

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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What an amazing and magical term it has been. Thank you parents for all your co-operation and support for our school events. It has been a lovely time for staff and children alike as we approach Christmas. Thank you so much to my staff that have worked tirelessly, they do all year, but they really have gone above and beyond to make this ever so special for the children. It has been a jam packed half term and the children have had so many exciting opportunities, experiences and continue to make good progress.

~ Miss Simcock ~



This term we have introduced a new orienteering course from New Curriculum Enrich, that comes with over 500 different cross curricula activities to suit Early years to Year 6. As a school we strive to provide high quality outdoor learning experiences and a love for nature through Forest School. The children have already enjoyed practicing their map reading skills and learning about habitats as a warm up task for Forest School.





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EYFS

Little Wrens have been learning through our "Jobs/People Who Help Us" topic. We have been visited by staff members to tell us about their jobs and how they can help us at school. We have also looked at jobs such as police officer, doctors, nurses and how they help us. This half term we have been learning new vocabulary by following Read Write Inc's 'Talk Through Stories'. We have enjoyed 'Five Minutes Peace' by Jill Murphy, 'Jabari Tries' by Gaia Cornwall, Burgler Bill and Cops and Robbers by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and 'Look Up' by Nathan Bryon. Before Christmas we will be reading the 'Jolly Christmas Postman' by Allan Ahlberg and Stick Man by Julia Donaldson to get us in the festive spirit. Our topic next half term is toys!

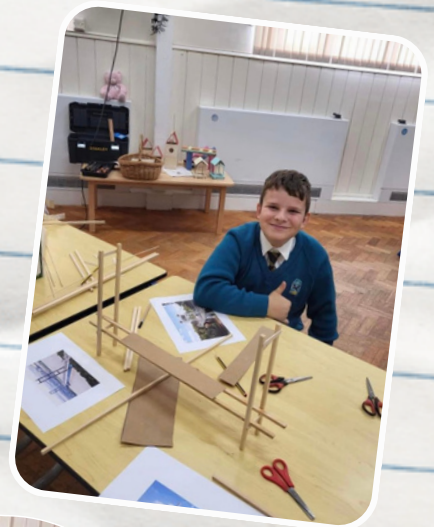




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DT Day

The children from Nursery up to year 6 have had a wonderful time developing their knowledge, understanding and practical skills around structures. In Nursery, children have been exploring towers and making some of their own! I was so impressed with George, being able to pick one from the display and recreate it with the help of Thea and Sid! Our KS1 children were able to identify 3d shapes making up structures, they have made their own bird boxes using lolly sticks! In LKS2 the children designed their very own bird boxes (complete with perches!) they have then cut wood and attached them together to make bird boxes. In UKS2 children have been exploring structures under the theme of bridges. They explored some local bridges, designed and made them. They are truly spectacular!





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Remembrance

Remembrance is such a special time of reflection and we really spent it this year with our community. Mr Alman and I had a wonderful time at Rose Farm Shop, with poppy crafts displaying the prayers on our Prayer wall. On Sunday, different children represented our school at Utkinton and St Helen's services. We felt very proud of our children for lighting candles, laying wreaths and especially Emma and Vanessa that read 'Flanders Fields' so beautifully in front of a very large crowd. Thanks to our parents for bringing the children along and representing our school at these events.



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Forest School

We hosted a forest school club in the holidays which was a lovely success. Amazing to invite some perspective nursery / reception pupils and to have our children show off their amazing forest school knowledge. Thank you Mrs Chaloner for organising!



Children In Need

Thank you to Emma and Amelia for delivering a lovely worship on why we were supporting such an important and lovely cause. Thank you for your child donations.

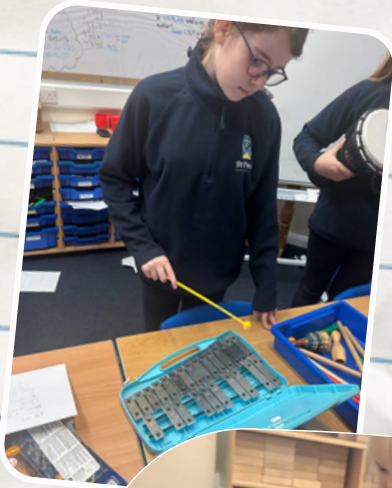




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Music Day.

The children enjoyed an amazing Music day, they are beginning to practice Christmas Carols and have started to develop skills to perform using musical instruments. EYFS and KS1 also had a lovely visit from Little Beats who completed a lovely music workshop.



Ethos

Our lovely ethos group attended an amazing interfaith event at Brereton. They engaged with confidence and had a wonderful time. They were able to come back full on enthusiasm and ran an interfaith afternoon with the rest of school to share their experiences.





SCHOOL TRIPS!

Roman Experience

To kick-start our Romans topic, the children ventured to Deva Victrix! Here, they learnt all about life in Roman Chester: what food they ate, what gladiators wore, how they cleaned themselves and - much to the children's amusement - how they went to the toilet! The children even got the opportunity to have some gladiator training, where they were able to fight and defend themselves, as well as chant 'Sin dex sin' through the city of Chester!





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Christmas Panto

Everyone had a great time at the Christmas Panto on 7th December. Children enjoyed watching Beauty and Beast, especially the 12 Days of Christmas where they got to fire water guns and interact with inflatable large balloons. Big thanks to the PTA for kindly donating money for the snacks.



Inter-School Sports

We have continued to make connections with other local schools in our sports curriculum with Mr A. Children played Quick Sticks Hockey with Dodleston Primary School and Indoor Athletics at Tarporley High School with other local Primary Schools.



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Toddler Christmas Party

We hosted a wonderful Christmas party on 11th December and invited lots of lovely parents into our school. There was even a surprise visit from Father Christmas. Thank you so much for Helen Ford for continuing to work with us hosting these events. It is so lovely to welcome to Toddler group into school once again.



Christmas Wreath Making

It was lovely to host Christmas wreath making with a wonderful local florist. It is so important our school continues to host community events and gets visitors in to see our beautiful setting.



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Christingle

We hosted a lovely Christingle Service, led by our ethos group. Thank you to all families that attended and helped with the creating the Christingles.



Staff Wellbeing

Miss Simcock and the PTA organised a staff wellbeing afternoon where the team made Christmas wreath centre pieces and had the opportunity to make our team even stronger.

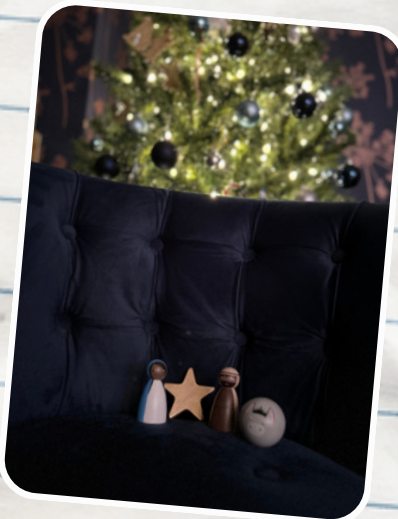


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The Travelling Nativity

We were pleased to be invited to host the Travelling Nativity on 13th Dec. Rev Jim arranged for community members of the parish to look after the nativity characters for a day. The children loved learning with them.



Wishing all of our families a safe and happy festive break. We will see you all when we open again on Monday 8th January where we have another exciting term full of exciting activities and experiences planned.