



Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 20th December 2024

Newsletter 07

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

Headteacher's Message

It's hard to believe we are breaking up for Christmas already - the first two terms have been busy, so it's no wonder they have gone quickly. The children have enjoyed making use of the new amphitheatre and we look forward to using it more as the year goes on - we really are lucky to have such a unique space to encourage us to do more outside. The children's hard work in class has been interspersed with more fun events like the Afidance African drumming and dance workshops, our annual Monster Mash disco and the Numbots/TT Rockstars day. This term Key Stage 1 and Reception have entertained children and parents with their Nativity performances, whilst Key Stage 2 got us in the Christmas spirit with carols and readings at St Nicholas' Church last week. Already this year, we have taken part in (and won!) many sporting fixtures and I am delighted to hear how impressively the teams have represented our school - both with their sporting aptitude and their outstanding attitude to competing as a team - well done to all.

This term, we say farewell to two valued members of the Trinity team: Mr. Lucy and Mrs. Vivian. They will both be greatly missed, and we wish them all the best for the future. Mr. Lucy will continue his teaching through a new sports provision venture, while Mrs. Vivian will be moving on to a new school. Both will be missed by the children and staff at Trinity, and we extend our warmest wishes as they embark on these exciting new paths.

We hope you all have a very happy Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025. Happy New Year!

Mrs Parsons



Thank You for Supporting Christmas Jumper Day!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in last Friday's Christmas Jumper Day! Your festive spirit and generosity were truly heartwarming. Not only did we have lots of fun wearing our favourite holiday jumpers, but together, we also raised valuable funds for *Save the Children*. The total amount raised by Trinity was **£135.20**.

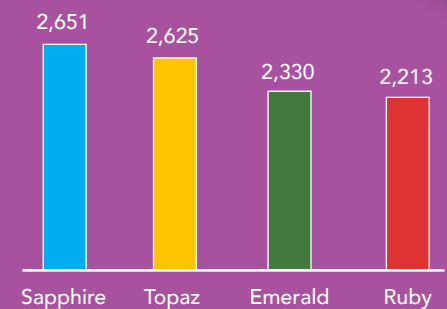
Your contributions will go a long way in helping provide essential support to children in need around the world, and we couldn't have done it without your incredible support.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season, and thank you once again for your kindness and involvement!

Warm regards, School Council

House Points Winners

Sapphire House were the end of term winners and enjoyed a non-uniform day - well done!



Congratulations to **Sapphire** House who were House Point winners week ending 6th December, and also last week.

Attendance Winners

Congratulations to **Chestnut** Class who had 100% attendance week ending 6th December, **Willow** Class had best attendance week ending 13th December and **Conker** Class best attendance this week. Well done!



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

How are we doing?*

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| Year R: | 94.2% |
| Year 1: | 98.1% |
| Year 2: | 96% |
| Year 3: | 98% |
| Year 4: | 94.8% |
| Year 5: | 95.7% |
| Year 6: | 95.5% |

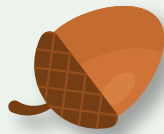
*Class attendance percentages for this academic year so far

Headteacher's Award

- Conker:** Cassie, Georgie, Esme-Rose
- Chestnut:** Betty, Jax, River
- Cedar:** Millie, Jaxon, Evie
- Willow:** Joey, Daisy, Esme
- Cherry:** Milo, Reggie, Keegan
- Maple:** Sonny, Quinn, Lillie-May
- Redwood:** Nevaya, Toby, Xav



Acorn Class



Class News:

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been feeling very festive in Acorns Nursery! The elves decorated the classroom, and we would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Weeks for donating our class Christmas tree! We have used our advent calendar as a maths opportunity to identify the day and date - counting the correct numeral for each day in December. This helps the children to make the connection between the day of the week and what time of year it is.

To develop the children's knowledge of seasons, we have been exploring winter through lots of sensory play and outdoor learning. The children have been creating small worlds, climbing, running and observing how cold it has been outside. Acorns have been amazing at remembering their hats, gloves and coats for playing and exploring outside!

In Maths, we have been practising counting songs and revisiting colours, matching and sorting. We hope those of you who were able to attend our parent workshop on Wednesday enjoyed our performance of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star".

