



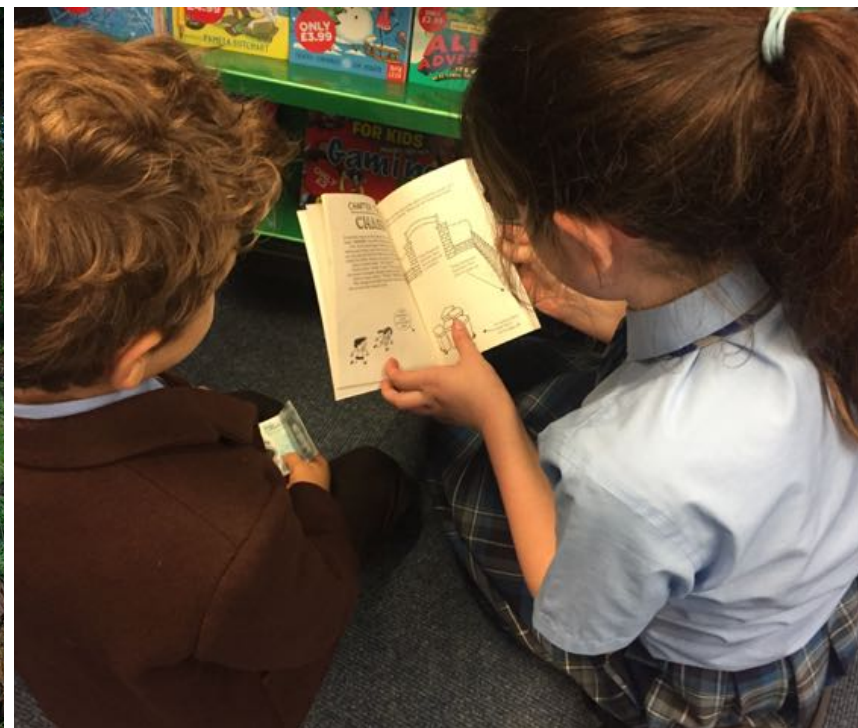
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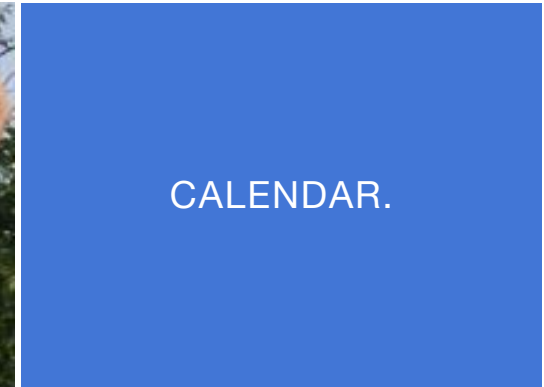
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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Advent Service is a fitting expression of the excitement that shines in the eyes of children (of all ages) as we look forward to the Christmas season and the celebration of the arrival of the Infant King. Our service this morning was framed by two carols from the folk tradition, one from Catalonia and one from Cornwall. The Senior Choir reminded us that as we approach the darkest days of winter, lights are a symbol of the hope that Christmas brings in both the birth of Jesus, and the return of light. The Junior Choir's song described the feelings Mary must have experienced when she heard the news from the angel Gabriel that she would be the mother of God. The Christmas Fayre tomorrow, with special visitors of both the two and four legged kind, is one of the highlights of the year - out tireless PTFA look forward to welcoming you.

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed





Calendar for Next Week

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| Monday 2 December | Year 4 Assembly |
| Tuesday 3 December | 2.30 Nursery (pre-schoolers), Reception & Year 1 Gymnastics |
| Thursday 5 December | Inter-House Christmas Competition
1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming |
| Friday 6 December | 9.00 Nursery visits Post Office
PTFA Christmas Parties (afternoon) |

Dates for your Diary

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| Wednesday 11 December | 9.15 EYFS Nativity |
| Thursday 12 December | 7pm Carol Service at St Mary's Henstead |
| Friday 13 December | 8.50 School Nativity at St Mary's Henstead
12 noon School Christmas Lunch |



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Christmas Fayre

Saturday 30th November

2pm - 5pm

Christmas Raffle, Children's Prize Draw, Stalls and Games, Bar and Father Christmas' Grotto



A Walk Through History



Another trip for Year 1 into Norwich. Our hosts at Strangers Hall directed us 200m down the road to the fantastic Bridewell Museum. We followed the history of Norwich museum trail, discovering a leather sedan chair used for pageantry and later for hire with many pageantry costumes. The Golden Fleece was a symbol for the wool and weaving trade. The children identified lots of different materials amongst the many museum artefacts from their science topic knowledge. Following the trail we passed, a traditional grocery store and chemist. We noticed the very apparent absence of plastic in the past. As we moved upstairs to the Toy Section we passed a mini cinema replicating the former Hippodrome in Norwich and learned about life in Norwich during the war.

A wooden school with desks, children, teacher and a blackboard, an abacus, a skipping rope, a stove, marbles, games, a tea set as well as dolls and teddies were all displayed clearly in the Victorian section, again without a speck of plastic in sight. As we moved to the more modern era, the colours and materials changed dramatically. Hello plastic!

