

What a wonderful term we have had at both schools with so many amazing learning opportunities for all of our children.

Our collaboration continues to move forward and all of the partner classes have now met together, whether that was on Microsoft Teams or in person.

All of the staff got together for our shared INSET day back at the start of November and this was a great opportunity for us to learn together and continue to build relationships across the wider staff team.

After the Christmas holidays, the Year 6 Sports Leaders from the Junior School will be regularly visiting the infant children to support them with their play at lunchtimes.

It was great to have some Year 2 pupils perform at the Friends of WBSJ concert this Monday. Next week, a small number of Year 6 children will join Year 2 when they visit our friends at Marlborough Court residential home. It is wonderful to be taking lots of these opportunities to work together.

We have many things to look forward to in the new year including our joint art week which takes place at the end of January. As in previous years, we will be exhibiting the work in a public gallery at the Methodist Church. More details about this to follow.

Thank you for all of the ways you continue to support our work at both schools. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas break. We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 6th January.

Mr Willis

There have been so many wonderful Christmas events that have happened across both schools over the last couple of weeks.

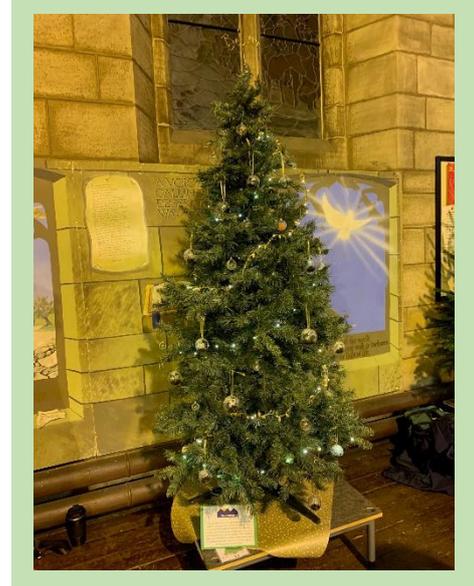
Year 1 and Year 2 wowed us all with their wonderful performance of 'The Fleece Force' at St Giles this week. The Year 1 choir sang fantastically and everyone in Year 2 performed with such confidence and energy. Well done! Year 4 and Year 5 put on an incredible performance of 'Humbug Sees the Light' at the Baptist Church earlier this week. I know the audience were blown away by the standard of the performance and we were delighted to see so many of you there.

It was great to see so many people visiting the Christmas Tree festival over the weekend – we hope you enjoyed both our contributions.

We still have lots to come this week including our wonderful reception children who are going to be singing Christmas songs on Monday afternoon at 2:30pm and the Infant classes Christmas Party on Thursday. Our Year 3 and 6 children are going to be performing at our annual carol concert at St Giles at 6pm on Tuesday. This event always leaves us feeling super Christmassy.

We look forward to Christmas dinner day on Wednesday at both the Infant and Junior Schools. We welcome all children to wear a Christmas jumper or festive item e.g. headband.

Thank you to all of the staff involved in this year's Christmas performances. These events take many hours of hard work and preparation and we appreciate all the efforts made.





New play equipment

Hopefully you will have noticed the new playground equipment that has been installed at Cottages. The children have already been playing on it! We want to say a huge thank you to WBOOSC for their generous contribution. It enabled us to complete the work this year. We know the children will enjoy it for many years to come!



A Christmas Adventure

West Bridgford Methodist Church has been delighted to receive help from pupils at both schools who have prepared some magnificent pieces of artwork which have become part of their unique and immersive Christmas experience, and they thank the pupils and staff who have helped in preparation for this community event.

You and your family can immerse yourselves in colourful lighting, imaginative settings, and compelling storytelling. You will hear tales of hope, love, and joy, interwoven with modern-day narratives that resonate with our lives today. To get the most from the scenes, please bring your smartphones or other devices to listen to the audio stories and access other resources using the QR codes at each of the settings. Then, come to join in festive craft activities and savour delicious refreshments in our church hall.

The Adventure will be open between 10:00am and 4:00pm on Saturdays 14th and 21st December.

On Sunday 15th December it will be open between 10:00am and 12:00pm.

On Sunday 22nd December, the morning service at 10:30am will be a Nativity Service, to which everyone is invited, and the Adventure will open between 2:00pm and 4:00pm.

Junior HSA Update

We held our annual Christmas Fair last Saturday and despite the best efforts of Storm Darragh, everyone had a brilliant time whilst raising an amazing £2,672.32! A big thank you to everyone who came along on the day and for your very generous donations. A special thank you to Rachel, Sophie, Emma, Kate, Laura, Phil, Mauricia and Gemma who all took ownership of a different element of the fair and put in a significant amount of time and effort both on the day and in the weeks running up to the event. Without this, the fair would not have happened this year. With a further 80+ volunteers involved on the day, including staff and several former pupils, your time and community spirit were very much appreciated.

We also want to say a huge thank you to Bridgette Vane for running our Christmas card project again this year raising approximately £1000!

After a busy term which included PJ parties, Socials and an after-school tuck shop we've raised just over £5000 for the school and are busy working with them to determine how that can be used.

Infant PTA Update

The PTA have been very busy this term raising vital funds for the Infant School. We have had a cake sale, PJ parties, personalised Christmas items to purchase and the very successful Christmas Fair!

We know this doesn't happen without the hard work and commitment from Amy and Vicky, so a big thank you! They are always looking out for opportunities to raise money to benefit the school and rallying parents and staff to achieve this. We are in the process of deciding how these funds will benefit the children.

We look forward to more events and fundraising activities next term, with the ongoing support from all of our parents/carers and volunteers.

Goodbye

The Infant school will be sadly saying goodbye to Miss James from the office at the end of this term. She has been a great part of the team since May 2023, but will be moving to a new education role in January. We will all miss her and wish her well in her new job.

Infant School key dates for Spring Term

Monday 6 th January	Children return to school
Tuesday 21 st January	Parent Smartphone Workshop
Week beginning 27 th January	Art Week
Thursday 30 th January	Thrilling Thursday Assembly
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 1 class visit to the Library
Thursday 6 th February	Year 1 classes visit to the Library
Week beginning 17 th February	Half Term
Week beginning 3 rd March	Children's mental health week
Friday 7 th March	INSET day
Thurs 27 th March	Parents' Evening (in person)
Tuesday 1 st & Wednesday 2 nd April	Parents' Evenings (in person)
Friday 4 th April	Last day of Spring Term

Junior School key dates for Spring Term

Monday 6 th January	Children return to school
Monday 6 th and Tuesday 7 th January	Whole school writing project
Wednesday 8 th January	Year 4 to Perlethorpe
Tuesday 21 st January	Parent Smartphone Workshop
Thursday 23 rd January	Year 3 visit to Cresswell Crags
Wednesday 22 nd - Friday 24 th January	Y6 Polar explorer days
Week beginning 27 th January	Art Week
Tuesday 28 th and Wednesday 29 th January	Year 6 WW2 Shelter day
Friday 7 th February	Careers day
Week beginning 10 th February	Year 4 residential to Dukes Barn
Week beginning 17 th February	Half Term
Thursday 27 th February	Young Voices concert
Friday 28 th February at 2.30pm	Class 11 assembly
Thursday 6 th March	HSA discos
Friday 7 th March	INSET day
Friday 14 th March at 2.30pm	Class 8 assembly
Friday 21 st March at 2.30pm	Class 5 assembly
Tuesday 25 th and Wednesday 26 th March	Parents' Evenings (online)
Friday 4 th April	Class 2 assembly 2.30pm/Last day of Spring Term