As part of our learning and linking to our rhyme, we were very lucky to meet Kevin who shared his knowledge of astrology with us. Kevin told us all about his hobby of watching stars and explained what astrology is, showed us his binoculars and some photos of the stars and planets that he had taken. He then showed the children some of the different constellations and we had a go at making them!

As we near the end of the term, the children have been celebrating Christmas by listening to the Christmas story, making Christmas crafts and enjoying time together. The children had a very special visitor today too! I wonder if they can share with you who it might be..?

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Miss Wood

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Congratulations to **Arthur Y4 & Ayla YR** who were winners of the Christmas Hamper Raffle.



Conker Class



Class News:

It's been a busy few weeks. We have reached the end of our Phase 2 learning in Phonics, meaning we have learned 32 phonemes now! We have also learned 23 tricky words. So much hard work from everyone and the children's reading and writing is really improving!

In Maths, we have been exploring shapes and number compositions.

We loved Christmas Jumper Day! It was really fun to share our favourite Christmas clothes with everyone in our class. On the same day we had our Nativity performance - we had worked so hard rehearsing the songs for weeks and we hope this was evident in the impressive performance. It was fun to have a variation in who played some of the characters. We opened up the cast list to the class and we had some children express how they wanted to be a different character. We tested it out and it worked wonderfully and led to us having a female Joseph, two female innkeepers and a bear with the sheep!

One thing we have discovered recently is how creative Conker Class is with our large wooden blocks and slabs outside. As you can see in the picture, there are some really inventive uses of these materials and often the children are so proud they wish to leave them out for us to continue using later in the day. Clearly we have some very inventive Conkers!

We have so enjoyed our first two terms together and we look forward to seeing the children back in the New Year and hear all about their Christmas break with you at home. See you in 2025!

Miss Willis and Mrs Clements



Chestnut Class



Class News:

In Chestnut Class, we have enjoyed the build up to Christmas. The main highlight was the KS1 performance of: *"The Bethlehem Bake Off"*. The children performed brilliantly and I was so proud of them. Thank you to everyone who was able to share the experience with us as well as supporting our raffle. Our 'movement' breaks have also had a Christmassy feel. We have counted down the days to Christmas with the I-Moves advent calendar. The children received a special certificate for all their super dance moves!

In Maths, we have completed our learning on *addition and subtraction*. We have been using lots of Christmas resources to help subtract amounts, as well as using our *part-whole* knowledge to support our learning. We have been working on 'making and breaking' numbers to 10 and singing rhymes to help us remember our number bonds.

We have been really busy in our English lessons. We used the book: *"You Choose Christmas"* as our inspiration

for using adjectives in our writing and have also been exploring plural noun endings. The children have also written their own independent poems called: *"Five Things Found in Santa's Sack"*.

As historians, the children have enjoyed exploring artefacts from over a century ago and discovering what they were used for. We have been answering the question: *"What were homes like during the Victorian era?"*. The children enjoyed playing a game to find rooms and artefacts from this time. Chestnut Class were gifted a book each based on: *"The Great Fire of London"*. We will take part in an interactive event based on this theme when we are visited by the Trunk Theatre group in January.

Keep shining brightly, Chestnut Class and well done for all you have achieved this term.

Happy Christmas to you all and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mrs O'Brien



Cedar Class

Class News:



What a very busy last three weeks for Cedar Class!

We performed our Nativity: *"The Bethlehem Bake Off"* beautifully! All the adults that watched were so proud and there were a few tears as the children recited the story and sang the songs with gusto. A huge thank you to everyone for all the support in the build up, with the raffle and teas and cakes.

In History, we have been learning about *Florence Nightingale* and linking her to our work on *Mary Seacole*. We were pretty disgusted to hear what the hospital conditions used to be like and very grateful for the changes that occurred due to her dedication. Did you know only 1 in 6 soldiers died due to their war wounds and that the other 5 were because of the conditions in the hospital? We liked the name *'Lady of the Lamp'* and made our own lanterns, sorry for all the glitter!

In English, we have been watching an advert and thinking about what fears we may have and how to overcome them. We were all able to verbalise what we were scared of and even recognised that some fears, such as the fear of buttons, are illogical but are a genuine fear and we need to support one another.

