



Dear Parents,

As we head into our last week of term, we have definitely had a Christmas take over including now two pesky elves, Christmas trees galore and of course the Panto! It was great to see so many parents and family members join the trip to the Sleeping Beauty on Wednesday, I hope it was an enjoyable trip for everyone. Well done to Kyle & Jackson's mum and Lucas's dad, for being such good sports and taking part in the show! The children coped really well with the late lunch time, and lots joined in with the activators session which ended up being during the lunch break. On Monday, the school was also treated to some Christmas music at the end of our collective worship played on the guitar by Lily.



This week we have continued our focus on Advent in collective worship. We have moved a little away from the Christmas story and focused on bringing joy to others by sending Cards to mark the event or sending Christmas greetings in other ways. We also looked at the prophets that told of the arrival of a king, shepherd, leader of an army and peacemaker all very different descriptions for just one person.

Next week we will continue with the Christmas cheer with the whole school Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day on Wednesday as well as our evening Nativity at St Mary's led by FSU and Year 5&6. On Thursday we will have the afternoon Nativity at 1:30pm to wrap up the term. The children will then head back to school and can be collected via the school office from 2:30 onwards.

After half term, we will be moving forest school to Wednesdays for Year3&4 and FSU from the first week back and Years 3 to 6 will be heading to Bicester Leisure Centre for swimming on Thursday afternoons.

Nadia Gosling



Headteacher Award
Lois
Well Done!



Our Stars of the Week

Elsie

Margot G

Annabel

Alice

Harry

William H

Chloe

Evelyn

Class Attendance Winner

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

97% attendance

**Whole school attendance
92%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am

8:30am—8:45am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

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

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app.

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.

Oxfordshire Junior Chess is excited to announce that we will be holding the annual county junior chess tournament on the weekend of 4th / 5th Jan 2025 at Cumnor Primary School. As in previous years, there will be U9, U11, U13, U15/18 sections. The online entry form link is <https://forms.glePpAYv8Rq1xvKPG8C9> from which full tournament information and rules can be accessed. The tournament caters for first time tournament entrants all the way through to experienced junior players. Queries are welcomed by email to Anna Bishop at oxfordshirejuniorchess@gmail.com.

Diary dates

- **18th December—School Christmas lunch**
- **18th December—School Nativity at St Mary's Church 6pm-7pm**
- **19th December—School Nativity at St Mary's Church 1.30pm-2.30pm**
- **19th December—Last day of term (No CAST on this day)**
- **6th January—First day of term**
- **9th January—Yrs 3-6 Swimming lesson**
- **24th January—Yrs 3-6 Schools Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre**



THE DIGITAL DILEMMA: Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

Thames Valley Police Cyber Protect are running a **free** webinar to help parents and carers understand some of the risks young people face online, and how they can best protect themselves and their family from falling victim to cyber criminal behaviours!

Covering social media, gaming and emails, this webinar will give you tips and tricks to help you protect them in today's online world.

The webinar is running three times over the next few weeks, and tickets are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093>

Reserve your space today!

FSU

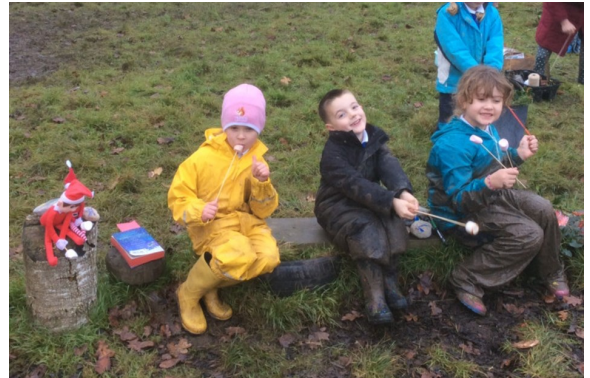
This week as part of our **Ice** theme we have learnt about polar bears and penguins. Did you know that polar bear's skin is black and their fur is clear?! Nursery Children enjoyed a Christmas party in School whilst the Reception children joined the rest of the school at the Panto in Oxford. We are looking forward to performing our Nativity at St Mary's Church next Wednesday evening (please bring your child to the church for 5:45pm to be dressed in costumes,) and Thursday afternoon at 1:30pm.



Year 1 & 2

What a wonderful, festive week we have had in Year 1 and 2. We all enjoyed our trip to the pantomime and our last forest school session of the year.

Our naughty elf has been keeping us entertained and we have been busy practicing our Christmas tunes on the recorders.



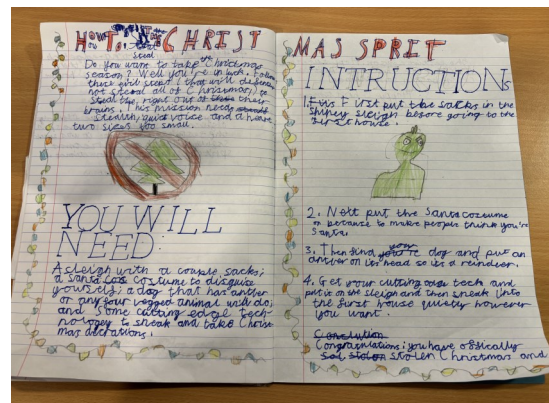
Year 3 & 4



The main excitement of this week in Year 3 and 4 has been that we have finally solved the case that we have been puzzling over in our Science lessons! The children have been using their new knowledge and understanding of Light, Shadows, Reflection and Refraction to help them to solve the case of some stolen diamond earrings in a theatre. They collected all of their evidence in groups, pondered over clues, made models of the theatre, created their own shadows and carefully studied witness statements until finally collecting enough proof to incriminate Maggie and Sue (the Director and Stage Manager of the play). The Moorgate Police Department were very grateful for the children's help in solving the crime, the earrings have been found and Maggie and Sue will hopefully be punished accordingly.

Year 5 & 6

We have had a great week writing instructions for how to steal Christmas! We watched the Grinch and his cunning behaviour and devised our devious plans. We have created a double-page spread with beautifully decorated instructions for stealing the Christmas spirit!



Safeguarding

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

Forest School

