



# NEWSLETTER

DATE 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## UP COMING DATES

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** - Academy opens for Spring 1

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** - Academy closes for February half term

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February** - Academy opens for Spring 2

Please see our website for this year's term dates and INSET days:  
<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/term-dates-and-closures>

### Polite Reminder

Please be respectful when driving and parking in the local community and choose not to leave your engine running. The double yellow lines outside of school are for permit holders and disabled badge holders only. Please consider our children's and others' safety when picking up and dropping off. Thank you.

## Curriculum Talent Awards

A huge well done to everybody who was nominated for our Curriculum Talent Awards and well done to our super star winners for Autumn term!



## Communication



We LOVE for you to share achievements, successes, trips, learning to our academy Twitter too! A selection of these will be chosen to be showcased on our Curriculum newsletter to celebrate out of school achievements.

## Festive Fun

Thank you to all the families that joined us for our Christmas performances. We are so proud of all the children for rocking the stage! We enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, joined in singalongs with choir and had lots of fun partying in the final week.

**Merry Christmas from the Lofthouse Family to your families. Stay safe, spread the Christmas cheer and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2023!**



## Questions and Queries

Children's safety and happiness is our ultimate goal. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to a member of staff or contact school via the admin email address [enquiries@lofthousegate.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@lofthousegate.outwood.com) You can also phone (01924 821160) and leave a message with your name, number and child's name.

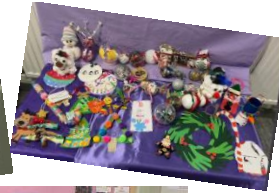
## Bauble Competition

Thank you to all our creative entries for our bauble competition. Our School Parliament had the tough decision of deciding our winners.

Congratulations to:

Olivia - EYFS  
Holly - LKS2

Henry - KS1  
Eliza - UKS2



## Reading at Lofthouse Gate

We love reading at OPA Lofthouse Gate! Here is a snapshot of two of our reading for pleasure sessions this half term - comfy read and read with a different class. The children love to take time to get lost in a book and share with somebody else. We also enjoyed funny, festive stories read by Mr Lee (a member of our academy council). Our Reading Ambassadors have set up a Christmas reading challenge too. We can't wait to see all of your entries on Twitter and pick our winners in the new year!

Read a book snuggled under a blanket	Read a book while drinking hot chocolate	Read a book wearing a Santa hat	Read a book by the Christmas tree
Read a Christmas themed book	Read a book eating a biscuit	Read a book with your family	Create a Christmas puppet from a book
Read a book with someone older than you.	Read a book with someone younger than you.	Build a den and read a story in it	Read a funny book that makes you laugh
Share a Christmas poem with someone	Read a book about kindness	Read a book with snow in it	Read a book about animals
Make a book tower of books you have read	Read snuggled in bed	Read a Christmas Eve story	Read in the car

