

Dear Families,

The snow on Tuesday has signalled the start of the Christmas season here in school! The children have been listening to and learning the Nativity songs and parts are being discussed and shared out! I am sure that over the next few weeks the school will be filled with the sound of singing as the children continue to rehearse. Please don't forget to book your free tickets to the performances via iPal. Tickets will be sent out on Friday 13th December.

A huge thank you to Connor and his team from Maguires' Scaffolding for making our Christmas Tree racking this morning, all we need now are the Christmas Trees! We open at 5pm on Thursday 28th November!



Craft Market – 29th November 6pm-9pm

Please share the flyer for our Christmas Craft Market with as many people as possible. We have lots of local crafters joining us that evening, it will be a great Christmas Shopping opportunity!

Christmas Fair – 1st December

Please come along to have an afternoon of fun with us, lots of fun games and activities. Get into the festive spirit with a hot chocolate or mulled wine while you listen to the concert band playing from 1pm.

Christmas Wreath Making – UPDATE – Places are booking fast so book now to avoid disappointment

Back by popular demand, we are hosting a Christmas Wreath Making evening on Friday 6th December at 7pm. If you would like to book a place, please email the school office as soon as possible to secure your place as there are limited spaces.

Mufti Day for Secrets Room

We offer a Christmas shopping experience for all the children each year. This year the secrets' room will be open on Friday 13th December. During that day, all children will be able to buy a present for adults in their family. The gifts are wrapped, with tags and bows. We need your help to stock the shop this year, please send in any unwanted (adult) gifts you may have at home. They need to be brand new and unopened.

More information on how much money to send in on 13th etc will be sent out nearer the time.

In return, your child can wear their own clothes for the day on Friday 6th December!



Examples: Perfume, Make up, Candles, Glassware, Men's Ties, Aftershave, Sunglasses, Baseball Caps, Bath Sets, Jewellery, Scarves, Wallets, Purses etc.

Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

Pebbles children thoroughly enjoyed the snow on Tuesday! They enjoyed working out how to collect the snow without using their bare hands. They used sticks to push the snow into buckets, spoons to put the snow into pots, spades and toy diggers. They worked together to make a tiny snowman and named it 'Weeny'!

In our phonics sessions, we have focused on our phonic sound 't', we all enjoyed painting tiger stripes using black and orange paint. During story time, the children loved listening to 'The Tiger who came to Tea', they each had a picture from the story and had to listen carefully so that they could stick their picture on the board at the right point of the story!



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we innovated our story map to We're Going on a Crocodile Hunt and learnt our new class version. We all thought about how we could change it and make up our own story. All the children created their own story by adding their own character; we had We're Hoing on a Monster, Koala, Unicorn Hunt to name a few. The children practised telling their story and loved sharing it with all their friends. We thought the bear at the back of the story book looked a bit sad and so we thought about how we could cheer him up. We decided to have a Teddy Bears' Picnic to cheer him up. We planned the picnic food and wrote out our own invitations to send to our bear to invite them to a teddy bears' picnic. We had so much fun making bear biscuits, scones and jam sandwiches. We played hide and seek with our bears and enjoyed all the food.

In mathematics we have been looking at the composition of numbers 1-5. We have been introduced to the part whole model, 5 being the whole and then for example 4 and 1 being the parts.

Our sounds in phonics have been z, qu and ch with new tricky words go, no, to, into.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing their own set of instructions for how to wash an animal of their choice. The children focused on using time conjunctions, imperative verbs and using a question to hook their reader.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning to find a part using subtraction and have been writing fact families for addition and subtraction facts. Year 2 have been learning how to subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number across a ten.

In science, the children have been looking at the rainforest. We discussed the types of animals that live there and identified the dangers that affect the rainforest on a daily basis such as deforestation, poaching and forest fires.

In geography, the children have been learning about Arctic and Antarctic animals. The children identified features that polar bears and penguins have and how they are adapted to live in polar climates.

