

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final and festive weekly newsletter of the year.



Christmas events

As well as all the individual activities in classrooms, the children enjoyed the Christmas Dance parties, which were once again provided by Friends of Holbrook. In addition, Reception children had a visit from Father Christmas himself, who took time out of his busy schedule to visit the school yesterday. Thank you, Friends of Holbrook and Santa.

Earlier today, the children watched the annual staff pantomime and entered into the fun with plenty of laughter and booing in the right places. Thank you to the amazing cast and everyone involved in supervising the children.



Curriculum

There was still plenty of learning happening in our final week of term. Here are a couple of photos of DT projects from Year 2 and Year 5 – pizza and bread.



Rugby news



We were delighted and very proud to hear that Harrison W (Hawks) and Harrison C (Falcons) have just been selected for the England Touch Association Youth Academy Under 12 Boys squad. Congratulations Harrison, what an achievement!

House News

On Monday, I held our annual House Quiz for KS2 pupils via Teams, including rounds on Christmas movies, songs and general knowledge, Baby animals and



Real or Cake. The children had 50 questions overall to answer and we were very impressed with their knowledge. The overall winners were Unicorns. Well done!

After our Christmas lunch on Wednesday, the House Captains organised a Christmas House Afternoon for KS2 pupils. There were a variety of festive activities which the children loved. The House Captains and I judged the Art competition (winning entries for each House below) and the overall winner was Phoenix. Thank you, House Captains, for making this an enjoyable and successful afternoon for all.



House Cup

The final winner of the House Cup in 2024 is Centaurs – well done!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
491	415	474	461

Once all the points were added up, the overall winner of this term's House Cup was Phoenix – well done!

Autumn Term House Cup final totals

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
2953	2738	3206	3049



Christmas collection

Thank you for your generous contributions to our collections at our various Christmas performances. The total raised was £701 and this will be split between Turning Tides and Chestnut Tree House.

If anyone would still like to donate, I am including the link to Chestnut Tree House as the face of their 2024 Christmas appeal is Leah George, sister of Maisie in Year 2.

<https://www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk/christmas2024/>

And finally...

Once again, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely cards and presents that we have received at the end of the year – they are most appreciated by the whole staff team.

On behalf of the staff and governors, we wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that the break is a safe and enjoyable time for everyone.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and New Year break. See you all in 2025.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
Headteacher

