



Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

Headteacher's Message

It's hard to believe we are at the end of Term 2 already! As we look forward to breaking up for Christmas, it's nice to look back as well. The children have worked hard since September in all their subjects, with assessments taking place last term. Their diligence has been rewarded this term with lots of pre-Christmas fun! Key Stage 1 children performed their Nativity: "Christmas with the Aliens" and it was wonderful to see the hall full of proud parents and family members. The Carol Concert at St Nicholas Church was fantastic - well done to everyone, especially those children who stood up and/or played instruments. Acorns had a sing-song and craft session with parents and made some beautiful Christmas decorations and on Friday, Conker Class performed their Nativity in the hall for their families. It has been lovely to hear some new songs - all sung with enthusiasm! Thank you to all the teachers and TAs who have dedicated themselves to supporting the children in their rehearsals - there was a real sense of joy and pride in their performances. Thank you to all our parents, carers and extended families for your continued support of your children - they are a credit to you.

We will be saying farewell to Miss Hancock in Acorns Nursery who is moving to another role as a TA in the Trust - we wish her all the best in her new school.

There have been a number of charity fundraising days in the last two terms - we have had Jeans for Genes, Hello Yellow for Young Minds, Show Racism the Red Card, Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. The School Council will be putting together a fundraising totals report in the new year, but I wanted to say thank you for your generosity towards these causes. In the current economic climate, it is harder to spare money for fundraising, but it is clear that our Trinity families are happy to give what they can and it's heartening to see such charitable generosity. If you yourselves are struggling, please remember our Food Bank is there for you. We do of course always welcome donations to it so we can continue to help families.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very lovely break - enjoy the festivities, have fun and we will see you back at school on **Thursday 4th January 2024**, rested and ready to learn!

Merry Christmas.

Mrs Parsons



House Points Winners



Congratulations to **Emerald** House for being House Point winners last week and **Sapphire** House who took the lead this week by just 1 point! As final term winners, **Sapphire** got to enjoy a non-uniform day on the last day of term.

Attendance Winners



Well done to **Redwood** Class for best attendance w/e 8th December and to **Willow** Class last week.



Accelerated Readers

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Bronze target on Accelerated Reader:

Freya-May, Savannah, Julia, Aron, Corey, Harvey, Alfie, Jacob, Georgia, Archey, Toby, Isaac, Olly, Jake, Violet, Henry, Freddie and Clara.

Christian Values Awards



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last three weeks are:

- Friendship:** Bentley Y3, Norman Y4
Respect: Daisy Y2, Bentley Y3
Courage: Thea, Grace, Olivia, Ivy Y3, Jessica Y4, Nevaya, Violet, Toby, Ada, Elsie-Rose and Shiloh Y5, Emily, Rebecca, Martha, Natalya Y6
Compassion: Natan Y4, Mila Y5



Headteacher's Award

- Conkers:** Brodie, Alice
Chestnut: Holly, Jaxon
Cedar: Otto, Juniper
Willow: Delilah, Thea
Cherry: Lilly-Rose, January
Maple: Nico, Isaac
Redwood: Violet, Emily



Sports News



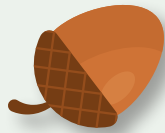
Olivia, Annabelle, Neave, Martha, Georgia, Clara and Savannah all represented the school brilliantly at the Girls' Football Tournament which took place at Norton Hill School.

A massive well done to the Trinity swimming team who represented us at the School Sports Swimming Gala. They were all fantastic and finished 4th out of ten schools, narrowly missing out on 3rd place by 2 points. A special well done to the boys relay team who gained silver medals, Toby for a bronze in the 25m and Xavier for winning an additional two silver medals in the 50 metres and butterfly respectively. Well done team!



Acorn Class

Class News:



As we approach the end of a very busy term, we have been consolidating our learning in Maths. We have worked hard recently on repeating patterns and put these skills to good use to make paper chains and baubles to decorate our Christmas tree and classroom. We have learned to recognise repeating patterns and create our own - we have even moved on to spotting mistakes in patterns. What great mathematicians we have in Acorns!

