up until half term. Mrs Wilkinson will be covering the Deputy Head role on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Shaw will be covering the year four class on Thursday and Friday afternoons and Mrs Grant-Jones's year six group on a Thursday and Friday morning. Miss Shaw will be returning from maternity leave after February half term.



It is with a heavy heart that we announce Mrs Ainsworth's retirement at Christmas. She has worked at Oxton St saviours for 18 years and will be sadly missed by all. During this time she has been an integral part of school life looking after both staff and families. Mrs Ainsworth has always gone above and beyond in everything that she does, we don't know what we will do without her. On behalf of everyone in the school we would like to wish her a super retirement and I'm sure she will be spending more time with friends and her expanding family as she has two grandchildren and two more on the way. During our carol service Mrs Ainsworth was presented with flowers and a Bible in Church, followed by a wonderful blessing by Mrs Williams, our school Chaplain. Staff and pupils will also be celebrating her achievements and time spent here in a special assembly on Thursday. Thank you for all your good wishes and generous donations towards a gift from the pupils. We wish Mrs Ainsworth all the best on her future adventures!