Museum fun fact! Did you know the original Norwich city mascot was the rather dashing Captain Canary?

Phew! Back in time for Gymnastics -what a busy day.

Mrs Loader





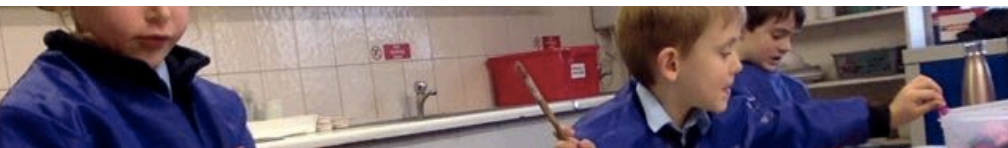
Sport - Swimming Exams



It was gold and silver certificate life-saving examinations in swimming this week.



Festive Collage Art



The Children in Y1 have been busy using paint and collage to create these wonderful winter snowmen.



Reception News



Christmas has arrived in Reception! The tree is up, and our creativity is in full swing as we continue to focus our learning around the meaning and celebrations of this festive time.

Decorating the Christmas tree is always a fun maths activity as we learn different shapes and positional language. We have been counting the decorations as well as using our knowledge of numbers to find missing numbers and counting links to match to a number.

This week we used printing and sticking to create reindeer Christmas cards, glitter to make paper chains and collage material to create our very own nativity scene based on our characters in this year's Nativity.

Music lessons and daily practice is going well as we prepare for our Christmas performance. It has created much discussion and inspiration in our writing and reading.

Mrs Scriven



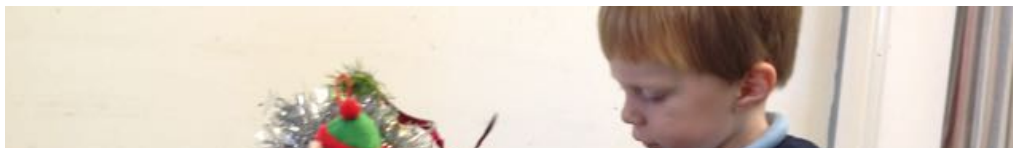
Nursery News



This week we have been concentrating on decorating the nursery ready for Christmas. The children couldn't wait to get the decorations box out of the shed and get stuck in. They were given full creative licence when decorating and were delighted to be able to put the tinsel and baubles wherever they chose on the tree and around the room. Once they had gone home, Mrs Webster gave a few professional tweaks to their work! The children have also been enjoying the rehearsals for their nativity performance and they have been narrating their own versions of the birth of Jesus using the wooden Nativity set.

Nursery Star of the Week

This week John the chicken will be going home with Oscar, who is always a kind friend. This week we had a new child start and Oscar made it his business to help his new friend settle in by showing him where things were and playing games with him.
Mrs Vorster





Sport - Hockey



This afternoon our U9 hockey teams headed to Norwich High. Despite a very cold afternoon, both our U9 hockey teams played amazingly well against Norwich High, with some impressive goals scored.

Following some outstanding attacking and defence in fast paced and energetic matches, the final honours were even after both sides won two games each.

Congratulations to all the players and thank you to the parents who were encouraging us from the side lines.

Mrs Dakin and Miss Coxon





Book Fair Success



It was a busy week of trading in our Book Fair, which was ably managed by Year Six.

It is always wonderful to see the excitement expressed by the children, poring over the books during their lunch breaks and end of day.

Thank you to everyone who supported the fair. We are delighted to report sales of over £600, which has generated over £300 worth of books for the school.





AWARDS AND NOTICES.

Mascot Awards

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - Resilience & Research:

Reception: Araminta for resilience in reading every day.

Year One: William for resilience while drawing stars.

Year Two: Robin for superb 3-dimensional shape creation.

Year Three: Christabel for resilience in hockey.

Year Four: Jude for supreme focus when working in art.

Year Five: George for continued resilience in renewing friendships.

Year Six: Olivia for resilience in everything she does.

Duffle Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves

As the temperature is much colder now, please ensure children are sent into school with their school hats, scarves and gloves (all named please, to ensure we are able to reunite any lost items to their owners). Our

school duffle coats (or winter jackets for Nursery) also provide warmth for the children, especially with icy winds, as blazers alone are not sufficient for the heavy winter period. All these items are available from our Uniform Shop on site. May we remind parents that only school uniform clothing and accessories should be worn to school.

Christmas Holiday Club

Our Christmas Holiday Club will run for three days during the first week of the holidays: Monday 16 - Wednesday 18 December. Save the dates. The programme of activities and booking forms will be issued shortly.

Christmas Post

Once again Year Two has been employed by the Elf Postal Service to collect, organise and distribute the many Christmas cards written by and to members of the school. Starting on Monday, children may drop their post off in the Christmas post box outside the Headmaster's study.

Final collection time is at 9:05am each morning, so to avoid missing the day's post, try to post early! The elves remind you to include both the addressee's name and their year group to avoid confusion.

Happy writing!



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