Our most recent focus Nursery rhyme: *"Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"* has led us nicely onto all of our Christmas activities. We had so much fun decorating the tree which I'm sure you would agree looks very unique! We have created a Santa's workshop where the children have been busy 'writing' letters to Father Christmas and cards for each other. We have seen lots of lovely mark making as well as some of the older children having a go at writing their own names. A particular favourite has been wrapping presents to put under the tree. Everyone has been busy creating Christmas crafts from cards to trees to baubles. Each child will have a little bag full of Christmas goodies which they have made to bring home on their last day of nursery before Christmas, please make sure your child has theirs before you leave.

We hope you enjoyed our Christmas sing-song and stay-and-play last week - we loved having you all! We would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a wonderful time celebrating together. We look forward to welcoming you all back in January and hearing all of your festive stories.

Mrs McGroarty



Outside Achievements

Congratulations to the following children for their Outside Achievements:

- Amelia YR** - Stage 1 swimming
- Finley Y2** - Player of the match in football
- Ava Y2** - Medals in gymnastics
- Harry Y3** - Achieving last level in swimming
- Joshua Y3** - Level 5 Swimming
- Neveah Y3** - Gymnastics competition
- Lilly Y3** - 4 medals for Taekwondo
- Thea Y3** - Gymnast of the month
- Bentley Y3** - Motocross trophy
- Francis, Arthur and Ellis** - all got Player of the Match with their football team
- Nico Y5** - Martial Arts medal
- Olivia Y6** - To feature in a gymnastics video
- Rebecca Y6** - Student of the month in Taekwondo



Conker Class



Class News:

We have spent the last couple of weeks consolidating all of our learning this term.

We have been taught 36 sounds this year and been assessed to see how many we can remember. If you would like to know which sounds your child could practise over the holidays please do get in touch. We are so proud of how far they have all come and will be moving on next term to even more digraphs and a couple of trigraphs!

In Maths, we have been thinking really hard about 2D shapes: square, rectangle, triangle and circle. We have been looking at their similarities and differences and trying to use some very mathematical terms to describe them - e.g. *curved edge*, *straight side*, *vertex*. The children are super keen to show off their knowledge. Over the holidays could they practise these words as they see shapes around them?

We have been thinking about Christmas and the Nativity story as well as learning about *Hannukah*. The class enjoyed lots of different arts and crafts and played games around these celebrations. We are adding characters to our Nativity scene and working out mathematical problems to open a new Christmas story each day. How are all your Santa advents looking? We can't wait to see his full beard - don't forget to send us some photos.

For the next two terms, we will be thinking about countries around the world and different habitats. We will invite 2

children each week to prepare a show-and-tell about the one that they have chosen. Look out on Seesaw for some more details and dates.

We hope you managed to get to our mini Nativity and enjoyed seeing and hearing the children shine as much as we did. They have been really excited about this performance and we are sure you have heard the songs a few times at home.

We have really enjoyed our sessions with Baskervilles this term and the children's confidence and competence with some of the skills they have been taught has been a delight to see increase. They have listened so well to multi-step instructions and been little stars.

In Science, we have been looking at melting and how things change over time. We will be building on this next term.

Thank you for all your support this term and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

Chestnut Class has really enjoyed the Christmas celebrations. Our Nativity: *"Christmas with the Aliens"* has been a real highlight for the children and the adults. All of the children worked so hard to learn the lines, the songs and the actions. I hope families enjoyed the performance as much as we did!

Another highlight was our trip to the Egg Theatre in Bath to watch *"Wendy"*. The children loved the adventure of travelling to Bath on the coach and experiencing the theatre. Their behaviour was exemplary and we have been invited back to the theatre in the New Year.

Chestnut Class made wonderful paper chains for the Picture News challenge. All of the children were able to explain ways that they could be *peaceful* and conveyed their message of peace through their words and drawings.

We have nearly completed our writing based on: *"The Song of the Sea"* and the children are finishing their own independent stories. Their writing has been full of amazing and magical vocabulary.

After the Christmas holiday, we will continue exploring

addition and *subtraction*. This term, the children have become so confident using part-whole models, bar modelling and tens frames to support their addition learning. Next term we will become geographers and we will explore globes, maps and aerial images focusing on the polar regions of the world. We will also become weather forecasters and record the weather each day.

Well done, Chestnut Class for working so hard and for making such good progress this term. I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year. I look forward to seeing you again in January!

