



Dear Parents,

The classes and corridors are all looking Christmassy and there have been lots of Christmassy activities taking place in all the classes. The Ethos team have been kept very busy with the many Christmas cards that have come into the school post box. The ethos team have also done a great job helping children across the school with creating the school Christmas cards that will be delivered around the village next week. A special thank you to Lily and Florence who helped with the finishing touches to the cards.

On Thursday, we hosted a Christmas Music event during to share some of our musical talent from our choir and some musicians with the community. It was lovely to share the talents of so many children, including the recorder players that have only been learning to play this term!

Amongst all the Christmas cheer, the staff have also taken some time to review the new relationships and behaviour policy and I also spent some time with the Year 6 children to get the pupils perspective on some of the changes that were brought in at the start of the year. Parent and pupil surveys will be carried later in the academic year. However, if any parents wanted to share any feedback or ask questions about the policy before then, please do contact me.

We end the week with more Christmas fun at the Panto in Oxford for Reception to Year 6 and the PTA hosting the Christmas Cake sale which includes a pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale, entertainment by the school choir and the Raffle draw, I hope to see many of you there.

Nadia Gosling



### Headteacher Award

**Daisy B**

**Well Done!**



### Young Leaders

The Year 6 since have once again been busy in term 2. The winners of most children attending are Jacob and Ronnie with an amazing 16 children! Well done to all the Year 1 and 2 children who join them each week, but especially Stella, Archer and Sophia for attending every session. Extra house points for them, and extra play time for all Year 6 and the other Year 1/2 children who attended regularly.

### Eco Council update

Thank for all the bottle tops and blister packs that you have been sending in to support our charities. From January we will no longer be collecting blister packs but will instead be collecting used stamps for RNIB. Please start collecting these over the Christmas Break.

## Our Stars of the Week

Walter

Lorilee

Lois

Izzy

Mackenzie

Daisy B

Oliver

Ben

Henry

Isla

## Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 5&6 with:

**98% attendance**

**Whole school attendance**

**94%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

## Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am  
8:30am—8:45am  
Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am  
CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm  
or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the app.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be

## Diary dates

18th December 2pm Christmas Service featuring the FSU Nativity in Church.

19th December 6pm Christmas Service featuring the FSU Nativity in Church.

20th December—Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

20th December—last day of term 3:15 pick up

8th January Spring Term start

23rd January 2024 & 8th May 2024  
Rags2Riches



## Eco council news

Thank you for your support this term. Please remember to save your milk carton tops and .

In addition, we are collecting stamps for RNIB and would appreciate you saving them over the festive period. We look forward to sharing our Action Plan activities in the new year.

*Merry Christmas from  
the Eco council.*





# Forest School

Our first camp fire!



Real Christmas Tree to forest school.

If you have a real Christmas tree for the festive season, the school would love it if you would donate it in the new year for our Forest School. These can be left through the gate to the right of the Percy Collett Room.

## FSU

Christmas has come to FSU this week as our final theme. Lots of our activities have a festive flavour, including decorating fake grass Christmas trees and seasonal dressing up! We are looking forward to performing our Nativity play next Monday at 2pm and Tuesday evening at 6pm. Both at St Mary's. Please bring your children to the church by 5:50pm dressed in their costumes (these will be worn home on Monday) for the evening performance. See you there!



## Year 1 & 2

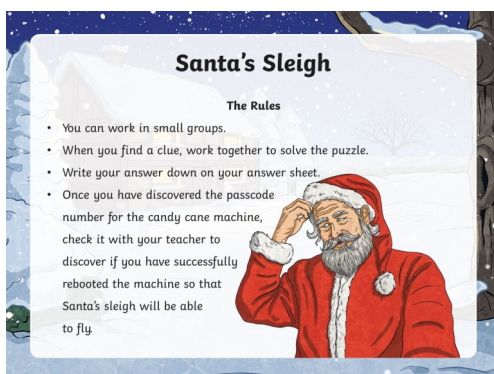
We finished creating our windsocks this week in Science. We predicted which way the wind would be blowing and how we could tell. Unfortunately it wasn't very windy so we shall observe the weather again next week and see if there are any changes. On the other hand, our rainfall gauges were very full after a wet weekend.

We had lots of fun creating cards for the local community with the ethos team and are excited to go on our first class trip to the pantomime.



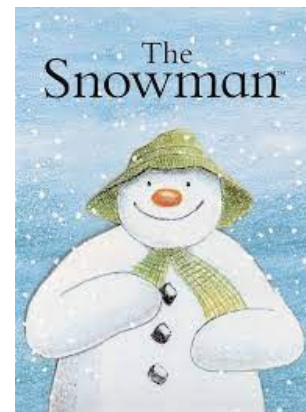
## Year 3 & 4

The festivities continue in year 3 and 4 this week! We have been doing a mystery challenge all week in maths, where the children need to solve mathematical clues in order to gain an 8 digit code which will help Father Christmas to repair his sleigh in time for the big day. The children have worked really hard together on these clues in pairs and we all got there in the end! We have also been doing some writing based on 'The Snowman' film; sequencing and captioning the story and thinking about what the characters might be saying and feeling (working on using speech marks). We are also really looking forward to the pantomime!



## Year 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 have been busy retelling the story of The Snowman this week. We have been focusing on adding dialogue and showing a character's personality through their speech. The writing has been fantastic but also very festive!



## Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Clarke, Miss Giles or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.