



Friday 12th December

What a busy week it's been! We had two beautiful nativity performances. Hornbeam and Beech treated us to "Cama-lama-Ding-Dong" and Acorns and Oak were very sweet in "The Little Nativity". What a great start to the Christmas month. It was wonderful to see so many supporters at the performances. Thank you so much for coming.

A reminder that school breaks up at 1.00 on Friday next week.

Football tournament

A group of girls from KS2 went to Langtree School on Wednesday afternoon for a football tournament. The girls showed a fabulous positive spirit throughout the afternoon which was reflected in the standard of play. All the teams were very evenly matched with one point between each place. Both teams were quick to pass and provided great football skills. The Olympic value went to Mya, Rose, Emily and Poppy. Well done to all of the girls you were amazing ambassadors for Woodcote Primary.



Christmas Lunch

Please can we remind you to book the Christmas lunch on ParentMail. Christmas lunch will be served by school staff on Wednesday 17th December and is always enjoyed by all of the children and staff. If children would like to wear a Christmas Jumper over their uniform on Wednesday, they are very welcome to do so.

KS2 Carols – next Monday – 6.30pm

This event is taking place as advertised, on the 15th of December at 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Children need to arrive between 6.00 and 6.15 in their school uniform with a white t-shirt, no jumper or cardigan.

Parents will be able to access the hall from 6.20. The event is a standing-room only event in order to fit everyone in with fire regulations. It will be great fun and a terrific way to start your Christmas period. We look forward to seeing you there.

FOWPS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Wreath Making event on the 5th. We had a fantastic evening as 30 of us came together for some festive crafting. We've had lots of lovely feedback and hope to run this again next year. We also raised around £500 for the school!

Thank you to all those who donated materials, spent the morning foraging for foliage and who set up and tidied up after! Without your help we can't run these events.

If you're able to help with future events (even for an hour) please get in touch here:

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From Last weeks newsletter

Parental Contributions to support the school

Thank you very much to those families who have kindly donated to the school it is very much appreciated. You can still donate via ParentMail.

