

**Oasis Academy Ryelands**  
**Reception Class Weekly Newsletter**  
**24/11/2025 to 28/11/2025**

**Alladin Panto!**

On Thursday afternoon next week (4/12) we are off to Oasis Academy Arena (located at the end of the road) to watch the theatre production of Aladdin. We are really excited for this event! We will need some parent helpers who can join us walking to and from the secondary school, who are welcome to stay and enjoy the panto too, 1.00-3.20pm. Please let us know if you are available to help. Also, if you have not yet done so, please make your child's payment of £7.50 via MCAS to cover the cost of this production. Thank you.

**Notices-**

- Wear PE kits to school for PE on Fridays.
- Water bottles and raincoats daily.
- Reading books are changed on a Friday. Please ensure book-bags and reading records are in on this day.
- Thank you for returning clothes back to school if your child has borrowed them after an accident. Any donations of pants or socks are most welcome; we are always running low. 😊

**Key dates-**

- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December-** Aladdin Pantomime, please make your child's £7.50 payment via MCAS. To view the letter please visit your MCAS account.
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December-** Friends of Ryeland Christmas/Winter Fair– After School.
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December-** Reception and Year 1 Christmas Show- PM Show- 1.45-2.45pm.
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December-** Reception and Year 1 Christmas Show- AM Show- 9.45-10.45am.
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas Jumper Day.
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** 10am Christmas Concert at St. Luke's Church (Reception attend; they are not performing.)

**The 9 Habits!**



The Oasis 9 Habits: **Compassionate**, **Self-Controlled**, **Joyful**, **Forgiving**, **Patient**, **Humble**, **Honest**, **Considerate** and **Hopeful**.

- \* This week the Star of the Week in Robin Class is Alma for being compassionate. Alma is a kind, caring and thoughtful member of Robin class. She is a wonderful role model to her peers and is a pleasure to have in class. Well done, Alma.
- \* This week the Star of the Week in Wren Class Eloise for being patient. Eloise has been a wonderful role model this week during Nativity rehearsals. She has been patient with herself and others and has shown a wonderful attitude to learning. Well done, Eloise.

**Our Learning Journey**

This week in Reception our topic has led us to '*Celebrations around the world*'. It has been a wonderful week, learning about Christmas and the Nativity story, the festivities of birthdays **and the ... of** weddings. This week it has been wonderful to hear the children share their experiences of these celebrations, the language and conversations that have been heard have been really lovely. We learnt

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about these celebrations in England but also learnt about how they are celebrated and traditions they hold around the world. The children learnt about how Christmas has many unique ways of being celebrated around the world and enjoyed learning about how weddings are celebrated in different faiths and countries. The children took part in a range of wonderful activities this week, including creating wedding dresses and suits on the creative table, designing churches in the construction area and dressing up in party dresses and clothes and attending the teddy bears' wedding. This week each class showed their creativity, designing a Christmas themed classroom door and creating their class Christmas hoop, which will be displayed in the main school hall from Monday, ready for the Winter Fair and the Nativity in the coming weeks. In Maths this week, we have continued to look at money and coins, focusing on value, size, shape and design. The children have enjoyed a range of activities linked to money, including creating a shop out of toys. In Write Away this week the children worked hard to write a letter to Santa. The children used their phonic knowledge to write a list of 3 items they would like to ask Santa for. We love giving the children purposeful, meaningful writing opportunities because the effort and the enthusiasm the children demonstrate during these activities is excellent. We have a plan for these letters.... Please see below for more information.

Phonics



This week no new sounds have been taught as we have been busy writing our letters to Santa and with Nativity rehearsals. We have continued to embed our prior learning through reading and writing opportunities. These include looking at the Monster Phonics books and decoding words using our sounds. It is wonderful to see the children confidently identifying our HFWs in story books and within the provision.

Home learning

Enjoy a board game at home with your family, if you do not have one, perhaps a puzzle instead. Work on counting skills with your board game or contenting the puzzle pieces correctly with your puzzle.

Letter to Santa

As mentioned above, this week the children wrote a letter to Santa in their Write Away sessions. We would now like to take the children to the post box to post these letters... this is where we need your help. Please provide us with **a stamped envelope**, with the children's home address written on the front. We will then take the children in small groups to the post box to post their letters. When they arrive at your house, what you do with them is completely up to you, continue the make believe or not, it is up to you 😊. If we could have the envelopes by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, we will be making post box deliveries in the final week- Thank you!