

Learning together with courage and kindness

'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



St James News

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Dear St James Families,

Attendance this week: 95.6%

School & Trust target: 96%

This week has been another busy one, with the Year 6s away on their residential trip to Yenworthy in Exmoor, as well as the Year 1, 2, 3 & 4s theatre trip to see Jack in the Beanstalk. Trips and enrichment activities are such an important part of everything we are trying to achieve for the children at St James, so that they leave us having a vast range of experiences and chances to discover their interests and talents. This only happens with your support and we are so grateful to you for it. Being part of the Vale Academy Trust also allows for many additional opportunities, for example this week we went on the residential with another VAT school St Nicholas, allowing us to share costs and expertise. The children also work towards their Character & Citizenship Awards. To find out more please visit our [website](#).

VAT update:



Our Trust are currently in the process of updating our signs, as well as other less glamorous projects, such as fixing our leaky roof! They have recently employed some new positions to the Central Team, including a new premises/ health & safety manager and a safeguarding lead, who have already been in school supporting us!



Friends of St James:

The St James Helping Hands look forward to seeing many of you at this weekend's Holly Fair.

The team are currently asking children and staff to share their ideas for future projects to spend funds on. If any parents have any thoughts I know the team would be pleased to hear them.



Learning Celebrations:



Key Dates for the Diary

Dec 2023



Upcoming Fundraising Events

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine at the Nativity: 6th & 7th December
Holly Fair: 9th December

4 th – 8 th December 	SEND Review parent meetings Parent teacher meetings to review ISPs and set outcomes for Term 2 & 3.
1 st December 	Jack and the Beanstalk Panto Years 1 - 4 will be travelling to the Oxford Playhouse for some pantomime fun.
3 rd December 	Family Advent Service 9.30am at St James Church.
8 th December 	Christmas Carol Performance Years 5 & 6 will be travelling to Creation Theatre at Longwall in Oxford for this Christmas classic.
8 th December 	Fun Run for Helen and Douglas House 11am on the school field. More details to follow.
6 th & 7 th December 	Reception & Year 1 Nativity 2.30pm in the Hall. More details to follow.
11 th – 15 th December 	Year 5 Swimming Intensive Week Please ensure children have their swimwear with them in school every day this week.
13 th & 14 th 	Christmas Lunch 13 th December: Reception, Years 1, Yr2 & Yr 6 14 th December: Years 3, 4 & 5 Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on their Christmas dinner day.
13 th December	Donaldson Class Christmas sing song 2:30pm
13 th December 	Christingle Service 4pm at St James Church – Please come and join us at St James Church. Children from Years 4-6 will be invited to sing or read. Details to follow.
15 th December 	Festive Film Club: 3.20pm - 5.00pm Children are invited to stay at school and enjoy a festive film. If you would like your child to attend, please donate £5 (which will go towards a light tea and refreshments).
18 th December 	Rock Performance 2.15pm: Parents of children who attend Rock are invited to their performance in the hall.
19 th December 	Years 2 & 3 Carol Concert 2.30pm in the Hall. More details to follow.
20 th December 	Last day of term – School ends at 12:30

Reminder:

Please make sure your child/children have a waterproof coat and wellies in school. (If you would like support with this please let us know) We love being outside and to allow us all to be on the field wellies are essential!



Please remember to keep your contact information up to date and let us know immediately if anything changes.



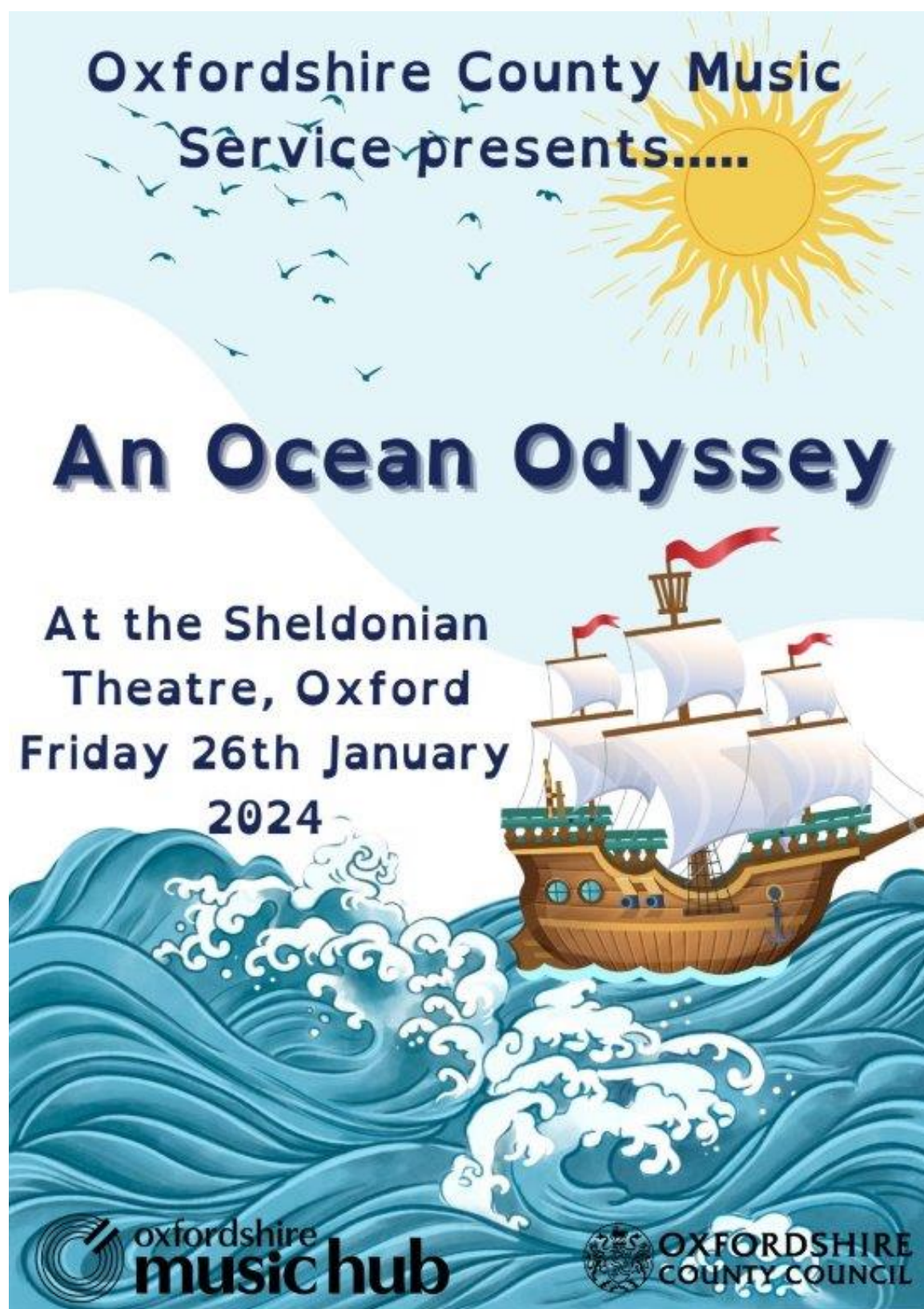
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