

# Send Church of England Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - PART 2

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: COMPASSION

DATE: 13TH DECEMBER 2024

### A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

What a week! On Monday the children thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Cinderella the Pantomime, some of Y6 were so impressed they were asking for autographs afterwards!

The week continued with a festive theme with the brilliant Nativity performances. Our Early Years classes performed 'A Miracle in Town' helped by their Y6 buddies and our KS1 classes performed 'A Magical Christmas Journey'. Both Nativities were in turn, brilliant, funny and touchingly joyful. They reminded us all of the real reason for Christmas and why it is so important. The children acted, sang and spoke very well and were clearly enjoying performing for family and friends..Thank you to those who came to support the children and thank you also to the staff who prepared the children so well. We ended the week with the Y3 Carol Service where the children retold the Christmas story through readings, drama and songs old and new. Well done to all of them for leading the singing and readings with confidence and enthusiasm.

Well done also to the members of our Faith Council who led the final worship on our value of compassion this week. They had thought very carefully about what they wanted to share with the children to help them reflect on how we can continue to be compassionate towards each other.

In lessons this week, Year 5 enjoyed jetting off to space with a VR headset experience. The children explored the planets and then answered questions about their knowledge. Year 1 enjoyed a 'real life' (although small scale) recreation of the Great Fire of London where they set fire to the model houses they made and watched how the flames spread. Thank you to the Y1 team and Mr Gareth for organising this and keeping us all safe.

We are delighted to finally be able to share with you our Ofsted report from the inspection that took place in November 2024. Our staff are rightly very proud of this wonderful school and of the journey it is taking. I hope that you enjoy reading the full report and are as proud of the school, the staff and the children as I am.

Have a wonderful weekend. Best wishes,

**Mrs Marianne McDonnell**

Headteacher

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

**Monday 16th December** - PTFA Secret Santa Shopping Event for children (Y3-6)

Spring Term Clubs booking opens at 6pm

**Tuesday 17th December** - PTFA Secret Santa Shopping Event for children (Y1-2)

Woking Schools Online Painting Party in classes (Y2-6) Please bring an old shirt/ t-shirt or apron!

**Wednesday 18th December** - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Christmas Party Picnic (Nursery) & Christmas Dinner Day (YR- 6) & Christmas Class Parties (pm)

**Thursday 19th December** - 'Thank you' Celebration Assembly for volunteers at 10am

**Friday 20th December** - School ends for Christmas Holidays @1.15pm

### THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

**Stars and Values awards were given out in class this week.**

#### Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

Acorn- Ava  
R Chestnut- Amelie & Ava I  
R Conker- Eden & Teddy  
Y1 Willow - Elsie & Solomiia  
Yr 1 Elder - Amaan & Jane Louise  
Y2 Birch- Esme & Sophia  
Y2 Cherry- Hunter & Michelle  
Y3 Fir -  
Y3 Elm – Georgi & Max  
Y4 Cedar- Maddie & Marius  
Y4-Maple- Albie & Aron  
Y5 Beech - Ben H & Rupert  
Y5 Pine - Jessica & Jane  
Y6 Oak – Isla W & Helena  
Y6 Sycamore- Theo & Lukey

#### Values Champion:

##### Compassion

R Chestnut - Nyah  
R Conker- Dylan  
Y1 Willow - Harry  
Yr 1 Elder - Dollars  
Y2 Birch- Toby  
Y2 Cherry - Ayla  
Y3 Fir -  
Y3 Elm – Mabel  
Y4 Cedar - Isaac  
Y4-Maple - Lilly  
Y5 Beech - Matilda  
Y5 Pine - Sienna  
Y6 Oak – Estelle  
Y6 Sycamore -Joshua

## SEND'S GOT TALENT

We send both our congratulations and apologies to **Teddy D-H in Y4**. Teddy has recently been awarded a Merit in his grade 1 piano exam but last week we congratulated another Teddy (who also plays the piano) by mistake. (How lucky are we to have so many talented musicians in school!) Well done to you Teddy.