In Maths, we have been looking at additions and how we identify the number bonds to 10 and then see how many extra we have: ie $7 + 6 = 7 + 3 + 3$. This has been quite tricky, but we persevered and in the end we got it.

Mr Cozens, our new teacher, has been in to visit us and we have got to know a little about him. We came up with a list of questions and he happily answered them for us. He has a dog called Holly and his favourite animal is a red panda!

I would like to say a huge thank you for letting me spend this year with your delightful children. I feel privileged to have spent my last term working with them and you. They are just as fantastic as they were in Reception and I have every confidence they will continue to shine.

I will miss them all so much and will remember them fondly every time I look at the canvas that we have made together.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Vivian

Willow Class

Class News:



What a fantastic two terms it has been in Willow Class! We have now reached the end of our *mountains and rivers* topic in Geography and will be moving onto the *Stone Age* next term.

In Maths this term, we have learned how to add and subtract using the *column method* and have already begun using the column multiplication and short division methods in preparation for the start of next term. As well as this, we have all been working extremely hard on our times tables and continue to make good progress each week.

In English, we have just finished an explanation text on the water cycle. This piece of writing tied in nicely with our Geography

topic and helped the class to solidify their understanding of the process of the water cycle.

The children have also really enjoyed learning French with Mrs Robinson over the last two terms. Recently, they have made finger puppets to use when learning a French rhyme and also made French Christmas cards.

Last week with Mr Lucy, the children had a go at using the stacking cups. They really enjoyed this lesson and were all very focused and engaged.

I hope you all have a restful break and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Miss Walker

Cherry Class



Class News:

It has been another busy few weeks in Cherry Class!

In Maths, we have continued our topic on *multiplication and division*. The children have been working incredibly hard to recall their multiplications up to 12. This week, the children were introduced to *factors* and we have spent a few lessons creating factor rainbows and recalling factor pairs.

In English, we started our new writing topic on *Pompeii*. The children have been learning about what is a non-chronological report and have begun to write fantastic sentences on the famous eruption. At the beginning of next term, the children will complete an independent write on this particular topic.

In History, the children have all created a concept map based on the Romans. They were all given vocabulary cards and pictures and had to create a mindmap to tell me everything about what they have learned over the last two terms on the Romans. I was very impressed with their knowledge retrieval and they have all created wonderful concept maps!

Lastly, we started our new Science topic on *states of matter*. The children spent their first lesson looking at an ice cube, a glass of water and a balloon and described the differences. We then discovered these matters could change if we added heat or placed them in a cold environment. I was so impressed with what the children could already tell me regarding the different states of matter!

I have been incredibly impressed with the children's hard work this term. They have all achieved so much and it is wonderful to see the progress they are all making. Keep it up, Cherry Class!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a well deserved rest! I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Miss Jones



Maple Class



Class News:

It's been a busy final few weeks of term in Maple Class. The children have continued to work hard right up until the end of term and I'm sure they are looking forward to a well deserved rest!

We have continued with our fractions work in Maths, where the children finished the unit with some addition and subtraction of fractions and mixed numbers. It has been a challenging unit of learning, but I have been impressed with the resilience that all the children have shown.

In History, we have finished our learning on the *Ancient Egyptians*, with the children producing some information posters on all of the facts they have learned.

In English, the children designed their own Christmas gift and then wrote a persuasive advert to try and market their product! They really impressed me with their creativity and their persuasive language features.

There has been lots of singing practice taking place for both Young Voices and the Carol Service. The children performed excellently during the Carol Service in church and were, once again, great role models for the younger children in the school.

Keep up the brilliant work, Year 5. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!

Mr Hancock



Class News:

Redwood Class



We have been working really hard in Year 6 in the lead up to Christmas. We have finished teaching and learning about *fractions* in Maths and, after Christmas, we will be moving on to *decimals*.

In English, we have been looking at poetry during our reading lessons and writing persuasive adverts in our writing lessons. The children's persuasive adverts for a Christmas gift of their choice were brilliant!

In RE, the children have been learning about *Hinduism: reincarnation and the Holi festival*. Our PSHE lessons have been celebrating differences and thinking about how to treat others who are different to ourselves.

Lots of children have now met their targets on Accelerated Reader - well done!

Mrs Evans-Isaac and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas! See you in the New Year!

