

# OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



## Headteachers Message

This week has been an absolute delight to watch our pupils perform their concerts which such commitment and dedication.

It was such a lovely atmosphere to chat to families and see them so proud of their lovely children.

We have had lots of 'bouncy' pupils in the lower end of the school very excited to attend their Christmas themed school trips. I have been informed by staff that the pupils represented our school beautifully when out and about and that their behaviour was impeccable.

It is lovely to be involved in the Community Event this evening at Canolfan Bethlehem and we are looking forward to hearing our pupils sing with the Male Voice Choir. I will let you know how it all went in my last newsletter for 2025 next Friday. Even though it is INSET I will still be sending a newsletter to keep you up to date of any news from the last week and information for the new term.

Please don't forget we want to maintain our strong attendance in the last week and classes will be undertaking really fun and engaging lessons. This weeks attendance was 93%. Lets keep it up for the final countdown!

Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher)

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### The week ahead



#### Monday 15th<sup>t</sup> Dec:

- Coffee Morning- everyone welcome.
- Year 1/ 2 Concert 1.30pm.

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:

- Baby and Toddler Group 9am- 10am.
- Baby Yoga with Dee- 10am.
- Year 6 - Attendance Matters workshops.
- Year 1/ 2 evening performance 5pm.

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

- Christmas Dinner for pupils- children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day if they wish to.
- Pop - up Christmas Shop open from 9am.

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:

- Whole school Pantomime 'The Roaming Gnome', performance (Please bring in £2.00 contribution on morning)

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec:

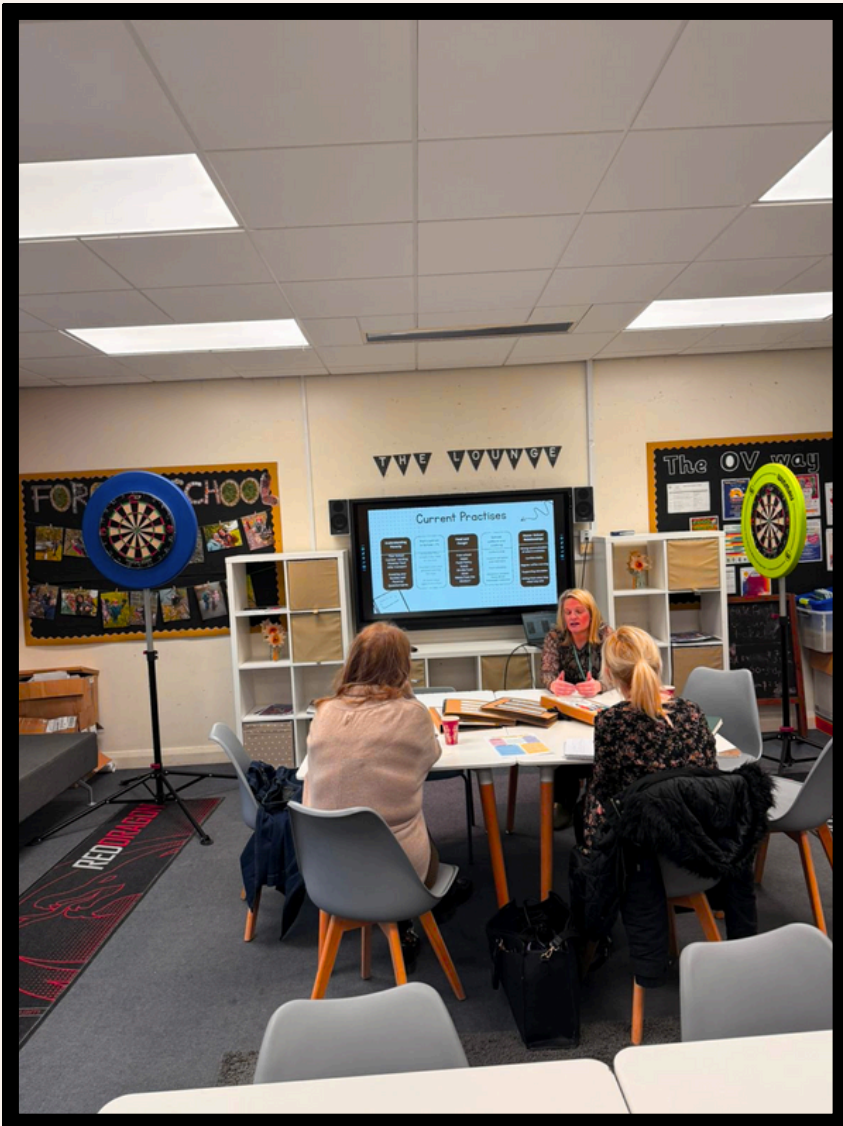
- INSET DAY- School closed to pupils.

