



Newsletter 16th December 2022

Key things to remember for next week

<p>2022-23</p>	<p>Monday 19th December Tuesday 20th December Wednesday 21st December</p>	<p>Reception (classes 1, 2 & 3) Christmas Sing Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Party day and wear your party outfits Last day of term – school finishes for Christmas break</p>
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What's been happening in school?

This week, year 1 & 2 have been performing their Christmas production 'Hosanna Rock' for parents and carers at St Giles Church. The children did an utterly splendid job, with fantastic singing voices and they did really well remembering their lines.

It was wonderful to be back in the church at full capacity, thanks so much to St Giles Church for hosting us and allowing us to use the venue. Thanks to all of the staff who came in and helped us on their days off, and parents who came along to help walk the children to the church, support and for your generous donations for the church heating fund.



Reception

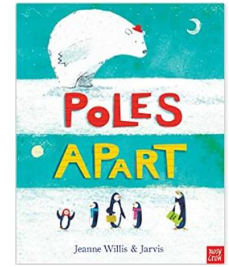


Our Reception classes enjoyed an enrichment trip to Nottingham Playhouse to watch Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children enjoyed watching the production and discussing it in class afterwards.

The children have also been hearing the Christmas story, learning about what the bible is, and looking at Christian artefacts & features of a church. They have also been making Christmas decorations with clay and decorating them with paint to take home.

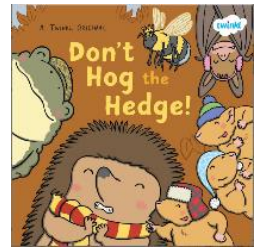
Year 1

Our classes in Year 1 have been writing a letter to Santa including their name, where they live, what they would like for Christmas and why. They have also been solving subtraction number sentences using a number line. They have been practising their songs for the nativity and working on singing expressively. In Art, they have been using cold colours such as blue and green to create a cold picture. Finally, they have been reading Poles Apart by Jeanne Willis.



Year 2

The Year 2 children have been having guided reading sessions reading the book 'Don't Hog the Hedge' and then answering questions about the plotline and making inferences about the story. In maths, they have been learning how to draw lines of symmetry, and learning how to recognise shapes. They have also put lots of time into school production rehearsals, learning the songs, practising their lines and doing dress rehearsals.



Christmas Fayre 2022

We would like to say a **huge thank you** to the PTA for their amazing efforts in organising the Fayre and everyone who helped to volunteer in the set up on the Friday before and on the day. Thanks also to everyone who donated gifts or came along to support the Christmas Fayre last Saturday. The PTA will be revealing the total funds raised next week!

One of our parents Ms Circle Yuen sketched the drawing below at the Christmas Fayre. We wanted to share it here, as we thought it was fantastic and really captured the wonderful festive atmosphere of the day!



Turning used stamps into charitable donations

After Christmas, we will be collecting used postage stamps on behalf of The British Hedgehog Preservation Society, a UK charity dedicated to helping and protecting hedgehogs native to the UK <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/> Stamps are sold by weight, so charities can turn old ones into funds to help their ongoing work. Simply cut the stamp off the envelope, making sure to leave approximately 1cm of envelope bordering the stamp.



Bauble competition winners

Congratulations to the following children who were selected as their year's winners of the Christmas Bauble Design competition: Ethan in Reception, Freya in year 1 and Isabelle in year 2.

Vacancy- Midday Supervisor

We will have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor in the New Year. We are looking for someone to work Thursday and Friday 12.15pm – 1.30pm. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office during term time for more information. The closing date for this role is Wednesday 11th January 2023.

Happy Hanukkah

We are wishing a Happy Hanukkah to anyone who is celebrating on Sunday 18th December and onwards!



Dates for Christmas Events in School



Monday 19th December- Reception Christmas Sing (classes 1, 2 &3)

The Reception Christmas sing for children, parents and carers is on 19th December from 14:15- 15:00. If you would like to arrive at 14:15, the school will be serving drinks and treats for a small contribution.



Tuesday 20th December- Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

On Tuesday 20th December, the children will be having a hot Christmas dinner at lunchtime in school. The menu has been updated for this day, so you will need to go back into Evolve and select their choice from the new Christmas dinner options <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login> This is also our traditional Christmas Jumper day, so all children are welcome to come in wearing their jumpers and festive hats/headbands on that day.



Wednesday 21st December – Christmas Party day

Our Christmas party day will be on the last day of term. Children can come to school in their party clothes, and will be enjoying a festive party lunch and will be participating in lots of fun festive games. As with the Christmas lunch, the menu has changed for this day on Evolve, so please log on and make your selections for this date. Children that normally bring in a packed lunch are welcome to order Christmas meals on both of these days.

They will still have outdoor play, so please ensure whatever they wear will be suitable for the weather.

Key dates

We have set as many dates as possible for the year ahead and we will try to honour these dates, however dates may have to be changed due to circumstances outside our control. More detailed information about individual events will be shared over the coming weeks.

2022-23	<p>Tuesday 20th December</p> <p>Wednesday 21st December</p> <p>Wednesday 4th January</p>	<p>Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>Christmas Party day</p> <p>Last day of term – school finishes for Christmas break</p> <p>First day of Spring term</p>
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