

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Final Week Reminders

- The children will demand that M & M Productions 'Stay Another Day' on **Monday 16**th **December** for their performance of 'Sleeping Beauty' in the school hall in the afternoon.
- Christmas lunch is due to take place in the last week of term and we will gather all year
 groups in the hall over the course of *Thursday 19th December*, before they start dreaming
 of 'One More Sleep' until the big day.
- I would like to confirm that the final day of term is next *Friday 20th December*. All children should be collected at *1.15pm* so that we can all start *'Driving Home for Christmas'* promptly.



London's Burning!

Throughout this term, the Year 2 children have been learning about the historic, disastrous event of the Great Fire of London. This week they finished off the topic with a Great Fire of London outdoor event. They firstly began the day by making their own Tudor houses. During the topic they learnt about how the houses were made in 1666 and how this had an impact on the Great Fire of London. They experienced first-hand what a Tudor house was like when they visited the Tudor house Museum in Southampton earlier on in the term. Once their Tudor houses were complete we took them to the woodland to create our very own Great Fire and lots of cries of "my house, my house" were heard as our very own London burnt to the ground!

Well done to Year 2 for showing fantastic teamwork and safety awareness! A huge thank you to Mr Carr and Mr Barnes for supporting us and setting up the fire pit safely.











Baarmy Bethlehem

We are so immensely proud of every single child in Rabbits and Hedgehogs for the absolutely wonderful performances on Wednesday and Thursday in our Nativity, 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. The children sang their hearts out, they boogied brilliantly, and acted their parts amazingly. It is very easy to forget that Rabbits and Hedgehogs have only been at school for a few months when you watched them on that stage, performing to an audience of adults, but they have worked so hard and we really hope all of the adults who came to watch enjoyed the show! Well done, Rabbits and Hedgehogs, you are fantastic! Check out some of the cast below in the amazing costumes.



Christmas Jumper Day

What an array of Christmas jumpers we had today! There was glitter, tinsel, reindeer antlers and even lights. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. If you would like to contribute to our JustGiving page here is the link.





A Poptastic Afternoon

Miss Eggleston and Mrs Morgan kicked off the staff promise events with a trip to see Moana 2 with Ethan, Jorge and Hammie in Year R. After posing with and purchasing some treats we found our seats and sat back for an afternoon of entertainment. We left the cinema with Ethan declaring it was, 'the best day of his life', so a good time had by all!





500 Word Story Competition

It has been a delight to read all of the finalists for the 500-word story competition this week. The judges (Mrs Morgan, Mrs Moore and Mrs Cowling) were incredibly impressed with their imagination, senses of humour and creativity. There were stories that kept us waiting in suspense (next chapter please!), stories that made us laugh and stories that really made us think. It has been incredibly difficult to decide on a winner. Next week, the stories from the class winners and overall winners will be published into a book and made available to read on the website.

The winners for 2024

UKS2: Toby R, Titanium

LKS2: Toby W, The Unknown Night

KS1: Rafferty K, Jeff and the Great Fire of the Woodland

Class Winners for 2024

KS1:

Rafferty K, Jeff and the Great Fire of the Woodland Olive F, Bonbon and the Great Fire of the Woodland Ena M, Edith and the Great Fire of the Woodland Rafferty O, Alex and the Great Fire of the Woodland

LKS2:

Toby W, The Unknown Night
Lilly A, Tuesday
Joe M, Tuesday
Jack H, The Night of a Life Time
Casper H, The Litter Robot
Noa B, The Cracks and the Water
Finn C, The Promise
Megan S, The Promise

UKS2:

Ethan S, Gerald

Max S, The Tree of Life

Tala S, The UNDERworld

Cooper S, Greek Gods Save the World

Toby R, Titanium

Annabelle B, Titanium

Daniel K, Titanium

Noah S, Titanium

(Written by Mrs Cowling)

Maths Shed

I couldn't believe it when I checked the leader board this week – **2B** are leading us for the 4th week in a row! Will they be able to keep it up until the end of term? Well done to all of the winners! Can **you** make it to the top next week?

Classes

1st Place – 2B

2nd Place – 2MS

3rd Place – 4R

<u>Individuals</u>

1st Place – Lynden, Year 4

2nd Place – Nyamekye, Year 2

3rd Place - Isobel, Year 5

(written by Mrs Williamson)



Spelling Shed

No changes from last week on our leader board... Are there any classes up for an end of term challenge, to knock the top 3 classes off? Well done to Vlad, Violet and Nathan who head up our leader board this week – great work, well done.

