

Dear Families,

The stage is set and our Pebbles Nursery children performed their Nativity to KS2 on Wednesday morning. Well done Pebbles you were AMAZING! Your grown ups are going to be so proud of you on Thursday!

EYFS, KS1 & KS2 have all been working hard during their rehearsals and are looking forward to sharing their performances with you next Tuesday & Wednesday. Tickets will be sent home on Monday, if you have not booked please do so by 10am Monday morning.

There are no Forest School or PE sessions next week. All children should be in school uniform on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. It is Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday, all children are invited to wear their own clothes and Christmas Jumpers on Thursday 19th December.

Nativity Performance Reminders:

EYFS & KS1 – Tuesday 17th at 2pm, St Nicholas Church

KS2 – Wednesday 18th at 5pm, Garsington Studios

Pebbles – Thursday 19th at 10am, School Hall

Crafternoon

It was a busy afternoon full of all things Christmas today! The Secrets' Room was very busy, there were such a lot of amazing gifts to choose from, thank you to everyone who donated. This great fundraiser has made £585! Thank you all! We hope you enjoy your presents!



Weekly Round Up

Ladybirds

In Ladybirds this week we have been taking part in Drawing Club, we enjoyed the story of The Christmas Pine and have written some fabulous codes to make exciting things happen. We have also been developing our vocabulary with words such as iridescent, gape, absent and warble, we have actions to help us deepen our knowledge of these words. We have thought about what our Christmas Pine looks like, where this is and how we were able to transport it. We have been enjoying lots of Christmas crafts and making our Christmas cards.

In mathematics we have continued learning about shape with a focus on squares and rectangles; we had fun searching the school for as many shapes as we could find. We have been building and making lots of shape pictures. We have also thought about day and night and the different activities that happen, the children were able to remember a lot of the nocturnal animals that would be active at night.

It has been assessment week in phonics, along with this we have focused on letter formation and looking at capital letters.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing fact files about their newly discovered creatures. There have been lots of new and interesting creatures including Sparkle Foxes, Cramels and three-headed wolves. The children focused on using conjunctions to extend their sentences and have written some amazing fact files.

In mathematics, Year 1 have continued learning about shapes and have enjoyed making pictures using 2D shapes. Year 2 have been using their addition and subtraction knowledge to solve addition and subtraction problems.

The children have also been very busy rehearsing their Nativity and are looking forward to their performance next week.

Kestrel Class

In English this week, the children have been looking at a toolkit for recounts and discussed the different features they can include. As a class, we identified these within our focus text 'Jungle Log: 18th February 2020' and then the children worked in groups to also identify these features within another recount. They planned and have written their own recount about a trip to the rainforest.

In mathematics, Nemos have finished their first multiplication and division unit by looking at the 4 and 8 times table. Frogs have been using all their skills learnt this term to complete a range of different activities that require them to reason and problem solve.

In science, the children learnt about electrical conductors and insulators. We explored what they are and then discussed the importance of them. The children then selected items from around the classroom to test. They first had to predict whether they thought the item would be an insulator or a conductor and then they added it to a simple series circuit to test their predictions.



Osprey Class

We've had a busy week practising our Nativity this week, we are really looking forward to performing it next week at Garsington.

In English, we started writing up our persuasive brochure for our summer camp. We really like having the opportunity to be creative in with our English work.

In mathematics we have looked at negative numbers. It's really interesting to see when we use negative numbers in the real world.

Barn Owls

In mathematics this week, we have continued to work on our arithmetic skills. We have considered different approaches to adding numbers and revised how to use the column method to add and to subtract.

In English, we have continued our work on instructions. At the beginning of the week, we made some beautiful Christmas cards thinking carefully about each step along the way. Later in the week we wrote instructions to teach other people how to make the cards.



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
December 2024		
16th	KS2 Rehearsal Garsington – email sent 13/12/24	KS2
17 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm St Nicholas Church	Families of EYFS & KS1
18 th	KS2 Nativity 5pm Garsington Studios	Families of KS2
19 th	Pebbles' Nativity 10am School Hall	Pebbles Families
19 th	Norden Farm Trip – letter sent 29/11/2024	EYFS & KS1
19 th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch PTA Discos – email sent 28/11/2024	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	Ibfast 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