School will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

# OVP is sharing good practise!



At Ogmores Vale Primary there is a lot of good practise going on and we feel it is important to share some of the great things we are doing with others. This allows us to have professional conversations to further improve what we are doing.



Some Colleagues from our Cluster schools were invited to join us Monday to share all the work we have been doing regarding Family Engagement and supporting our pupils.

It was really great to share ideas and discuss possible future family engagement cluster projects.

# Year 6



**The Year 6 hoodies have arrived. Our oldest pupils look very smart in their navy jumpers.**

**The back of the jumpers have all Year 6 pupils names on too. Looking fab!**



# Christmas at OVP!



The decorations and lights are up. Its delightful to see the pupils reactions to the decorations.



All Year groups have performed their concerts either to families or to the rest of the school during a dress rehearsal. The children have performed so well and its been wonderful to see them engaging and growing in confidence.

## YEAR 5 AND 6 CHRISTMAS CAROL PERFORMANCE

FOR OUR YEAR 6 PUPILS THAT WAS THEIR LAST OVP CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE, THEY LEARNT SO MANY LINES AND SONG AND PERFORMED IMPECCABLY.



# Christmas at OVP!



Christmas Baking



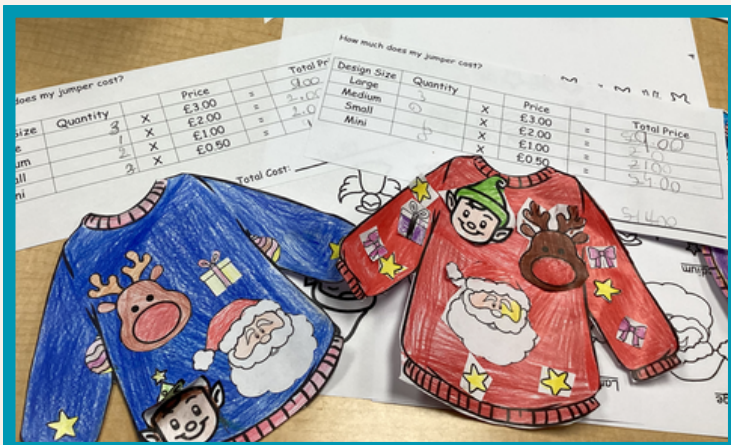
Designing own Christmas Cards using digital skills



Salt Dough Christmas Decorations



Fantastic Trips to Rhondda Heritage Park and Fuse at Christmas.



Classroom tasks which also include developing Literacy and Numeracy Skills

# The Panto is Coming

We are really excited for next weeks' Panto performance from Teepee Productions 'The Roaming Gnome'. This will take place in the morning on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> which will be the last day of term for our pupils.



Please can you send in a £2.00 donation for the cost of the show with your child on the morning. School will fund the remaining amount. Thank you in advance.

## CONCERTS

The concert performances so far have been outstanding. Next week Year 1 and 2 pupils will take to the stage to perform on Monday at 1.30pm and Tuesday 5pm.



# FAMILY SUPPORT AT OVP

## NEW AREA OF SUPPORT

### CITIZENS ADVICE SCHOOL FAMILY SERVICE

Our Family Engagement Officer has been working hard as usual to see what other networks of support she can bring to our families at Ogmore Vale Primary.

First session **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

How to book a slot: Come to office and complete a short interest form and your appointment will be booked for you.

## SCHOOLS FAMILY ADVICE SOUTH WALES

Citizens Advice **Bridgend** provide free, confidential and impartial advice on a range of areas including debt, benefits, housing, employment and family.

If you or your family need help to find your way forward, speak to one of our advisers:

**Every other Thursday**  
at  
**Ogmore Vale Primary**

### CONTACT US

01656 762800  
Monday - Friday 9am - 3.30pm



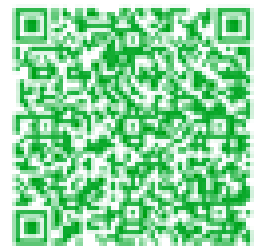
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# Christmas Kitchen 2025



Do you, or someone you know, need a bit of extra help this festive season?

Scan the QR Code above to refer someone to receive FREE Christmas meals delivered on Christmas Eve or call community navigators on 01656 810400

- Anyone can refer (even self referrals)
- Open to anyone with a need
- Completely free

Deadline to refer is 16/12/25



## Volunteers Needed!

Do you want to give back to your community this Christmas?

We need volunteers on Dec 23rd/24th to:

- help prepare food
- organise area deliveries
- deliver meals Christmas eve (between 1-4pm)

Donations welcome too!

To donate, volunteer or for more information email [cllr.jane.gebbie@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.jane.gebbie@bridgend.gov.uk)