



Diary Dates:

- Thursday 19th December school closes for Christmas
- Friday 20th December school closed Staff INSET day
- Monday 6th January 2025 School opens
- Wednesday 15th 2025 January Parents Evening
- Year 6 SATS Monday 12th -Thursday 15th May

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Head Teacher's Message



CHRISTMAS TO-DO-LIST

- ~~buy~~ ^{BE} presents
- wrap ~~gifts~~ ^{SOMEONE} IN A HUG
- send ~~gifts~~ ^{PEACE}
- ~~shop for~~ ^{DONATE} food
- ~~see~~ ^{BE} the lights

As we enter the holiday season, we're excited to celebrate with our loved ones and make special memories. We know that this time of year can also bring its own set of challenges and pressures, but we want to remind everyone that what truly matters is the time we spend together and the love we share. In the midst of all the hustle and bustle, let's not forget to take care of ourselves and each other. If you or your family are in need of a little extra support, please don't hesitate to reach out - we have a food bank right here in our school that's available to anyone who needs it. I had the pleasure of watching the EYFS Nativity today, and it was wonderful to see such happy faces enjoying retelling the Christmas Story. The simplicity and timelessness of this special story, which is shared across the years and around the world, was a poignant reminder of the true meaning of our celebrations.

Collective Worship

This week, we explored the British Values of Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect. As part of this, we had open and respectful discussions about our different faiths and beliefs. We delved into the significance of the Nativity story within Christianity, as told in the Bible, and also acknowledged the importance of Jesus as a prophet in Islam, highlighting the shared connections and respect between these two faiths.



FOST

We will be running the tuck shop after school in the front playground. There will be raffle tickets on sale for 3 hampers. The winners will be drawn at the Christmas concert.

Thank you

Reception



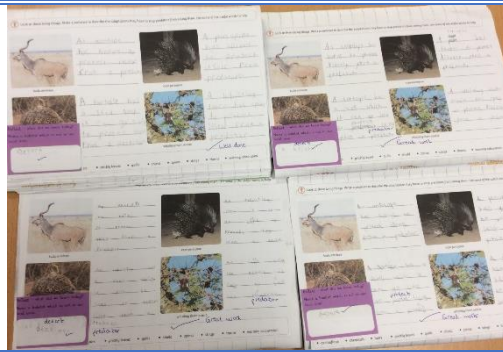
Wow! Our Big Little Nativity was a huge success this morning. Thank you all for coming to watch and a huge well done to our wonderful reception children, they were amazing!

Year 1

This week the whole of Year 1 was in good work assembly. In English we have been writing letters to Father Christmas and Miss Stoker and Miss Martin have been so impressed with every child. We have been using finger spaces, and to join phrases and even re-reading our work to make sure it makes sense. Year 1 have made so much progress this half term and we are incredibly proud of everyone efforts.



Year 2



This week in science Year 2 have been learning all about how plants and animals have special adaptations, which stop predators from eating them.

Year 3

In Year 3 we have been perfecting our clay techniques to create Bell Beaker pottery. The Beaker folk brought their knowledge of metalworking and pottery making to Britain in the Bronze Age. They combined the skills of pinch pots and coiling to create their pottery before decorating it with natural resources such as shells and twigs.



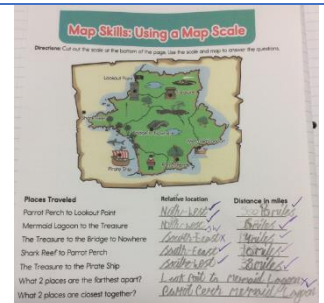
Year 4



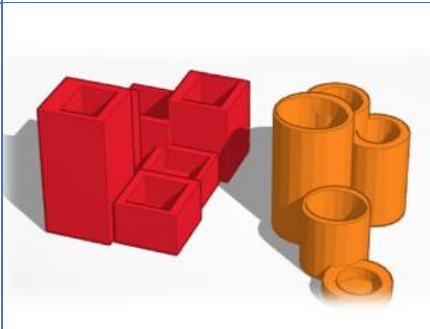
We have been enjoying composing our own music in year 4 this week. We have been focussing on the notes D E and F and the use of rests within musical composition. We have some talented musicians in year 4.

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been working on their map reading skills. We have been reading compass points for directions and reading scales to work out distance between locations.



Year 6



The Year 6 students have had a fantastic week learning how to use new software to create name badges and desk tidies. They've done an excellent job, showcasing their creativity and problem-solving skills.

Home Visits

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, home visits are a key part of our attendance procedures.

Here's how it works:

HOME VISITS



- **Day 1 Home Visit:** If a child is absent from school and we do not receive any communication from the family explaining the reason for the absence, a member of our staff will conduct a home visit on the first day of the unexplained absence. This is to confirm the child's safety and to offer any necessary support to the family.

- **Day 3 Home Visit:** For all absences, even those with an initial reason provided, we will conduct a home visit on the third consecutive day of absence. This is to ensure continued support and to check on the child's well-being.

These home visits are in line with recommended good safeguarding practices and are consistent with policies followed by other local schools. Our goal is to ensure every child's safety and to maintain clear communication with families. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.

Attendance

Each day in school builds valuable skills, knowledge, and connections that help students thrive academically and socially. Consistent attendance strengthens routines, boosts learning, and supports a positive school experience. Let's work together to make every school day count!

Attendance Matters



Please ask your child (Y2-Y6) about our 12 days of Christmas attendance challenge.