Well done also to **Fran (Y6)** who shared her medal for performing arts with us earlier in the week.

This is the last Send's Got Talent for this term, please do send any achievements in again from January. Please make sure we have them by Thursday for the Friday Flyer. Thank you



DO YOU HAVE 30 MINS FREE AT THE END OF THE DAY?  
FINDING PARKING STRESSFUL?  
BECOME A 'PARK & READER!'

We are looking for volunteers to come into school and listen to individual children read at the end of the day. If you could offer to come and listen to readers **at least once a week between 2.40pm-3.10pm** for a half term (approx 6 weeks) then we have a small number of vacant parking spaces which we could allocate to you on the days that you read.

We have a number of different slots available over the week, please complete [this form](#) if you would like to offer your help. We ask that all our volunteer readers hold a recent DBS check. If you do not have one, please indicate this on the form and we can arrange this for you.

## PTFA SANTA SHOP

On the **16th & 17th December** the PTFA Elves will open the Secret Shop where children can come and choose a present for a loved one. The elves will wrap it for the children so it is ready to take home and put under the tree.

- Children in Y3-6 will visit the shop on **Monday 16th December**
  - Children in YN- Y2 will visit the shop on **Tuesday 17th December**
- Please see the flyer below for more information. If you would like to volunteer to help the PTFA in the shop, please email [sendschoolsptfa@gmail.com](mailto:sendschoolsptfa@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **Wednesday 18th December**, we are inviting children to come to school in Christmassy / Party clothes in support of the Save The Children Christmas Appeal. Save The Children use the money raised to support children in the UK and around the world.

Your child may have a Christmas jumper that they would like to wear, or just other sparkly, festive, party type clothes.



We are asking families to consider donating £1 per child - but any amount is welcome. Donations should be made online through Arbor please.



## SPRING TERM TEACHER LED CLUBS

Our Extended School offer for the Spring Term 2025 is attached to this email. Booking for teacher led clubs will open at 6pm on Monday 16th December.

As always, we can only offer such a variety of activities thanks to the goodwill of the staff, who offer their time voluntarily and we thank them for their dedication.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>December</b>		
Monday 16th December	PTFA Secret Santa Shopping Event for children (Y3-6)	
Tuesday 17th December	PTFA Secret Santa Shopping Event for children (YN-2)	
Tuesday 17th December	Woking Schools Online Painting Party in classes (Y2-6) @ 9am	
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children	
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Party Picnic (Nursery) & Christmas Dinner Day (YR- 6)	
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Class Parties (pm)	
Thursday 19th December	'Thank you' Celebration Assembly for volunteers at 10am	<b>NEW</b>
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	<b>School ends for Christmas Holidays @1.15pm</b>	
<b>January 2025</b>		
<b>Monday 6th January</b>	<b>INSET Day - School Closed for children</b>	

Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school	
Tuesday 14th January	Social Coffee Morning for parents of Y5&6 children 8.45 9.30am	
Wednesday 15th January	Deadline for applications for Reception 2025 places	
Thursday 16th January	Y5&6 Dodgeball Tournament at Merrow Junior School @ 1pm	<b>NEW</b>
Tuesday 28th January	Beech Class visiting Christ's College to watch performance of "The Lightning Thief"	<b>NEW</b>
Thursday 30th January	Pine Class visiting Christ's College to watch performance of "The Lightning Thief"	<b>NEW</b>
Thursday 30th January	Y3& 4 Dodgeball Tournament at Merrow Junior School @ 1pm	<b>NEW</b>
Friday 31st January	PFTA Disco	<b>NEW</b>
<b>February 2025</b>		
Wednesday 5th February	Y5 & KS2 Choir to Young Voices concert at 02	<b>NEW</b>
Friday 6th February	'Little World' Workshops for EYFS	<b>NEW</b>
Tuesday 25th February	Online Safety Briefing for Parents with Surrey Police's Cyber Protection Officer @9am-10am in the school hall - Everyone welcome	<b>NEW</b>