



# Vigo Primary Newsletter

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## Message From Mrs Dance

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather has certainly changed this week. Please be mindful of this cold weather and take care when out and about. Please could we also politely request that children come into school with a coat, they love being outside and we want to keep them safe and warm.

Christmas has arrived at Vigo; Mr Baker has put up and decorated the school Christmas tree and Buddy the Elf has arrived! Mrs Scahill has decorated the front entrance; Year R and Year 1 are practising their nativities and the library is filled with Christmas books!

Yesterday, I had the joy of spending the afternoon at St. Mary's Church with some of our wonderful school choir as they joined local schools and the mayor of Test Valley to ring in the Christmas season with an afternoon of carols. The children sang beautifully and looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you to Mrs Weymouth and Mrs Parry for supporting the children in this exciting event.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Vigo team if there is anything that we can do to support you or your child.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend - wrap up warm!

Rachel Dance

Headteacher

## Attendance Important Information

**Whole School  
attendance this  
year 95.33%**

**Best attendance, and winners of 'Albert  
the Attendance Alpaca' this  
week:**



**Costa Rica Class with 99.6%  
Chile Class with 97%  
Japan Class with 96.55%  
Well Done!**

Please think carefully before keeping your child away from school.

As parents and carers you have a responsibility to inform the school before 9.00am if your child will not be in school, this can be done via the email address [attendance@vigo.hants.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@vigo.hants.sch.uk) or by calling the school and selecting option 1.

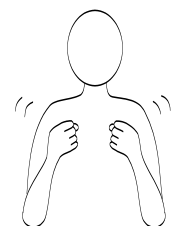
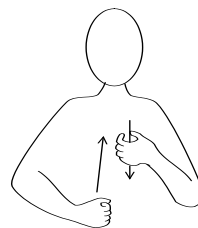
[More about attendance at Vigo >>](#)

**"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is  
ever wasted."**

Aesop

## Sign of the Week

There are two signs this week



This is the sign for **milk** This is the sign for **cold**

ask your child to sign with you

**Malala Yousafzai:**  
9792

**Rosa Parks:**  
9788

**Anne Frank:**  
9108

**Nick Vujcic:**  
10080

## NUTS!

We currently have several children with nut allergies in school, so it is important that children DO NOT bring any food items into school which may contain nuts.

Could all parents and carers please ensure that NO NUTS are sent to school in packed lunches. This includes chocolate spread sandwiches, and cereal bars. We appreciate that not all chocolate spread contains nuts, however the vast majority do. It is not possible for our staff to tell the difference between types of chocolate spread once they are put into a sandwich, so in order to protect our children we have to ask that no chocolate spread is sent into school at all.

Any items containing nuts or chocolate spread will be removed from the child's lunch and returned to you at the end of the day. If this is a sandwich an alternative will be provided such as bread and butter or toast.

### Thank you!

Dobbies garden centre very kindly donated a beautiful Christmas Tree to the school. It makes our Hall looks so festive!



### 100% Attendance

As part of Vigo's aim for amazing attendance, a weekly raffle will be drawn for children with 100% attendance. Each Friday, a child from each year with 100% attendance that week will win a special ticket to have a dip in The Meadow prize box.

Winners of the 100% attendance this week are:

- Year R - Harry M
- Year 1 - Salman Y
- Year 2 - Maryjane M
- Year 3 - Joseph C
- Year 4 - Tamia D
- Year 5 - Zach B
- Year 6 - Logan K



### Elf Warning!

The naughty elves are back at Vigo! Your children may tell you about their antics over the next two weeks. Mr Baker has asked Buddy, Vigo's head elf to please stop the other elves from making too much mess. Buddy is just happy to be back.



**HO! HO! HO!**  
**Vigo Primary School**  
Our annual Christmas card competition is launched. You're invited to design a festive card on A4 piece of paper.  
Competition closes  
Friday 8th December 12:00pm  
Please hand in entries to the office.  
Winner will be announced with a prize and the chance to deliver the winning card to local residents.

### Milkshake Time

Congratulations to the following children who were selected for Milkshake time:

Alfie K	Sahil A	Cameron F	Vaughn W
Madelyn B	Nikesh S	Armani H	Travis L
Adalyn J	Alfie B	Rafael K	Joey P
Katylee B	Trinity A	Skye N	Zaara A
Elyssa W	Jack G	Oskar L	Alfie H
Louise F			



