



# Trinity Church School

*Learning, Growing, Believing Together*



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 Newsletter 09

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

## Sports News



On Tuesday, 12 children from Willow and Cherry Class were invited to take part in a multisport festival hosted at Bath University. They joined four other schools to take part in the event, which involved being coached in tennis, football, netball and athletics. They had access to equipment and facilities that have been used by many Olympic athletes who have trained at Bath University. The children worked hard, gained some great skills, and had a fantastic time. Well done to everyone who took part!

On Wednesday, the girls football team travelled to St.Mary's to play a second round cup game. The girls played brilliantly as a team and the game finished with an impressive 8 - 0 scoreline. With this win, the girls team will progress to the next round of the cup. Well done!



## House Points Winners

Congratulations to **Topaz** House who were House Point winners both last week and this week. Well done!



## Attendance Winners

Congratulations to **Maple** Class who had the best attendance last week and **Chestnut** Class this week. Well done!



**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

### How are we doing?\*

Year R:	94.5%
Year 1:	98.1%
Year 2:	95.4%
Year 3:	97.4%
Year 4:	95.2%
Year 5:	96.1%
Year 6:	95.8%

\*Class attendance percentages for this academic year so far

# Headteacher's Award

**Conker:** Huw, Ereeza  
**Chestnut:** Fred, Daisy  
**Cedar:** Amelia J, Charlie S  
**Willow:** Delilah, Eli  
**Cherry:** Arthur, Delilah  
**Maple:** January  
**Redwood:** Freddie, Sophie



## Outside Achievements

Congratulations to the following children for their Outside Achievements:

- YR - Cassie for passing L1 at gymnastics**
- YR - Willow for passing L1 at gymnastics**
- Y1 - Maddie for gaining 2 certificates for swimming**
- Y2 - Penny for being star of the day at gymnastics**
- Y2 - Holly for being star of the day at gymnastics**
- Y4 - Nevaeh for gaining 2 medals in gymnastic competition**
- Y6 - Clara - player of the match in rugby**

## Acorn Class



### Class News:

We have had another busy couple of weeks in Acorn Class. In Phonics, the children have been learning the rhyme: *"The Grand Old Duke of York"*. Our older children have been playing voice sound games, identifying syllables and noticing rhyming words too. We have enjoyed sharing our stories: *"Paddington at the Palace"* and *"The Queen's Knickers"*.

To develop the children's understanding of the world, we have been looking at pictures and videos of the characters in our rhyme. The children learned about the Royal Guards and made artwork for our class display.

In Maths, we have been thinking about numbers up to four. Our younger children have been developing counting-like behaviour through songs and stories. Our older children have been practising their subitising skills, recognising quantities in different ways as well as noticing different ways to make up numbers. The children have been making shapes using playdough and straws and making sure they have 4 sides and 4 vertices. They have been counting cubes and counting how many legs the farm animals have in our sensory tray.

Thank you to everyone who attended Movie Night to help raise money for a new climbing frame in the Early Years outdoor area. We raised £62!

We would love to invite you to our next Parent Workshop which will be held on 13th February 2:15-3pm. Please arrive at the side gate. All children and parents are welcome - even if it is not their usual Nursery day.

Miss Wood



# Conker Class



## Class News:

In RE, we have continued to think about special places. We discovered that the church was a special place where Christians go. We spoke about why it was special and what events might happen in a church. We also learned about different features that we might find in a church (a font, stained glass window, a pulpit, pews and a Bible). Some of us made beautiful stained glass window artwork and church models.

We have loved celebrating Chinese New Year this week and we particularly enjoyed reading the story. Ask us what animal this year is named after? We learned about how this is celebrated, one of our favourite celebrations was the Chinese dragon dance. We made our own dragons and created our own dances. The children enjoyed making lanterns, red money envelopes, hats and having a go at writing in Chinese.

We have been thinking about *tempo and pitch* in Music. We were fantastic at recognising when the tempo in a piece of music got faster or slower, and enjoyed exploring pitch using our voices and also represented it in our movements.

In Maths, we have been composing numbers up to five, meaning we can recognise how there are different ways to make up the numbers 3, 4 and 5. For example, 5 could be made up of 3 and 2. 3 is a part, 2 is a part, 5 is the whole. We have also been exploring *mass and capacity*. It is exciting using the weighing scales and measuring what may be heavier and what containers have more or less capacity.

In Literacy, we have been looking at the story: "*Iris and Isaac*", a story of two polar bears who are good friends but had a falling out, realised how much they missed each other and then found

their way back to each other. This story tied nicely into our focus on relationships and friendship that we have been discussing in our PSHE Jigsaw sessions. It also links nicely to our topic this term which is *surrounding habitats*.

We have been exploring what habitats are and how they differ for each type of animal. Also how these vary for the climate these animals live in. From our story of *Iris and Isaac* based on two Polar Bears, we looked at the polar habitat and what polar bears are like. We are now looking at other main habitats to compare with the polar habitat we have started on: rainforest, desert and urban.