Classes

1 st **Place** – 5S

2 nd **Place** – 6C

3 rd Place – 6H

Individuals

1 st Place – Vlad, Year 5

2 nd Place – Violet, Year 6

3 rd Place – Nathan, Year 5

(Written by Mrs Cowling)



Reading Trails

Congratulations to the following children for completing their **bronze** reading trail.

1W - Eesa and Mia

2MS - Roxy

3S - Frankie

4D - Ifza and Matilda

5S - Zoey

6H – Tyla-Jay

6C - Bea

Congratulations to the following children for completing their **silver** reading trail.

1CW – Alice and Izzy

2MS - Peter

2B - Elodie

3S - Tom and Orla

4R - Harry K

Congratulations to the following children for completing their sapphire reading trail.

3S - Maya

Well done to all of the children that have completed the trails so far and have received their badges. There is plenty of time still to complete them. Don't forget to bring them back to the library to receive your badge and the next trail in the competition.

Happy Reading! (written by Mrs Atkins)

The PTFA Christmas Fair

A message from the committee:

Wow! We were so delighted with the success of the Christmas Fair, staff promises and raffle. The PTFA worked away for weeks planning the fair. So many volunteers gave up their time to help prepare for the fair and take part on the day. We are so grateful for the time the volunteers give to make our events happen. We had a great time at the fair and the children looked like they were really enjoying themselves. We made an incredible amount, just over £4000. The staff promise sales were record breaking this year with more than 3000 tickets bought!

Many thanks for supporting the PTFA and Merry Christmas from the committee.

Congratulations to this year's staff promise winners:

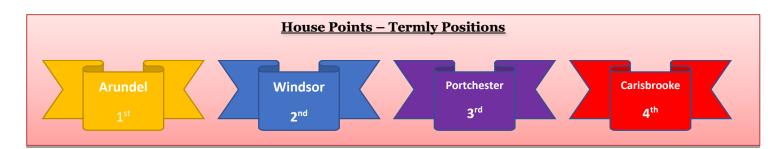
Promise	Winners
McDonald's Breakfast	Hugo 2B, Lily 4D, Isobel 5S
Moana 2 cinema trip	Ethan Hedgehogs
Christmas craft	Annabelle 5W
Make a sweetie cone	Ruby 3B
Nail painting, milkshakes and cookies	Polly 3B , Maya 3S, Antonia 4D, Megan 4R, Ottilie 6C, Phoebe
	6C
Hot chocolate at Cobbs	Carter 1W, Finn 2B
Pizza making and movie afternoon	Lilly 3B, Harrison 3B, Joe 3B, Ezra 3S, Max 3S, Hector 4R, Gregory 3S
	Alex 4R , Jasper 4R, Beth 4R
Woodland walk film, hot chocolate and	Ezra 1CW, Sofia 4D, Woody 4R, Ayaan 5W, Tala 5W, Isabel 5W,
s'mores	Thomas 6C, Jack 4D
Pamper and movie	Alicia 3B, Yasmin 3S, Etta 3S, Evelyn 6H, Emily 5S, Clara 6H, Char-
·	lotte 6H, Nina Hedgehogs
Clue capers escape rooms and Chococo for	Bea 6C
cake and a drink	
Finkley Down Farm visit	Emma 6C, Evelyn 4D
Afternoon tea at school	Matthew 4R, Leah 6H
Christmas cookie decorating	Rafferty 2MS, Esme 3B, Elizabeth 2MS
Perfectly Potty (pottery)	Ben 2B, Romano Rabbits
Christmas baking	Calila 1CW, Coco 6H, Nicholas 6C
Walk in Blackwood and hot chocolate	Oscar 3B, Eleanor 3S, Morgana 4D, Erin 6C, Roisin 6H, Benjamin 5S
Christmas Baking	Ava 3B, Louis 3B, Emily 3S, Finley 4R, Arthur 4R, Otis 3S, Toby 3S,
Ĭ	Emmeline 4R, Elsie 4R, Casper 4D
Gingerbread house decorating	Harry 1CW, Sol 1CW, Millie 3S
Panto trip	Phoebe 5W
Farm visit	Holly 1W, Ezra 2B
Winchester golf academy	Albie 4D, Nathan 5S

Morning Drop Offs!

As the term has progressed we have seen a steady increase in arrival times close to and after 9am. It is so important that we ensure that the children arrive on time so that lessons can begin promptly each day. We will close the gates at 9am each morning, so if you arrive close to gate closing time, please leave your child at the gate and let them walk in alone. Please could I ask that all children who arrive from 9:00am onwards are dropped off at the school office.

Thank you for your support.





Jamie Dodson

Headteacher