## Diary Dates

23-27/10/2023 Half Term to Autumn Term 2		Spring Term 1 2024	
30/10/2023	School Open to all Students	02/01/2024	Inset Day 3
		03/01/2024	School Open for all Students
01/11/2023	Year R Applications Open		
22/11/2023	Individual Pupil Photographs		
28/11/2023	Parents Workshop—Online Safety 2:30pm		
02/12/2023	FoVP Christmas Fayre	12 - 16/02/2024 Half Term to Spring Term 2	
05/12/2023	Yr 1 Nativity 1:30pm		
		19/02/2024	School Open for all Students
06/12/2023	Yr R Nativity 2:00pm		
07/12/2023	Christmas Jumper Day		
07/12/2023	Yr 1 Nativity 9:30am		
07/12/2023	KS2 Christmas Craft Afternoon 13:30—15:00	01 - 12/04/2024 Easter Holidays	
		Summer Term 1 2024	
08/12/2023	Yr R Nativity 10:00am	15/04/2024	School Open for all Students
08/12/2023	School Christmas Lunch		
		24/05/2024	Inset Day 4
11/10/2023	Yr 2 Christmas Performance 9am and 2:30pm	27 - 31/05/2024 Half Term to Summer Term 2	
		01/06/2024	School Open for all Students
13/12/2023	KS1 Christmas Craft Afternoon 13:30 –15:00		
		01/07/2024	Inset Day 5
18/12/2023 - 02/01/2024 Christmas Holidays		23/07/2024 End of Summer Term	

### Year R Applications 2023 Reminder

May we remind parents that applications for children to start school in September 2023, are now open via this link:

<https://educationonlineportal.hants.gov.uk/EducationOnlinePortal/>

Applications must be completed by  
**midnight on Sunday 15 January 2024**

If you know of a family with a child who is due to start school next year please let them know the deadline, there is no process to automatically notify parents and every year some miss the deadline simply because they do not know that they need to apply now.

**CHILDREN WITH DATES OF BIRTH BETWEEN  
 1 SEPTEMBER 2019 and 31 AUGUST 2020  
 MUST APPLY FOR SCHOOL PLACES NOW.**

Please ask if you are not sure!

## Owlets

Penguins	Emin K	for working really hard on being a good listener.
	Oliver B	for joining in so enthusiastically mark making with paint.
Seal	Callum B	for having a positive attitude this week when arriving at school. Well done Callum!
	Bodhi G	for working hard on making his stickman and being able to retell the story.
Whale	Georgia L	for trying hard in all areas of her learning. Participating in the maths activities this week.
	Noah E	for being interested in the Maths activities this week and focusing on more and less.
Iceland	Giovanni H	for always having a positive attitude towards his work.
	Wilbur C	for being an incredible role model to his peers.
Norway	Emmy C	for being very resilient and enthusiastic in all of her Maths tasks
	Alex W	for being a good role model in Norway class and very kind towards his peers
Portugal	Elijah A	for always trying hard with his learning and being an excellent role model to others
	Erin C	for excellent independent Maths work!
Brazil	Oliver C	for sharing brilliant ideas with the class in all of our lessons!
	Gracie-Mae H	for fantastic work in Math's, adding and subtracting.
Chile	Maja B	for her amazing responses in Guided Reading this week. Well done!
	Edward A	for his fantastic effort in Maths this week. Well done!
Peru	Edward F	for becoming increasingly independent with his learning!
	Arianna R	for producing some really high quality writing!
Australia	Lucas R	for showing fantastic motivation by always trying your hardest and wanting to improve your work.
	Charlotte H	for being an eager learner and always wanting to try your best.
Fiji	Raphael W	for working hard in Maths, using the skills taught and showing more confidence when working independently.
	Amiya J	for becoming a more independent learner and showing motivation and resilience. We are very proud of you!
New Zealand	Miles G	for being resilient and independent when using adverbs and prepositions within his writing.
	Leo H	for being a expert mathematician by using the correct terminology to prove his answer is correct.
Georgia	Jayme M	for the extraordinary effort and pride you show in your work!
	Jayden F	for beautiful handwriting when writing up your legend!
Japan	Zack M	for excellent work in English this week. Well done Zack!
	Maisie S	for showing excellent work in all your subjects this week. You have been trying really hard.
Nepal	Sydney F	for producing some beautiful, imaginative writing about Arthur and his legend.
	Evie B	for producing some beautiful writing about Arthur and his legend.
Costa Rica	Umut-Deniz R	for working well independently in Maths
	Leo M	for working well independently in Maths
Jamaica	Oliver D	for showing good resilience in PE.
	Sarita B	for hard work in all lessons this week.
USA	Elsie R	for showing amazing independence in your English work
	Aaron G	for helping your peers with their learning
Ghana	Jasmine-Lilly A	for fantastic Maths. Great resilience and good use of different coloured pens to spot patterns.
	Daisy L	for excellent story writing. Lots of great vocabulary and different sentence patterns. It has been a joy to read. Thank you.
Kenya	Jessica P	for fantastic piece of English writing.
	Aarav A	for consistent hard work in Maths.
Madagascar	Lexi S	for approaching everything she does with determination and a smile.
	Kira Fe	for working really hard on her Maths this week.
South Africa	Darcey J	for brilliant independence in your learning this week. Well done!
	Harry H	for your excellent engagement in class discussion in History this week. Well done!