Mrs O'Brien



Cedar Class



Class News:

Cedar Class has thoroughly enjoyed the build up to Christmas and all the festive celebrations. The children were so proud of themselves after performing our Nativity: "*Christmas with the Aliens*" and they used the feelings of nerves and pride to inspire their writing. In English, we have been writing from the perspective of *Jasmine*, a young girl about to perform in a Christmas talent show. Interesting vocabulary was used such as *anxious*, *timid* and *thrilled*. The children enjoyed writing their own catastrophe endings such as parts of the stage falling on Jasmine or even dogs running on to perform with her!

After Christmas, we will continue exploring addition and subtraction using our bar models and tens frames to help us. In Number Sense, we will be looking at *Ten and a bit* to support our learning as we begin to explore the idea of 'crossing ten'.

We have now completed our History learning on Remembrance and we have made our own clay memorials to showcase our learning. Next term, we will become geographers and explore the four countries in the United Kingdom. If anyone has any family members in these countries or any experiences to share please get in touch!

That leaves me to say Merry Christmas and I cannot wait to see you in the New Year!

Mrs Robinson



Willow Class



Class News:

Where have the last few weeks gone?! Willow Class has worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks. They have all been fantastic this term!

In Maths, we have come to the end of our *addition and subtraction* topic. The children have consolidated their learning on column addition and subtraction and have applied this knowledge to number bonds to 100 and problem solving questions. Next term we'll be moving onto *multiplication and division*.

In English, the children have completed their independent writes based on the book: "*The Flood*". Last week, the children spent time self-assessing and peer-assessing their work. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves as they have all produced some remarkable pieces of writing!

Over the last three weeks in Geography, the children have started their new topic on *rivers*. We started our topic

by investigating the River Nile. The children spent time studying pictures from Egyptian times to inform us how they lived. They then applied this knowledge to explore why the River Nile was so vital during Ancient Egypt. After the Christmas break, the children will consolidate their learning by recapping this lesson.

Finally, we have begun our Christmas celebrations in Willow Class! The children have created Christmas decorations to take home and have been listening to lots of Christmas music!

Willow Class has worked incredibly hard this term and I am so proud of all of the children! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a well deserved break.

Merry Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year!

Miss Jones



Cherry Class



Class News:

Cherry Class has continued to work really hard in what has been a busy term. We have all enjoyed participating in lots of different Christmas activities, including the Carol Concert, Christingle making, Christmas jumper day and also enjoying our Christmas dinner!

In Maths, we have been continuing to consolidate our multiplication and division work, learning new methods to help us multiply and divide 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.

Our English work has had a strong Christmas theme this week, as we have written letters to Father Christmas and also have created our own Christmas prayers, linking to our RE learning on Christianity.

We have come to the end of our History learning about the Romans and the children have compiled all that they have learned into presentations and leaflets. It's been a memorable topic, with the trip to the Roman Baths earlier in the term definitely being a highlight!

In Science, we have been looking at which materials are most suitable for soundproofing. We investigated using decibel metres and discovered that, out of the materials we tested, foam was the best for absorbing sound.

Well done to everyone in Cherry Class for working so brilliantly this year. I hope you and your families all have a wonderful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Mr Hancock



Maple Class



Class News:

We had our final Baskervilles gymnastics lesson last week. The children have particularly enjoyed creating their own floor routines over the last two sessions and they performed their routines to their peers - it was excellent!

To finish our Ancient Egyptians History and Geography topic, we have been writing non-chronological reports in our English lessons. Our next Geography topic is *South America* which we will begin after the Christmas break.

The children have been enjoying the Christmas activities over the last couple of weeks: making Christingles, the Carol Service and we have also participated in the Picture News paper chain activity.

After Christmas, we are continuing our *Forces* topic in Science. In RE, our next topic is *Judaism*. In PSHE, we'll be focusing on *Dreams and Goals*.

We hope everybody in Maple Class has a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Miss Phillips

Class News:

Redwood Class

Over the last few weeks, the children have really enjoyed all the Christmas celebrations. In particular, they liked making Christingles with their families and going down to the church to sing Christmas carols.

This week, we have finished our unit on *Letters to Scrooge*. Using our knowledge on writing persuasive letters, we have begun to write a letter to Harrods explaining why they should let all families see Father Christmas and not just families that spend over £2000 in their department store.