Miss Willis and Mrs Clements



# Chestnut Class



## Class News:

The children have continued to make me proud with their enthusiasm for learning over the last few weeks.

The theme in class this week has been 'teamwork' and the children have been supporting each other in their play and collaborating with their learning partners.

In Maths, the children have enjoyed working practically to investigate teen numbers to twenty by representing using numicon, tens frames and multi-link cubes. The children have worked with partners and this week enjoyed the challenge of finding enough 'treasure' to fill two tens frames to make twenty. The children have also wowed me by recalling ways to represent teen numbers *pictorially* using part whole models and bar models.

As part of our Dreams and Goals theme in PSHE, we have been working to achieve a shared goal and again, we have been working with partners to achieve this. For example 'mirroring' actions and movements with a friend and giving instructions to design and decorate a pair of wellies. This

has been very appropriate given the weather we've had this week! The children discovered that both activities were made easier when children listened to their partner's ideas, took turns and were kind.

The children were really inspired by the Picture News article about the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch. So, in Outdoor Learning we created bird feeders using pinecones, lard, seeds, cheese and raisins to encourage birds to visit our woodland area. The children also used binoculars to identify birds in our school grounds. Some of our 'adventurers' made nests from natural resources for birds or themselves!

This week we welcomed Mrs Butt into Chestnut Class. Mrs Butt is an experienced HLTA and she will be supporting the children in class in the mornings. The children have all made her feel really welcome and it has been lovely to see her begin to get to know the class this week.

Well done Chestnut Class, keep aiming high and working hard!

Mrs O'Brien



# Cedar Class



## Class News:

Wow... a busy few weeks where Cedar Class has continued to really impress me.

Over the past few weeks, we have absolutely loved exploring: "*The Crow's Tale*" by Naomi Howarth. We have developed our literacy skills in lots of different ways using this story. We have thought about imaginative openers, developed use of noun phrases to describe and have also been exploring ways to expand our sentences using different joining words.

In Maths, we have worked hard to consolidate our knowledge of *addition and subtraction*. We have enjoyed working practically and using a range of methods to help us use jottings inspired by dienes we use in the classroom. We have also begun exploring money, where we have practised recognising coins and their values and using these to make different totals.

We are particularly enjoying our PE this term. We have been working hard with Mr Pollock in Dance and, through our Yoga, we have been exploring strength

and flexibility. Our Yoga has allowed us to journey across the globe and explore different environments like the Arctic and the ocean and be inspired by the wildlife found there. We have been really mindful in our sessions to think about control of our body and how we can link movements together.

Cedar Class has continued to explore the UK in Geography. We have named and labelled countries of the UK, explored capital cities and started to make comparisons between different UK locations.

Finally, this week we held a performance showcase in PSHE. It was lovely to see how excited the children were to select their goal, work hard to achieve it or at least work towards it, and the best part was enjoying the success of everyone's hard work. We have some fantastic Macarena dancers for sure!

Keep up the super work, Cedar Class.

Mr Cozens



# Willow Class



## Class News:

In Willow Class this week, we had some local lantern artists come and visit; they came and helped us make some paper lanterns. The children really enjoyed the morning and had great fun decorating their lantern bags with tissue paper and stars.

In Maths, we have started our new topic on *length and perimeter*. To help us understand different types of measurements, we have thought about the best unit of measurements to measure different items around the classroom.

In History, we had a workshop all about the Iron Age. This workshop also incorporated our previous learning in Geography on rivers. We really enjoyed acting out different scenarios and learning more about what life was like in the Iron Age.

In English, we have just finished our topic on poetry. The children have written some great poems based on the poem: "*The Magic Box*" by Kit Brown.

Miss Walker

# Cherry Class



## Class News:

Another busy week in Cherry Class!

In Maths, we continued our topic on *multiplication and division*. The children spent last week looking at long methods for division and practiced a variety of examples. This week, we have been looking at *area and perimeter*. We spent a few lessons finding the area of different shapes and next week, we will find the perimeter.

In English, we have continued writing stanzas for our tiger poem. I have been so impressed with their writing, the children have come up with some wonderful examples of similes - well done, Cherry Class!

In Art, we were incredibly lucky to be visited by a local lantern artist team and they spent the morning helping us create incredible lanterns! The children had great fun creating their own lanterns and we were all incredibly impressed with each child's unique design.

Cherry Class has continued to explore *states of matter*. This week, we have set up an experiment to see if water evaporates quicker in a warmer environment or a cooler environment. Next week, we will look at our experiment and come up with a conclusion.

Finally, we had a visitor come in last week to run a drama workshop for History and Geography. The children recapped mountains and rivers and the Iron Age. I was so impressed with all the children, they were able to retrieve their knowledge from last year!

Another great two weeks in Cherry Class - keep it up!

Miss Jones



# Maple Class



## Class News:

Wow - what a busy couple of weeks it has been for Maple Class! We have been fortunate enough to take part in two different school trips this term: the first being our trip to the Young Voices concert in Birmingham. I was so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and energy throughout both the rehearsals and the choir performance. All of the children were great ambassadors for our school and everyone had lots of fun performing.

