



It was a real pleasure to be able to join Oak Class on their trip to Clifton Cathedral on Monday for the 'Sparkle and Joy' celebration organised by Tim Parker from the BANES and North Somerset Music Service. Tim has been putting on these events for nearly 20 years now and they are always a great start to the festive period. Despite the reduced numbers in the cathedral, the children still all produced some fantastic singing and we look forward to taking children again next year, when hopefully the cathedral will be near to capacity.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our children and staff in EYFS and Key Stage 1 for their hard work towards this year's nativity performances. I totally understand all of the parents' disappointment when we found out that these couldn't be held within the school as in previous years, but we have had two great live outdoor performances, as well as recordings which will be shared with you. The children as always have been amazing with their effort and enthusiasm; credit must also go to all the staff who very quickly adapted what they were doing in order to make sure parents and carers could still enjoy the performances.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Carols by Candlelight on Monday after school. Fingers crossed, the weather is fine and we are all able to join in with some carols outside on the playground.

Mr Turull

The week started with a trip to Clifton Cathedral for our Year 6 pupils to take part in a Christmas concert alongside other schools from all over Bristol and Bath. They all sang beautifully and you will be treated to some of the songs they performed at our carols by candlelight on Monday.

On Tuesday, the children in Maple and Willow Class were film stars for the day. A big thank you to Mr Muckley who came in with all his technical equipment to record the production and is currently busy editing it. We can't wait to share it with the parents of the children involved. Please remember that it cannot be shared on any social media platforms. This was followed by a live performance after school on Wednesday which despite being cold and the music stopping working half way through, the children sang their hearts out and remembered all the actions and dances. They were rewarded with a large round of applause from shivering parents! I think all those present would also agree that they looked incredibly stylish in all their costumes.



Last Thursday a team of Year 5 boys and girls took part in the schools playground pentathlon competing against other schools around the Bath and Midsomer Norton Area. The boys team finished in a very respectable 4th place and the girls in 5th but a massive congratulations goes to Connie who was the highest scoring girl and Freddie who was 3rd highest scoring boy overall. Your medals will be winging their way to you shortly!

Finally, please don't forget the carols by candlelight on Monday for Key stage 2 children. As it starts at 4.30pm, children will be required to go home and then return to school just before 4.30. Don't forget to wrap up warmly and bring a torch, headlamp, or an LED candle. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers and anything festive.

Mrs Cowgill

The collage consists of 15 photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion, showing children in a classroom setting. The children are engaged in a project, likely related to Christmas, as evidenced by the festive decorations and the nature of their projects. The projects include:

- Diagrams and posters, such as one titled "Bristol martial arts academy" and another with the text "My favourite hobby is.....".
- Dioramas and 3D models, including one with a Christmas tree and another with a car.
- Hand-drawn cards and posters, some featuring Christmas trees and other festive motifs.
- Children holding up their completed projects for display.

The children are dressed in festive clothing, and the classroom is decorated with Christmas decorations, including a Christmas tree and garlands. The overall atmosphere is festive and creative.



Notices

- **COVID-19** - Please can you keep us informed of any positive Covid tests in your families.
- **Christmas Raffle tickets** - Please return all raffle ticket stubs to school by Tuesday 14th December as the raffle will be drawn on the evening of Tuesday 14th December. If you have paid online please remember you do still need to return the stubs to school. Thank you.
- **Dinner Menu Choices** - Please remember to book by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day.
- **Holiday requests** - Please can you ensure that you are following the MAT guidance for requesting holidays and completing a holiday request form which can be provided by the school office. Holidays during term time will not be authorized other than in exceptional circumstances. Holiday absences of 10 continuous sessions (5 days) will most likely incur a fine from the local authority.
- **Music Lessons** - Guitar lessons are back at Clutton school. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument please see BANES Music Service website – www.banesmusiconline.co.uk. Keyboard, violin and guitar are just some of the lessons available.
- **School Day** - A gentle reminder that the school day begins at 8.50am. Registers are taken at 8.55am and anyone arriving in the classroom after this time will be marked as 'late'. Persistent lateness will be followed up by the school and the Education Welfare Officer.
- **Volunteering** - If you have an hour or two free a week and are able to come and volunteer in school, whether it be sharing books with children, helping in the classroom with art or DT projects, we'd love to hear from you. Please pop into the school office for further information.
- **Amazon Smile** - Can you help Clutton PTFA raise money for our school just by shopping?! Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to the PTFA who in turn will use the much needed funds to support the school. Anyone can support this cause, not just the families at the school so please help us shout about this. It is really easy to sign up and will increase our yearly fundraising drastically IF we get enough people using it. Further details of how to sign up within the link below. Please search and select for Clutton School Parent Teachers Friends Association. [About AmazonSmile: Programme details and FAQ](#) Use the Amazon App? Sign up is super easy and Instructions on how to do this can be found here: Amazon.co.uk: AmazonSmile Mobile App Instructions Please message the PTFA if you have any questions and a HUGE THANK YOU for your continued support!!!

Diary Dates

Monday 13th December	KS2 Carol service 4:30pm in the playground
Tuesday 14th December	All raffle ticket stubs to be returned to school by today
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch - Christmas jumpers can be worn
Friday 17th December	LAST DAY OF TERM

Please note that we have Inset Days on Tuesday 4th January and Wednesday 5th January, so the children will return to school after the Christmas break on Thursday 6th January.



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day 2021

It was lovely to see so many children wearing their Christmas jumpers today. Donations can still be made to Save the Children can be made via this link (<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/cjd210029736>).



They can also wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Wednesday 15th December for their Christmas lunch and if you have any spare Christmas crackers we could use for the children's Christmas lunch on Wednesday, any donations would be very much appreciated, thank you.



Certificates of the week

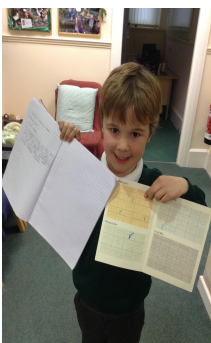
Head Teacher Certificates

Congratulations to Joe, Ethan, Pippa, Thomas, Damon and Tilly on receiving this week's Head Teacher award.



Doodle Maths

Connie was again Top Doodler in the school, so the trophy is hers for another week!!! The other top Doodlers in their classes were Riley, Reuben, Zach, Summer and Pippa . Abel was top in his class last week so included in this week's picture.



And thank you to Toby for updating us on your achievements for your citizen passport. Well done!

PSHE Theme of the week - Know how to give and receive compliments.