

Dear Parents/Carers,

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



Christmas events

Alongside all the wonderful classroom activities, the children had a fantastic time at the Christmas Dance parties, kindly hosted once again by Friends of Holbrook. Reception pupils were especially delighted by a surprise visit from Father Christmas himself, who took time out of his busy schedule to drop by yesterday. A big thank you to Friends of Holbrook and Santa for making the day so magical!

Earlier today, the children enjoyed the annual staff pantomime, joining in the fun with plenty of laughter and applause. Huge thanks to our amazing cast including Ms Duo's Genie, who stole the show, and to everyone who helped supervise and make this event such a success.

Curriculum

It is always nice to see the amount of learning taking place in our final week of term. The photos show DT projects from Year 2, 3 and 5, as well as computing in Year 5.

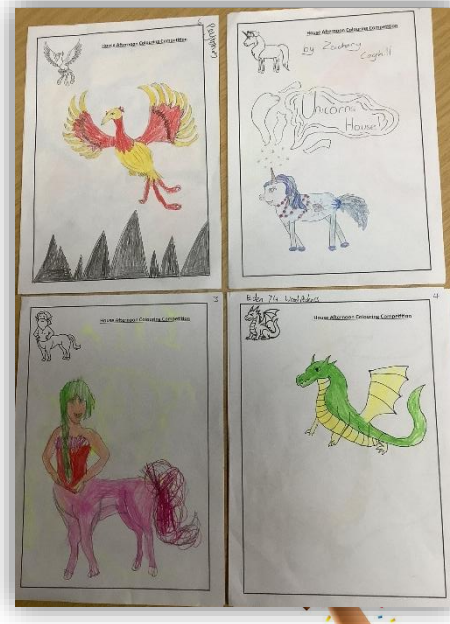


House News

On Monday, I held our annual House Quiz for KS2 pupils via Teams, including rounds on crisps, dogs, Disney characters, famous landmarks and Christmas general knowledge. The children had 50 questions overall to answer and we were very impressed with their knowledge. The overall winners were Phoenix. Well done!



After enjoying our Christmas lunch on Wednesday, the House Captains led a festive Christmas House Afternoon for KS2 pupils. The children took part in a range of seasonal activities, which were a big hit! Together with the House Captains, I had the pleasure of judging the Art competition—winning entries for each House are shown below, with Phoenix taking the overall prize. A huge thank you to our House Captains for organising such a fun and successful afternoon for everyone.



House Cup

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

Autumn Term House Cup final totals

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
3104	3429	3005	3351



Christmas collection

Thank you for your generous contributions to our collections at our various Christmas performances. The total raised was £600 and this will be split between The Springboard Project and Cancer Research UK.

And finally...

The whole staff team at Holbrook would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the lovely cards and gifts we've received—it is never expected but always appreciated.

On behalf of the staff and governors, we wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope the festive break is safe, joyful, and relaxing for everyone.

Enjoy the holiday season, and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2026!



Kind regards,

Ian Holmes
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