

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our penultimate weekly newsletter of the term.



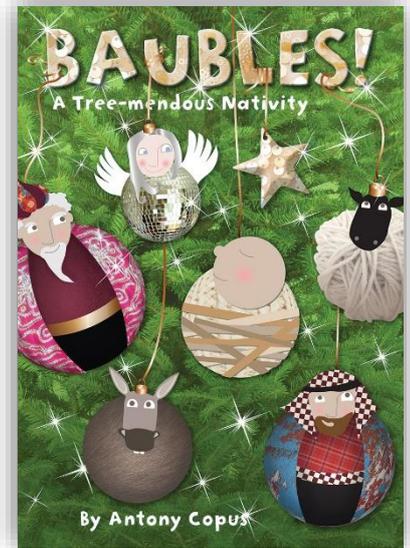
Curriculum news

Christmas productions

It was lovely to share our KS1 production 'Baubles' with parents and families this week. Both shows were full of brilliant performances and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope to upload the video to our YouTube channel shortly.

After an absence of 3 years, it was wonderful to be back at St. Mary's Church for our KS2 Carol Concert. Thank you to everyone who braved the plunging temperatures to attend and fill the church to capacity. The children's beautiful singing, clear readings and well-acted tableaux scene enabled us all to feel the festive spirit.

Thank you for your kind donations to our retiring collections this week. The monies will be divided between national and local charities (Crisis at Christmas and What Would Mia Do?).



Christmas Library



Badgers class enjoyed visiting our Christmas library to listen to some festive stories around the Christmas tree.

Sports news

On Tuesday, 10 very excited Y5&6 girls visited Shelley Primary for a football friendly. They played extremely well as a team and won convincingly 9-0!

Mrs E Wright



House Bench Ball Tournament

On Tuesday afternoon, our Houses went head-to-head in a Bench ball tournament. Each House had a squad of 12 players, 8 of whom played in a match. After some very close matches, Centaurs won the group stage. Centaurs and Phoenix then won their semi-finals and Phoenix eventually triumphed as overall winners, defeating Centaurs 3 – 1 in the final. Dragons and Unicorns finished in joint third place. Well done everyone who played for making it a very exciting competition.



Festive donations

Thank you for donating so many festive items to our foodbank collection. Members of the Eco-Council helped to collect and pack the food items, ready for delivery to the local charity, Horsham Matters.

Mrs Filson and the Eco-Council

This week we also received a 'Thank You' from the Royal British Legion for raising £137 towards this year's Poppy Appeal.

Festive events

There are still plenty of festive events as we approach the final week of term. On Sunday, we have the Friends of Holbrook **Christmas Fair** – thank you for your support and kind donations for this event. At school, we have **Christmas dance parties** for Reception & KS1 on Monday and KS2 on Thursday. Tuesday is the **Reception Nativity** performances and the **House Quiz**. Wednesday is **Christmas Lunch, House Afternoon** for KS2 and a chance to wear your **Christmas jumper** or festive-accessorised clothing.



New hot meal ordering system



Thank you to all who have activated their Parentpay account. If you are yet to do so, please activate your accounts asap- the deadline for ordering is 29th December for meals taken w/ 9th January (the go live date).

Look out for an email from platform@parentpay.com- sent out on 25th November.

Even if your child always has a packed lunch- activate your account and tick the packed lunch option- this will prevent any unnecessary chasing from the office.

KS1- the school will no longer be ordering meals on your behalf from 9th January, so make sure you activate your account and order for your child. You'll be able to pick their meal for individual days.

Please be mindful that the office is closed from 16th December, so any queries regarding the new system, please speak to the office before then.

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Monday 12th December	KS1 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 13 th December	EYFS Nativity to Parents
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day
Thursday 15th December	KS2 Christmas Parties
Friday 16 th December	Last day of the Autumn term
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Tuesday 3 rd January	First day of the Spring term
Tuesday 10 th January	Y3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Thursday 12 th January	Y3 Swimming Starts
Monday 16 th January	Parent Workshop-Sensory Processing Differences
Friday 20 th January	Young Voices at the O2
Monday 13th February-Friday 17th	Half Term
Monday 20 th February	INSET Day- School closed for pupils

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes