

December Newsletter

As we approach the end of the term, December brings with it a time for reflection, celebration, and togetherness. This month has been filled with hard work, achievements, and memorable moments for our pupils and staff.



What We've Been Up To:

Community Touch Typing Challenge: Celebrating Our Top Typists!

This term, students and staff enthusiastically took part in our Community Touch Typing Challenge, competing for the title of fastest typist. We saw fantastic progress across the school, with typing speeds ranging from 20 words per minute (WPM) to an incredible 124 WPM. To put these achievements into perspective, the global average typing speed is around 40 WPM. Typing at 100 WPM or more is an exceptional accomplishment, placing a typist in the top 1% worldwide, something that takes real dedication and consistent practice. We are incredibly proud to celebrate our top performers:

O'Shay - an outstanding **124 WPM**

Danny - an impressive **102 WPM**

Bayley - a spectacular **99 WPM**

Leon - an awesome **95 WPM**

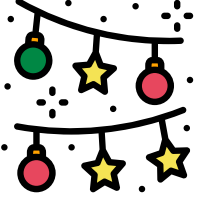
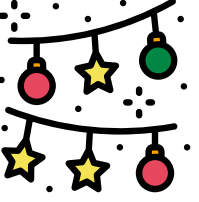
Congratulations to everyone who took part for their hard work and phenomenal results. Keep practising on typingclub.com to continue improving!



End of Term Dates:

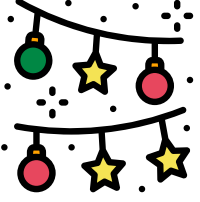
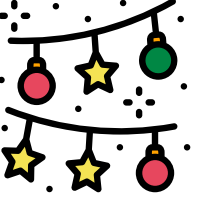
School closes:
Friday 19th December at
2:45pm

Return to school:
Tuesday 6th January at
9:15am



As part of our festive celebrations, we took our students on a seasonal outing to Bath on Ice. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, embracing the festive atmosphere and showing great confidence as they took to the ice. The trip was a fantastic opportunity to build independence, resilience, and teamwork, while also creating memorable moments to celebrate the end of term together.

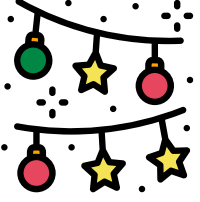
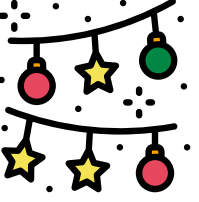




Community: Christmas Around the World Pop-Up Café

Our students hosted a festive pop-up café themed Christmas Around the World. Students worked hard to prepare and serve a variety of treats, welcoming parents and carers to join in the celebrations. The event raised over £100 for new kitchen resources and was followed by festive cookie decorating, which was enjoyed by all.

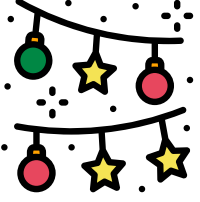
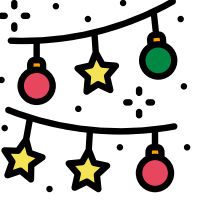


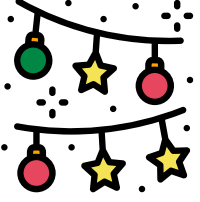
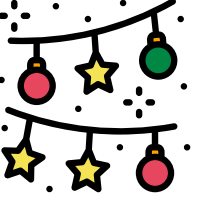


Westbury Community Project

We are incredibly proud of our students for their involvement in the Westbury Community Project. They have worked enthusiastically to help build a new community space for local residents in Dilton Marsh and Westbury. This project has allowed students to give back to the community while creating a welcoming area for people to relax, connect, and enjoy together.







Farewells:

As we come to the end of term, we also say a fond farewell to two valued members of staff, Tom Bond and Poppy McLauchlan. Both have made a positive impact on our school community, and we would like to thank them for their dedication, hard work, and the support they have given to our pupils and staff. We wish them every success in their next chapters.

"After more than five years, I will be leaving OnTrack Westbury at the end of this term as I prepare to relocate to Manchester. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to work with the incredible young people at OnTrack. I am truly grateful to the students and staff for the many memories, experiences, and opportunities I have been given during my time here. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with every student and feel very fortunate to have been part of their individual learning journeys. I hope that, in some small way, I have made a positive impact along the way. Thank you to everyone at OnTrack, and I wish you all continued success in the future. Tom"

"Dear OTW Students & families, I'm sure some of you have been wondering where I have disappeared to - so I think it is right to give you an explanation. Due to personal reasons I've had to take a break from being part of the team. I want to assure you that my reasoning has nothing to do with the school. I'm sorry I cannot tell you this in person but I hope you understand I thoroughly enjoyed working with EVERY single one of you. From the 1:1 sessions to the brilliant days out - you have made my time here an unforgettable experience and for that, I thank each of you. What an absolute pleasure it has been to be part of your educational journey and I hope our paths cross again one day. I have high hopes for you all and no doubt you'll smash whatever life throws at you! Keep smiling, peeps!! Poppy"

We would like to thank families for their continued support and wish everyone a joyful, peaceful festive season and a happy New Year.