Class Updates

Acorns	<p>We are all so proud of our little Acorns. What a cultural week it has been! They were amazed as they were captivated by the performances of The Camel Ding Dong and Elf at Langtree. Most exciting of all was their very own performance of The Little Nativity.</p> <p>We have also been focusing on the letter sound d, looking for objects beginning with this sound. A fun game to play when you go shopping is to look for one letter sound — perhaps the initial sound of their name.</p> <p>In maths, we have been practising the number 1. The children all had a go at writing it, always starting at the top and working downwards.</p> <p>We have also been working very hard in PSE, teaching the children to sneeze into their sleeve rather than their hands, which makes a huge difference in the spread of germs. We are also encouraging lots of handwashing. After a week of many poorly children, this week has seen them all return — germ-free!</p>
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Oak	<p>This week in Oak class we have been busy learning the digraph ck the children are all very excited to tell you what a digraph is! We will be collecting reading books in next Monday and will not be sending books home over the holidays, but we will send home some tricky words or flash cards for the children to learn, and you can look at the monster phonics books online. In maths we have been looking at written numbers/ numerals and have been counting groups of numbers to match. We have been thinking about how to be a good friend, we have enjoyed lots of christmas stories and been using our maths skills to bake some Christmas cakes. We hope you enjoyed the Little Nativity. We were so proud of all the children. Have a lovely weekend.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>There is no sign of slowing down for Christmas in Hornbeam class, even after the nativity performance! This week we have been learning to use exclamation marks in our writing as a way to signal when someone (or something) is shouting or in danger. We have linked this to our Stickman work, warning him about all the dangers he faces on his travels. In Maths, our attention this week has switched to 3D shapes, learning to name some and recognising certain features such as faces, edges and vertices. History this week has seen us investigating our own personal history, understanding how history relates to things in the past and working out what significant events have changed our lives. We have had everything from being born, to starting school as well as getting a pet and 'falling over in the playground', all significant in their own way! In RE our focus has turned to the Christmas story and learning about the Christian beliefs and traditions. The children have listened to the story from the bible and had great fun in acting it out within the classroom. Finally, a big thankyou to all who were able to attend the nativity, with 8 children off on the day it was very challenging but I am sure you will agree that the children were all consummate professionals and as the saying goes in show business, 'The show must go on'!</p>
Beech	<p>We would like to say a big thank you to Caroline Tye for joining us on Thursday to teach the children some printing techniques. We all had a fabulous day. In English this week, we have been identifying the features of a letter. We then magpied phrases from other Christmas letters so we can write our own letter to Father Christmas, next week. In maths, we continued to solve problems involving number bonds and also worked on comparing amounts of money. We are so incredibly proud of all the children for their Nativity performance this week. Everyone worked so hard to deliver their lines and learn the songs, speaking so confidently and clearly on stage. We were lucky enough to go over to Langtree and watch their performance of Elf. Well done to everyone who performed in the piano concert this week. Everyone was really impressed.</p>
Ash	<p>In Ash Class this week, we have discussed our use of words in our PSHE lesson using a toothpaste analogy: that our words are like toothpaste. Once they are out of the tube, we cannot take them back. This has helped us to think about how words can affect us on the inside and to focus on using kind words and keep the unkind words unsaid. In Geography, we have compared two rivers; thinking about the River Thames and the River Nile and the similarities and differences in their physical and human geographical key features. And in French, we have been learning about Christmas in France and other Francophone countries and would like to wish you a Joyeux Noël when the time comes.</p>
Rowan	<p>This week, we have been rehearsing our carols for the concert next week, and really begun to get in to the Christmas spirit. The concert is Monday evening, 6.30 and the children are looking forward to you joining them in the hall to sing. Early in the week, we enjoyed the KS1 nativity, watching their dress rehearsal, and listening to them sing and speak so well. As usual, please encourage your child to read with you, recording this in the yellow diary, and to practice times tables. A fun way to do this is to choose a</p>

	times table, and with a pack of playing cards, turn each one over and multiply that card's value by the number of the tables you have chosen. How quick can you get through all 52 cards?
Maple	Well, it's been a busy week of Reading, Writing and Maths assessments here in Year 5, but we've still managed to squeeze in a few other lessons and activities around them! We've continued to work on our understanding of time this week, choosing to explore the differences between 12 and 24 hour digital time. Science saw us exploring Late Adulthood and all the 'facts' we thought we knew about people in the final stage of the life cycle. We thought no-one needs to exercise in this stage of life, but turns out that the oldest marathon runner was 101 so we might be wrong on this one. We also got the chance this week to watch the KS1 Nativity (lots of camels) and see the production over at Langtree (lots of elves). We're looking forward to seeing you all this evening at the Christmas Fair, where hopefully you got the chance to see our classes game 'Ten Tree Bowling!'
Willow	This week we have been having great fun making stop-frame animation, coding and green-screening our movies. We are aiming to finish these on Monday and Tuesday. We've also been getting ready for our Greek Museum next week (2.30pm on Tuesday 16th for parents) as well as completing assessments. Busy, busy busy! Next week we're looking forward to the carol concert and Xmas lunch.

Important dates

Monday 15 th December	KS2 Carol concert – 6:30pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 6 Greek Museum open afternoon for parents – 2.30pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Wear your Christmas jumper to school day with your school uniform
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch – please remember to book via ParentMail Wear a Christmas Jumper
Thursday 18 th December	Year 1 & 4 Cake sale
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term – 1:00pm finish
Thursday 15 th January	Deadline for September 2026 reception class applications
Friday 23 rd January 2026	Young Voices – Years 5 & 6
Monday 2 nd March	National Offer Day for Secondary school places
Thursday 16 th April	National offer day for reception class September 2026
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th June	Year 6 Residential to Liddington