



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

6th: Inset Day
7th: Return to School
10th: Y3 Swimming
14th: Y5 Fire Safety Talk
20th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am

EVENTS NEXT WEEK DECEMBER

Monday 16th:

* Y6 Express @ 2.30pm
* Rotakids @ Elizabeth House

Tuesday 17th:

* Carol Service @ 2pm

Wednesday 18th:

* Y6 @ Harwood House
* Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

Thursday 19th:

* Y6 @ Windsor Castle
* Reception Nativity @ 2pm

Friday 20th:

* Class Christmas Parties
(children can come into school in their party attire!)
* Christmas Raffle & Singalong @ 1pm
* Break Up @ 2.15pm



SCHOOL NEWS



MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! Well done to all the children who completed the reindeer run today. We have already raised an INCREDIBLE **£5,321** for Thames Hospice and still counting! I had set the children the target to raise £10 each which would mean £1930 - and if they did this then I would run dressed as Father Christmas. We have smashed the target so this weekend I am in training!!!

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all of you that took the time to complete the parent questionnaire. We had 40 responses which is great and the most we have had in a long time! The results are attached and I will be looking at the comments that have been made and responding to those in the newsletter in the New Year after having discussed them at the parent forum.

KS1 NATIVITY

I was so excited to watch the KS1 production of The Big Little Nativity and it certainly was big and absolutely brilliant! The children worked so hard learning their lines, the songs and the acting and their hard work shone through! The children delivered the perfect mix of the nativity story along with a touch of humour, we definitely have some future stage stars in the making! All the KS1 staff worked so hard so the children could have such a great production. Thank you to the teachers, TAs and children!
Miss Windle, Deputy Headteacher

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The children looked fabulously festive in their Christmas jumpers yesterday and raised a brilliant amount of **£210** for Daisy's Dream. There's still time to donate if you would like to - please follow this [link](#). Thank you.

REINDEER RUN

Today the whole school took part in a sponsored run to support Thames Hospice. Year 4 ran 254 laps in total. It was great fun and everyone enjoyed it. Some of us even used the mud to paint our faces for good luck!! We were all proud of ourselves as we knew it was raising money for a great cause. Although it was raining, we all persevered.
Jamie & Evie, Year 4

Year 6 was the final class to do our reindeer run in aid of Thames Hospice. We enjoyed running to some of our favourite Christmas tunes. We ran for an amazing 30 minutes. It was great fun, keeping running to chase our dreams and raise money for the hospice.
Myla, Year 6



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Class Christmas parties - Friday 20th December (dress code: party!)

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REMINDER: NEW SCIENCE CLUB



The deadline to register for the new Mad Science afterschool club is **TODAY!** To secure your child's space, book online [HERE](#). The club starts on Monday 13th January for 10 weeks.

The 6 Rs - CHAMPION OF THE WEEK!

Each week we celebrate children across the school who have encompassed a number of our values:

Readiness, Reflective, Resourcefulness, Resilience, Responsibility and Respect.



Year 1
Arabella



Year 2
Everyone!

Year 3
Jonas

Year 4
Gigi



Year 5
Minnie, Flo, Isha,
Louis & Millan



Year 6
Max & Mrs Satterley



SCHOOL NEWS

FLOURISHING SINCE 1999

25
YEARS



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Mrs Thompson has been a teacher at our school for twenty five years. Today she was presented with a specially commissioned picture by local artist Emma Sweeting, on behalf of parents and Governors. We are very grateful to Mrs Thompson for her dedication and service to our school community, supporting, encouraging and inspiring our children for a quarter of a century. Thank you Mrs Thompson!

Claire Phillpot, Chair of Governors

GOVERNORS WARM WELCOME

The first item on the agenda at our meeting last week was to welcome Jane Girle to our Curriculum Committee.

Jane brings with her a wealth of invaluable experience, having recently retired as the Headteacher of a very large Slough primary school. As she explains: *"I have a deep interest in curriculum in schools that will hopefully enable me to make a contribution to the lives of children at your school."*



Claire Phillpot welcomes Jane Girle to our school

In addition to reviewing Mrs Reekie's School Development Plan for the new school year, we focused on two curriculum subjects, maths and music, meeting with children from all year groups to hear about their highs and lows, their challenges and triumphs.

The Curriculum Committee will be reporting back their findings to the full governing board at our meeting next Monday.