Kestrel Class

In English this week, the children have been looking at a toolkit for non-chronological reports and discussing the different features they can include, in order to inform the reader. As a class, we identified these within our focus text 'The River Unicorn' and then the children worked in pairs to also identify these features within another non-chronological report: 'The Truth about the Trolls'. They planned their own non-chronological report about a mythical goblin and have started writing it too. I look forward to reading these when they are finished.

In mathematics, Nemos have finished their addition and subtraction unit by looking at estimating and inverse operations. They have started a unit of work on multiplication and division by focusing on equal groups. Frogs have continued their unit of work on multiplication and division by looking at the 9 times table. They then spent a lesson focusing on the 3, 6 and 9 times table and making links between them, before moving onto learning the 7 times table.

In geography this week, we started learning about deforestation. We discussed some of the reasons for deforestation and watched videos and looked at images of how the rainforest have changed over time. The children then sorted statements about deforestation into positives and negatives; considering whether some of the actions have good outcomes. They then had to rank them, deciding which was the most important positive down to the most important negative.

In science, we have started learning about electricity. We learnt about mains electricity and discussed how it is supplied to our homes. We also discussed that electricity can be dangerous if not used carefully. The children then looked at a variety of pictures and had to identify whether it was unsafe and if so what was the problem.

Osprey Class

We have really enjoyed our parachute experiments in Science, it was great fun dropping off the side of the decking to see which one was the most efficient.

In English we have been writing our own persuasive paragraph, encouraging people to visit the camp in our class book, Camp Green Lake. We have been using all the persuasive techniques we have learnt in our English lessons so far and look forward to actually making our own brochure.

In mathematics we are looking at ordering and comparing mixed fractions and improper fractions, we have to remember to look carefully at either the numerator or the denominator.

In geography, it has been great to finish off our double page spreads of the two capital cities, we have also started comparing them. Next we will need to think about which one we would prefer to visit and why.



Barn Owls

In mathematics this week, we have been working on counting in 4s and 8s. We have created number tracks and then used these to help with our multiplication and division.

In English, we have continued working on 'Nail Soup'. We have used adjectives to describe the setting. We have started to think about ways to innovate our soups by considering what the traveller may have used to start the soup instead of a nail; a coin, a pebble, a gem, a feather or perhaps a bone. We look forward to developing our innovations next week.

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long

Headteacher

Community Matters Foodbank Wish List

They are currently in need of the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kitchen roll• Fruit Juices• Sugar free Squash – any flavours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Washing up liquid• Biscuits – any sort (Christmas themed would be lovely)• Tins of potatoes• Tins of hot dogs |
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Philippians 4:13

Headteacher's Awards



Diary Dates

New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
November 2024		
28 th	Ibstone Christmas Tree Company opens	Everyone
29 th	Christmas Craft Market	Grown Ups
30 th	Singing in Studley Green	Everyone
December 2024		
1 st	Christmas Fair	Everyone
2 nd	Stay & Play for prospective 2025 starters	Prospective 2025 starters
6 th	Mufti day in exchange for Secrets Room gifts	Everyone
6 th	Wreath Making	Grown Ups
12 th	School Nurse check for Y6	Y6 pupils only
17 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity	Families of EYFS & KS1
18 th	KS2 Nativity	Families of KS2
19 th	Pebbles Nativity	Pebbles Families
19 th	PTA Discos – more information to follow	Everyone
20 th	End of term 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2025		
6 th	Back to school	Everyone
February 2025		
3 rd	Children's Mental Health Week – more information to follow	Everyone
11 th	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
11 th	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
12 th	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
14 th	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
March 2025		
6 th	World Book Day – more details to follow	Everyone
April 2025		
4 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
22 nd	Back to school	Everyone
May 2025		
12 th – 15 th	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23 rd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2025		
2 nd	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 rd	Back to school	Everyone
July 2025		
1 st	Transition Day	Everyone
3 rd	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
4 th	Pebbles Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow	Pebbles families
14 th	Ibifest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21 st	Leavers Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 nd	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 rd	INSET Day	Staff Only

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