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19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Christmas term, we want to extend our sincere thanks to all our pupils and their families for making this festive season so memorable.

The children have enjoyed a lovely week of Christmas events and activities. Here are just some of the highlights from the end of term.

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas Performances were an enormous success! It has been such a pleasure to walk around the academy in recent weeks accompanied by the sound of children singing. We are very proud of all the children, who absolutely shone on the stage – singing beautifully, speaking clearly and performing with such joy and confidence! Thank you for supporting the children by helping with learning songs and lines and of course the fabulous costumes. These are special moments for the children and ones that will stay with them throughout their lives.

Thank you also for being such an encouraging audience for the children and to our fabulous staff team who have worked so hard to make these performances possible.



Early Years at Christmas

It was lovely to see so many of our families at our recent EYFS Christmas events to share in the Christmas excitement with our youngest pupils. The decorations made together will no doubt have a treasured place on Christmas trees for many years to come.



Our reception pupils really enjoyed walking down to the local post box to proudly post their carefully written letters to Santa too!



Christmas Choirs

We are so proud of the children in our academy choirs, who represented us so fantastically at the recent Songs 4 Christmas and Festival of Carols events at the Minster. They sang beautifully and were excellent ambassadors.

We were also delighted to take our Key Stage 1 Choir to sing at the Louise Hamilton Centre on Friday 12th December. They spread lots of Christmas cheer!



Year 6 visit to CPOA Christmas Performance

Year 6 were delighted to be invited to watch the Year 7 Performance at Cliff Park Ormiston Academy yesterday. They really enjoyed the show and the opportunity to visit the High School. Thank you to the staff and children at CPOA for inviting us!

Christmas Raffle

It was great to see the hall so busy for our Christmas Raffle draw on Monday afternoon. Your generosity in purchasing tickets and donating prizes is much appreciated. We were delighted to raise £450.00, all of which will be used for additional resources or opportunities for the children. Congratulations to all our prize winners!

Santa comes to OCPPA!

The children were excited to receive a very special visitor on his sleigh this morning! Class and individual presents were delivered for all the children to enjoy. We would like to extend our thanks to the Lions Club for making this possible.

Christmas Lunch

It was great to see the children coming together to enjoy Christmas Lunch earlier today. Many crackers were pulled, and it was lovely to see the children enjoying singing along to the Christmas music. Thanks to our colleagues in the academy kitchens who worked so hard to prepare the Christmas meal for the children.

Hoot with Me Visit!

We were lucky to receive a visit from Hoot with Me, who brought their beautiful owls in to visit the children in reception. The children really enjoyed learning amazing facts about owls and even got to hold one!



House Cup Winners

Congratulations to Integrity House, who were this half term's winners and the overall winners of this term's house cup! They celebrated by enjoying their non-uniform day yesterday!



Looking Ahead to Next Term

Enrichment Opportunities

We are excited to tell you about our new, additional enrichment programme, which will mean that all children from Reception to Year 6 are able to take part in a series of different enrichment activities as part of their Friday afternoon provision. This will take place in year groups and will be delivered by teachers. Activities will rotate half termly. We are busily putting the finishing touches to the programme and look forward to sharing more information about this next term. Sessions will begin on Friday the 16th of January.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5 th January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to the academy (breakfast and ASC resume)
Wednesday 7 th January	Year 6 Time and Tide Trip
Wednesday 7 th January	Reception 'Happy New Year' Stay and Play
Tuesday 13 th January	Year 3 Norwich Castle Trip
Wednesday 11 th February	Reception 'Chinese New Year' Stay and Play
Friday 13 th February	End of Spring Term 1
Monday 23 rd February	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 24 th February	Start of Spring Term 2
Monday 2 nd March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Bookworms Book Fair
Tuesday 10 th March	Parents' Evening
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Reception 'Easter Crafts' Stay and Play
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Fayre
Friday 27 th March	End of Spring Term 2

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to thank you for your support and partnership throughout the year. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L. Watkins
Principal