Claire Phillpot, Chair of Governors



WEEKLY SUMMARY



CURRICULUM

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Reception	In phonics this week, we have revised all the sounds we have learnt so far and learnt the new sound 'nk'. We have also been focusing on our letter formation especially letters r, n, m, h and b. In maths we have continuing to recognise coins and find the correct coins to pay for items in our shop. The children really enjoyed seeing Mrs Pegram this week, she was very kind to buy some Christmas books for the class to enjoy, Wednesday afternoons are always a highlight in reception!
Year 1	This week Year 1 have been learning the following: English - the children have been learning about the features of newspaper articles and have written their own newspaper article about our English text Little Red. Maths - we have continued learning about Money and have started to add coins up to find the totals as well as identify which coins we need to make set amounts. Phonics - this week has been a review week so the children have been learning all the sounds that they have learned in the Autumn term as well as all the tricky words. PSHE - this half term the children have been learning about Families and Relationships. This week the children have learned that friendships can have challenges and they have discussed how to overcome challenges in friendship and how they can be supported to do this.
Year 2	This week in English, we have been planning our explanation text linked to our text Dreadcat. The children have been writing from the point of view of the mice and are ready to create a text entitled 'How to stay safe from cats'. In maths, we have been working on word problems using the skill of adding and subtracting tens and ones. Everyone in Year 2 is so proud of the class for their performance in the Nativity. Their singing, acting and general attitude throughout the last few weeks has been excellent! Well done Year 2!





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Year 3	This week in maths, Year 3 have been using counting up to subtract 2-digit numbers, as well as working hard on an end of term test. In English, we have been continuing to look at the picture-book Journey by Aaron Becker. The children have been making predictions about the story, and learning to use regular and irregular verbs. In geography, we have been looking at how the local area has changed using a current OS map and a map from a hundred years ago!
Year 4	This week we have been very busy carrying out lots of science experiments to find out how sound is made and how it travels to our ears. We have also looked how amazing our ears are! In maths, we have been multiplying 3 digits by 1 digit using the grid method and have started to look at division with and without remainders. In English we have written a description of a cave, relating it to our story of Medusa's Curse.
Year 5	Wow Year 5! Our week has just ended with a fabulous Express where we shared English, maths, art, Spanish, history and dance. We are so proud of you! In English we finished off our Tudor presentations on crime and punishment and then most groups shared their work. The rest will do so next week. As well as the Reindeer Run today, we have written a letter to Mrs Claus asking for gifts for three special people or pets in our lives. What thoughtful children Y5 are. Maths has been revision on multiplication and division and assessing skills learnt this half term. We have started our DT projects making pop-up Christmas books which we hope to share with Y1 next week.
Year 6	What a fun week it has been. We have worked hard on our DT and science projects ready for our Express next week. We have written our Wonderful Water writing contest. The organisers have said how imaginative and well written our work was. Next week we look forward to our art workshop and carol singing at Windsor Castle as well as Harwood House care home.





Xmas Netball Camp

- **Mon 23rd Dec 9am-12.30 & 12.30-4pm**
- **Fri 3rd Jan 9am-1pm**
- **Redgrave Centre, Marlow**

Please register your interest below;

<https://readynetgo.co.uk/camp>



Need some Christmas shopping time without the kids?



TRY OUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS!



MARLOW CAMP - 23rd December 2024
Court Garden Leisure Centre,
Marlow, SL7 2RE

OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES & EXPERIENCE, AGED 4 – 12 YEARS
Times: Mornings 9am -12 noon (£16) / Lunch Club* 12 – 1pm (£3.00)
Afternoons 1.00pm – 4.00pm (£16)

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SWIMMING, MULTI SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, NERF WARS, LASER TAG, BOUNCY CASTLE, GAMING, LEGO BUILDING & MORE!

Monday 23rd December
Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January



Braywick Leisure Centre
Braywick Road, Maidenhead SL6 1BN
9.00am – 4.00pm
Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12
FROM £27.50 PER DAY!

Discounts for siblings & full week booking - please see booking page for details.

We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!

Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Clothing & A Refillable Drinks Bottle.



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Christmas at Norden Farm

Norden Farm and Stuff & Nonsense Theatre Company present



Directed by Niki McCretton

Tuesday 26 November - Saturday 28 December

Tickets
From £14

For Ages
3+ Years



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theatre company

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Pinocchio is a co-production with Theatre Royal Plymouth, supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England, with additional support from Lighthouse, Poole, The Point, Eastleigh and The Lyric, Bridport.