Our second trip of the term was our residential visit to St Briavels Castle in the Wye Valley. The children showed great bravery and maturity, staying away for two nights, and participating in lots of different exciting pursuits, including forest school inspired activities and nature walks. A couple of highlights from our

trip have to be eating roasted marshmallows around the campfire and taking part in fencing duels! Once again, the children were a credit to both the school and themselves, showing exemplary behaviour, following the school golden rules and demonstrating lots of Christian Values.

Back at school, we have continued to work hard across the curriculum. In Maths, we have been placing a particular focus on division, using the short 'bus stop' method when solving calculations. In English, we are beginning to write newspaper reports on our Young Voices trip, whilst in Geography we are learning about South America and the Amazon Rainforest.

Well done, Maple Class on another busy, fun-filled couple of weeks!

Mr Hancock

## Class News:

# Redwood Class



Year 5 and 6 had the best time at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham! It was such an amazing experience for the children - they all sang their hearts out and were all exceptional role models for the school.

In PE, we have continued working on fitness and dance. We are lucky enough to have had a visitor teach our most recent fitness lesson (look out for pictures on SeeSaw). The children have been put through their paces seeing how many burpees, sit ups and push ups they can do in one minute and we currently have a challenge in the class to see how many laps of the playground the children

can run in five minutes. The children's fitness is improving and they are able to run more laps each week.

In History, we have started our learning on The Ancient Greeks and in Science, we are still learning about evolution, including what it is and how living things have evolved over time. We have also learned about how natural selection has played a role in evolution.

In English, we have begun writing newspaper reports on our trip to Young Voices and, in Maths, we are looking at equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

Miss Phillips



## Thought of the week



New data has shown that 2024 was the Earth's hottest year on record, warming by 1.5°C. Around 200 countries had agreed to help keep the temperature rise below this figure because scientists say that increases could cause more extreme weather. This includes events such as heatwaves, storms, and wildfires.

Our actions have a direct impact on the world around us. It is everybody's responsibility to be aware from individuals to governments to world leaders.

What are some of the actions we can join in to tackle climate change?

- Use less energy - turn off lights and unplug chargers.
- Walk, cycle, or use public transport instead of driving.
- Choose local foods to cut down on emissions.
- Recycle paper, plastic, and glass to reduce waste.
- Plant trees - they absorb carbon dioxide and help clean the air.
- Save water by turning off taps when brushing your teeth.
- Write letters to leaders about taking action on climate change.
- Avoid single-use plastics, like straws and bags.
- Buy less and reuse more - reduce waste!
- Talk to friends and family about why it's important to help.

**Remember to share with your class teacher if you have a go at any of these actions to make a change.**



### Democracy

We all have the right to share our ideas and be listened to. At COP29, world leaders showed democracy in action by working together to make decisions that will protect our planet.

# A note about Safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Pollock, or any of our Safeguarding team - Mrs Parsons, Miss Phillips or Mrs Duery

**The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.**

## Christian Values Awards



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

- Friendship:** Frances Y3
- Courage:** Sofia Y2, Cody Y5
- Compassion:** Bella Y4, Isaac Y6

## Dates for your Calendar 2024-2025 - Term 3 - 4

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 4th February	Redwood Class Parent Workshop 2.15pm - 3pm	Year 6 parents/carers
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Number Day	Whole School
Thursday 13th February	Acorn Class Parent Workshop 2.15pm - 3pm	Nursery parents/carers
Thursday 13th February	Cedar Class Parent Workshop 2.15pm - 3pm	Year 2 parents/carers
Friday 14th February	End of Term 3 - Half-Term break	
Monday 24th February	Start of Term 4	

## Cooking For Good Mood

2 **FREE** practical sessions to nurture Positive Mental Health and Well Being

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**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
9.30 – 11.30 am

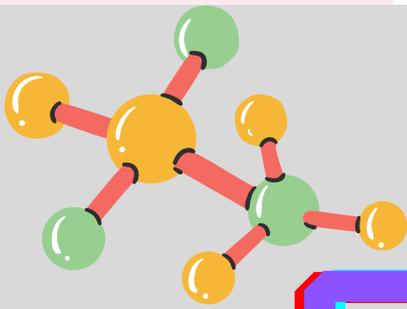
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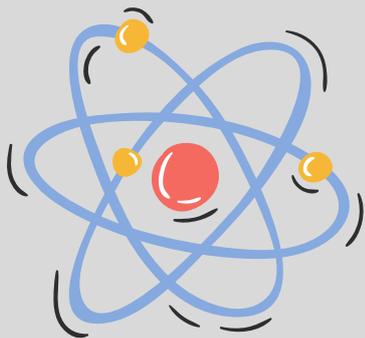
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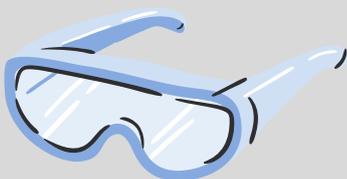
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