We have now finished our World War 2 unit in History and have consolidated our learning by creating a guide to WW2. The children have included some great facts that they have learned over the last term.

Have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all back on Thursday 4th January!

Miss Walker



Dates for your Calendar 2023-2024 - Term 2/3

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 19th December	Non-uniform day	Sapphire House
Tuesday 19th December	End of Term 2	Whole School
Tuesday 2nd January	Inset Day 4 Please note: the phones will not be manned on this day.	Whole School
Wednesday 3rd January	Inset Day 5 Please note: the office will be closed for the morning due to staff training.	Whole School
Thursday 4th January	Start of Term 3	Whole School
Thursday 11th January	Author visit	
Tuesday 23rd January	Young Voices 2023 - Resorts World Arena, Birmingham	Year 5 + Year 6
Friday 9th February	End of Term 3	Whole School
Monday 19th February	Start of Term 4	Whole School

Thought of the week



This year the Church of England has encouraged us to reflect on the traditional carol *The First Nowell*. This has also been set to a wonderful piece of newly composed music. This week we have sung lots of carols to explore and tell the Christmas story in our carol concert and nativity plays. The First Nowell tells the Christmas story wonderfully showing the joy of the different characters. The joy of: the shepherds, the angels, the wise men and then other people as they heard the good news of the birth of Christ across the generations to follow.

There are lots of questions that we can think about together as we think about this carol and the Christmas story celebrating the birth of Jesus:

- If you were one of the Kings what gift would you have given to Jesus?
- What is the best piece of news you have ever been told?
- If the Christmas story is true, what difference does it make to your life and others?
- How do you think the shepherds and Kings felt when they saw the angels and the star in the east leading them to Jesus?
- What is your favourite Christmas carol and why?



The News Crew!



The News Crew have been reporters from Year 6 recently - they decided to find out what exciting Christmas events have been happening around the school.

Reception

Our youngest friends have been making Christmas cards. On the cards they have been learning about length and making trees. They have been making snowmen out of paper and they are learning to make loops and then decorating them.

Year 1

Chestnut Class has been really busy with their Nativity performance, learning Christmas songs and creating Christmas decorations. They have a chocolate advent calendar. The chocolate is awarded to the best learner each day!

Year 2

Cedar Class has also been performing their Nativity to the whole school and to their families. They have been doing 'secret learner' where a very lucky person gets a prize! They have made Christmas decorations, sang Christmas carols and created Christmas wreaths out of paper in Art.

Year 3

The children have loved making Christingles. Their

classroom has been decorated with tinsel. They also have an advent calendar. You have to be listening to the teacher, not calling out and doing your work to earn a chocolate or a candy cane from a hanging advent calendar.

Year 4

The children have been decorating the classroom, watching nativities and writing letters to Santa in English.

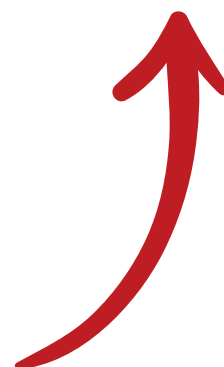
Year 5

They have an advent calendar which three lucky people can have if they have made good choices during the day. Savannah loved the carol concert at the church. If you want you can make Christmas themed stamps in art.

Year 6

Year 6 has decorated the classroom with festive decorations.. In English they have written a persuasive letter to Scrooge. They sang Christmas carols at the church. They have created Christmas themed booklets in French, worn Christmas jumpers and enjoyed Christmas dinner and crackers. They enjoyed watching the school Nativity plays as well as watching nativities and Christmas collective worship.

Spencer, Jake, Rebecca and Martha.



Picture News, shared the following challenge with schools across the country:

Spreading peace is important for us to be good citizens. Our world has seen conflict and unrest this year, and sometimes the news can feel daunting. However, small acts of kindness help us spread peace in our communities and homes, and can make a real difference.

We'd love for enough children to create peace chain links to travel a distance equivalent to the distance from John O'Groats to Land's End! If everyone acts on their peace chain ideas, just think of the impact this will have on communities and the wider world!

In our classes we have loved creating our individual paper chain links with our messages of peace and combined together they looked fantastic. Our paperchain measured 8m exactly. It is so special to think that we are joining with children across the country and covering our nation with messages of peace this Christmas.

Look how amazing our paper chain is.

