



Dear Parents,

This week we marked the start of Advent by lighting the first purple candle of our Advent wreath, and the classes have begun opening their Advent calendars. We also explored a range of nativity scenes. After discussing different parts and characters of the nativity set we have in school, the children examined scenes from around the world, helping them see just how far and widely Christianity is spread. They noticed both the key characters present in every scene and the unique differences influenced by local clothing, animals, and traditional colours. We spotted leopards, elephants, and walruses!

Yesterday brought a real test of resilience with some very wet Forest School sessions for our morning adventurers. Despite the weather, the children had a wonderful time splashing in the mud -as you'll see from the photos!

Unfortunately, the rain also meant that the cross-country finals Harry and Lois were due to take part in today have been postponed. We're choosing to see this as an opportunity for some extra training and preparation!

We continued our Christmas-themed activities today with Christingle making for Years 1–6, supported by a wonderful team of volunteers from the church. The children loved creating their Christingles, which will be used during the Christingle Service at St Mary's Church this Sunday at 5pm. All are welcome!

Next week, we will be setting up the Christmas Letter Box in the library for anyone who would like to send cards to friends at school. Children can drop off their cards in the library, and our Kindness Ambassadors and Ethos Team will sort and deliver them around the school.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the Eco Council's WWF fundraiser. The Eco Council will be announcing the winning name on Monday!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Nadia Gosling



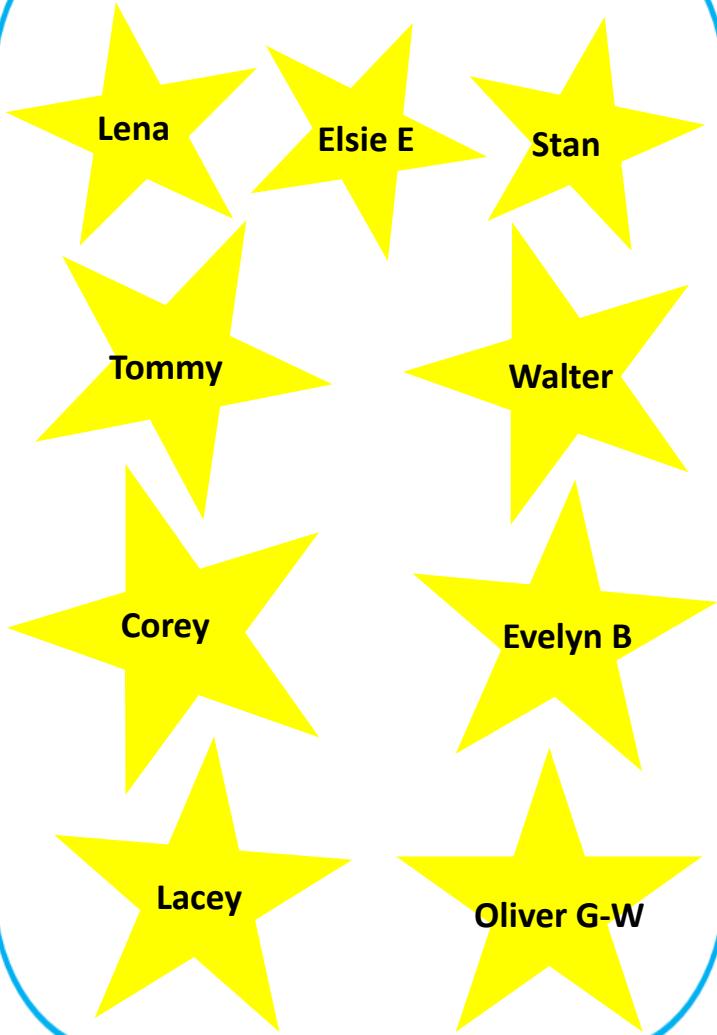
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Well Done!



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Our Stars of the Week



Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 with:

100% attendance!

**Whole school attendance
95%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:40. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.40am
8:30am—8:40am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.40am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or
3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app. You do not need to book for Drop & Play.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

Diary dates

- **5th + 12th December—Dance Club
3.15pm-4.15pm (pre-booked only)**
- **7th December—Christingle Service 5pm
St Mary's Church**
- **14th December—Park Run at
Whitelands**
- **16th December—School Pantomime Trip
for Reception-Yr6**
- **17th December—Christmas Jumper Day**
- **17th December—School Christmas Lunch**
- **17th December—Santa Fun Run at school**
- **18th December—School Nativity at St
Marys Church 5.45pm**
- **19th December—School Nativity at St
Marys Church 1.30pm**
- **19th December—School
Finishes**
- **5th January—School Starts**
- **8th January-5th February—
Swimming Lessons Yr3-Yr6
(Thursdays)**



ECO COUNCIL

All entries for the name the snow leopard competition have been collected and the winning name will be announced on Monday. Thank you for your support and good luck to those who entered!

PTA

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Fair last Friday. We raised an amazing **£591.13!** Thank you for your support—We hope you enjoyed it!



FSU

Our Nativity rehearsals are now in full swing, the children are doing very well and they have enjoyed learning all the songs. We have sent the children home with a slip of their role and what they need to wear to the performances. If you have any questions then please let me know. Yesterday, we had a very muddy forest school and became mud monsters. We have been looking at all things winter this week and discussed animals that live in cold climates and how they adapt to survive the weather.



Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 had the benefit of Mr Brown from The Cooper School, lead them in a special handball session yesterday. They learnt the basic skills of the game including throwing and catching and being part of a team. It was a lovely opportunity for them.



Year 1 & 2

This week we made a colourful windsock to continue with our weather and seasons topic for Science - although it hasn't been blown around much, it has certainly been rained on! We predicted last week that we would find 30ml of rain in our rain gauge, but we actually found 110ml! The children have enjoyed decorating the classroom ready for Christmas and we have done some amazing poetry performances! (please see Tapestry).



Year 5 & 6

In science, we have finished our learning about the body. We looked at pulse rate as a measure of how fast our heart is pumping blood. We also looked at how doctors measure blood pressure to track the blood flow in our arteries. Next week, we are all excited to make our gingerbread houses!



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Gosling or Mrs Clarke should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Forest School

