

# Newsletter

17 November 2023

Dear families,

What a busy week of learning it has been in school! We have had Anti-Bullying Week, Multi-faith Week and Maths Week all in one! It has been great to see so many of you in school each day to explore the large maths games with your child.

## Celebrations

Pupil of the Week is awarded during our celebration assembly on a Friday. Awards are given to one child in every class by their teachers. The awards celebrate good work and behaviour, as well as examples of good citizenship and friendship to others or for any behaviour or activity that positively reflects the school values and show a good example to other children in school. This week...

Pupil of the Week	
<b>3D</b>	Arwen
<b>3E</b>	Lily
<b>3S</b>	Amelia-Rose
<b>4BW</b>	Cohen
<b>4B</b>	Sonny
<b>4H</b>	Isla
<b>5JK</b>	Lottie
<b>5M</b>	James
<b>5B</b>	Tyra
<b>6T</b>	Leticya
<b>6B</b>	Sebastian
<b>6W</b>	Scarlett
<b>Acorns</b>	Oliver

We also award two 'Recognition Awards' weekly which are children chosen by Miss Watling and Miss Cambridge because they have done something exceptional. This week they are awarded to... **Blake H**(Year 5) and **Zeynab** (Year 3).

Once a month (the last Thursday/Friday of every month) parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies. In those assemblies we award 'Pupil of the Month' awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. However, all parents are warmly welcome to attend.


Our next celebration assemblies for this academic year are:

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 8.55am**  
**Year 5 & 6**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 8.55am Year 3 & 4**

### Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 93.47%

Class	%	Congratulations to 5B who are our Attendance Winners this week! 
3D	90.5	
3E	93.1	
3S	95	
4BW	95.31	
4B	86.06	
4H	95.5	
5JK	87.5	
5M	94.64	
5B	98.28	
6T	89.35	
6B	90.63	
6W	95.19	

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## Christmas Decoration Day

We are delighted to announce the dates and times for our

### Christmas performances!



Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9am – Year 3



Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9am – Year 4



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9am – Year 6



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9am – Year 5



Please arrive at the office from 8.50am for a 9am start.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December the children will be creating a Christmas decoration. Please could you start collecting and send in the items below – as many as possible would really help:

- bottle tops (plastic or metal)
- small drinks bottles
- kitchen roll tubes
- twigs, egg cartons
- plain brown, thick boxes
- old scraps of material
- ribbon

The children can also bring in anything they might like to use for



a Christmas decoration such as sequins, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, pom poms etc.



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## Ask me about.....

### Year 3

Maths	We have completed our Big Maths Day this week with 3 as the magic number. We have started Multiplication and Division looking at sharing equally.
English	We have created out our revolting recipe for our giant that we have created using compound words and Imperative verbs.
Science	During our science lesson this week we have continued to look at Animal diets and how they differ from a human diet.
PE/Games	This week we carried on with our magic number 3 work and worked outside thinking about steps and strides.
Geography	We have looked at the structure of earth and its different layers, we completed diagram and information about it.
Art	We designed our own Christmas mugs for a competition, and we looked at the design of prehistoric pots.
PSHE	This week we have been learning about how we could solve it together as a family and calm ourselves during disagreements.
French	This week we have been learning about shapes and their sizes in our French lesson.

### Year 4

Maths	We enjoyed our Big Maths Day on Monday, especially playing the 'Big Maths Games'! During Maths lessons, we have started Multiplication and Division, particularly looking at multiples of 3 and multiples of 6.
English	We have been writing multi-clause sentences and extending noun phrases as part of our work on 'FARThER'. We have been reading more of 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and answering questions about it.
Science	We have looked at how sound travels and recognising the different sound wave patterns for when a person whispers or shouts.
History	In History, we have been learning about Anglo Saxon Monasteries. We presented our findings by completing a double page spread on our chosen aspects of them.
Computing	We have been learning about all the features of an email and sending an email to our teacher and friends.
Art	We started our weaving this week. We firstly had to warp our loom before we chose different coloured wools to begin our first weave.
RE	We have been learning about Inter Faith week and designing a poster to show the union of all faiths.
PSHE	We have been discussing our thoughts and understanding influences when meeting new people.

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Our children proudly sporting their odd socks to mark the start of Anti-bullying Week!