Miss Phillips



Thought of the week



Our final thought for the year and collective worship focus this week links with our core value of Compassion and thinking about how we let others know we care this year.

It is thought the number of cards sent this festive period will be lower than in previous years, as stamp prices have increased. The price of a first-class stamp rose by 30p in October, to £1.65. This rise (the fifth increase in less than three years) has also led to fears that the money reaching charities through card sales will be lower this year. Share your experience of giving and receiving cards and ask someone at home about theirs.

God showed us how much he loves us by sending His son, Jesus. We celebrate the birth of Jesus at this time of year. Jesus' whole life teaches us how to live, including caring for and loving others.

Fewer cards are being sent each year; talk about why you think this is the case.

Share your experience of giving and receiving cards with each other.

What other ways can you think of to show loved ones that you care and are thinking of them?

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.



Protected Characteristics

Some people send cards to celebrate events as part of their religion or belief. Nobody should be treated unfairly because of their religion or belief.

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| Sex | Sexual Orientation | Age |
| Disability | Gender Reassignment | Marriage and Civil Partnership |
| Pregnancy and Maternity | Race | Religion or Belief |

British Values

Rule of Law

Royal Mail provides rules and guidance so people can send cards successfully. These include adding an address and stamp to the card. If these rules are not followed, there are consequences, which may lead to the card not being delivered or the recipient having to pay.

Sports News

On Tuesday 3rd December, children from Year 5 & 6 attended a Small Schools Swimming Gala. The children represented the school brilliantly, competing in both individual and relay events against other local schools. Some of the children were very nervous and it was incredible to see them encouraging each other and building each other up. The children showed great courage and determination and can all be extremely proud of their swimming. When the points for each race were added together at the end of the gala, it was very exciting to be crowned as overall winners of the gala! Many of the children also received medals for their individual and relay events. A big well done to



all of the children who represented the school so well.

On Wednesday 4th December, Ollie, Freddie, Isaac, Archey, Xav, Henry and Tobious from Year 6 took part in the Small Schools Football Tournament at Norton Hill School, in which they finished as runners up! The boys played fantastically well and won every match in the group stage, scoring a number of great goals on the way. They kept their nerve during a penalty shoot out in the quarter final and breezed into the final after an emphatic semi-final win. They were so unfortunate to lose the final during a penalty shootout, but the teamwork, determination and skills on show were evident for all to see. Brilliant effort, boys!



Outside Achievements

Congratulations to the following children for their Outside Achievements:

- Genevieve YR** - certificate for swimming 15 metres
- Holly Y2** - passing Level 4 at swimming
- Oliver Y2** - receiving 2 swimming certificates
- Penelope Y2** - medal for gymnastics
- Ava Y3** - 3 medals for gymnastics
- Caspar Y3** - achieving Level 7 at swimming
- Harry Y4** - receiving 2 swimming certificates
- Joshua Y4** - achieving Level 7 at swimming
- Nevaeh Y4** - completed Floor Level 2 at gymnastics
- Olivia Y4** - performing an aerial loop at circus skills
- Thea Y4** - passed Primary Grade at tap & Gymnast of the Month
- Nevaya Y6** - TV appearance in the Young Carers Choir



Dates for your Calendar 2024-2025 - Term 3

| Date | Event | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Monday 6th January 2025 | INSET DAY 4 - School closed to children | Whole School |
| Tuesday 7th January | TERM 3 | Whole School |
| Monday 13th January | Trunk Theatre Performance | Y1, Y2 & Y3 |
| Friday 17th January | Young Voices (please pay on ParentPay if you haven't already) | Y5 - Y6 |
| Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th January | Maple Class Residential visit to Wye Valley | Y5 |
| Friday 14th February | End of Term 3 - Half-Term break | |

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 our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mrs Parsons and Mrs Hurley.

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

Christmas Holidays Inspired Camps

INSPIRED
SCHOOLS

30th, 31st December
& 2nd, 3rd January

- Northgate
- North Petherton
- Woolavington
- St Benedicts, Radstock
- Stoberry Park School, Wells
- St Johns, Wellington
- BASC, Burnham
- Castle Cary
- Wellesley Park

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Football camps
available




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week
discount

15% Sibling
discount

  
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for children on
benefit related
free school meals

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