## Year 5

Maths	Year 5 have been continuing their fractions work, looking at equivalent fractions and converting improper fractions and mixed number fractions.
English	Year 5 have been writing their own stories based around a version of the Robot Girl.
Geography	We created some amazing double page information posters based on the 5 different biomes around the world.
Science	We looked at separating materials using sieving. We created our own sieves to separate different size materials.
PE/Games	We experienced a maths day, where we explored different maths activities and enjoyed playing with giant maths games.
PSHE	The children took part in anti-bullying week.
Music	We have been learning about the musical A Christmas Carol and practising Christmas songs.
DT	We looked at the features of Greek architecture.

## Year 6

Maths	The children have been completing their second round of mock SATs tests. The children also thoroughly enjoyed maths day where they learnt why 3 is the magic number!
English	The children have been completing their second round of Mock SATS tests. They have also begun writing their next independent write which is all about saving endangered birds.
Science	This week we have looked at the impact of exercise on heart rate. The children went outside to conduct their own experiments.
Art	We have continued analysing and comparing pieces of artwork by trailblazing artists.
PSHE	The children took part in anti-bullying week.
Music	We were composing music using 8 notes on the glockenspiel.
French	We have been learning the names of French football players.
RE	We have been learning about Inter Faith week.
PE	RAF Glider workshop

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Pudsey came in to see all the children and checked out the Year 3 reading records to see who had been completing their reading!



On Wednesday this week, eight children from Year 4 were lucky enough to be chosen to go on a Maths trip to Inspiration Trust in Norwich. They completed a carousel of mathematical activities with a dinosaur theme. They had a great time and represented the school exceptionally; two of the children even managed to get the furthest in one activity than all the schools there.



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Key dates for the diary		
There may be additional dates added to the Christmas period in the coming weeks.		
21st November	Year 6 Crucial Crew trip	Please see letter sent out earlier in the term – if you need another please contact the office.
WC 27 <sup>th</sup> November	RSE teaching week	The children will complete lesson 2 of the Relationships and Sex Education lessons during this week.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 & 6 celebration assembly 8.55am	Once a month (usually the last Thursday – upper school/Friday – lower school) of every month, parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies. In those assemblies we award ‘Pupil of the Month’ awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. There will be other celebrations such as golden book and pupil of the week too! All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 celebration assembly 8.55am	
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Decoration Day	The children will make a Christmas decoration in school. <b>Please could you send in bottle tops, small drinks bottles, kitchen roll tubes, twigs, egg cartons, plain brown thick boxes.</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Elfridges	Children can come in non-uniform/Christmas dress/jumper for a donation of an unused & in date gift for our Christmas Elfridges store.
6 <sup>th</sup> December	SEND Cafe	Parent/carers will be sent an invite by Miss Moss and Mrs McGarry-Homer to attend a SEND Café session in the afternoon 2-3pm.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Buy a present from Elfridges	Children can bring in £1 to buy their Elfridges gift for a loved one during the school day which will be wrapped and brought home today.
11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas performances	Christmas performances will take place during the week of 11 <sup>th</sup> December. Parents/carers can come in via the office at 8.50am for a <b>9am start</b> . Please could we ask that only two parent/carers per child attend to allow everyone to have someone there if they wish to. <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3</b> <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Year 4</b> <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6</b> <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Rudolph Run	Children will take part in a Rudolph Dash in support of a local charity ‘Nelson’s Journey’. Please bring a donation to help us raise funds. A letter will follow.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & 6 celebration assembly 8.55am	Once a month (usually the last Thursday – upper school/Friday – lower school) of every month, parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies. In those assemblies we award ‘Pupil of the Month’ awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. There will be other celebrations such as golden book and pupil of the week too! All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 celebration assembly 8.55am	

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		<b>Due to Christmas dinner arrangements and it being a busy time of year, we have had to change the usual days to the final Monday and Wednesday of this term. Thank you.</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner & Christmas party in classrooms	Christmas dinner letters have been sent out this week – please return the slip and money in a sealed envelope by 8 <sup>th</sup> December at the latest. Only Christmas dinner will be offered on this date – no school packed lunches. If your child does not want a school Christmas dinner, please send in a packed lunch.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Autumn term	Children finish today for Christmas holidays

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