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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we approach the festive season.

I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the excellent Year 2 Nativity performances that took place earlier this week. Our little stars truly shone on stage, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the staff involved in making it a success. The dedication and hard work of all involved truly paid off!

I would also like to express my gratitude to Mr. Miles, Mrs. Brookes, Mrs. Starling, and Mrs. Hurley for organizing the Senior Citizen's Tea Party yesterday. It was a delightful event, and our children did a fantastic job entertaining our esteemed guests. Well done!

I would also like to extend a big thank you to all the parents who generously donated toys for the Salvation Army, food for the Food Bank, and the numerous chocolate oranges. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated, and I am proud to see our school community come together to support those in need and express their gratitude to those in the NHS.

Looking ahead, I want to remind you to keep an eye out for our annual Christmas video. Our talented staff have been working hard to create a memorable performance for you all to enjoy. In the meantime, you can still watch previous years' videos on [our school website](#). I guarantee they will bring a smile to your face.

Today, we have Christmas crafts and parties planned for the children. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mrs. Starling and Mrs. Cork for organizing the crafts. Their creativity and dedication have made this day extra special for our students. I would also like to thank the PTFA for their generous donation of funds for the party food. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Next week is our last week of term, the Year R children will be performing their nativity and later in the week some of our talented children will be taking their beautiful voices to the community around the village. They will be spreading festive cheer through song, and I am certain they will bring joy to all who hear them. Keep an ear out for their angelic voices!

In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Your contributions, whether big or small, make a significant difference in the lives of our students.

With best wishes

James Tibbles
Headteacher



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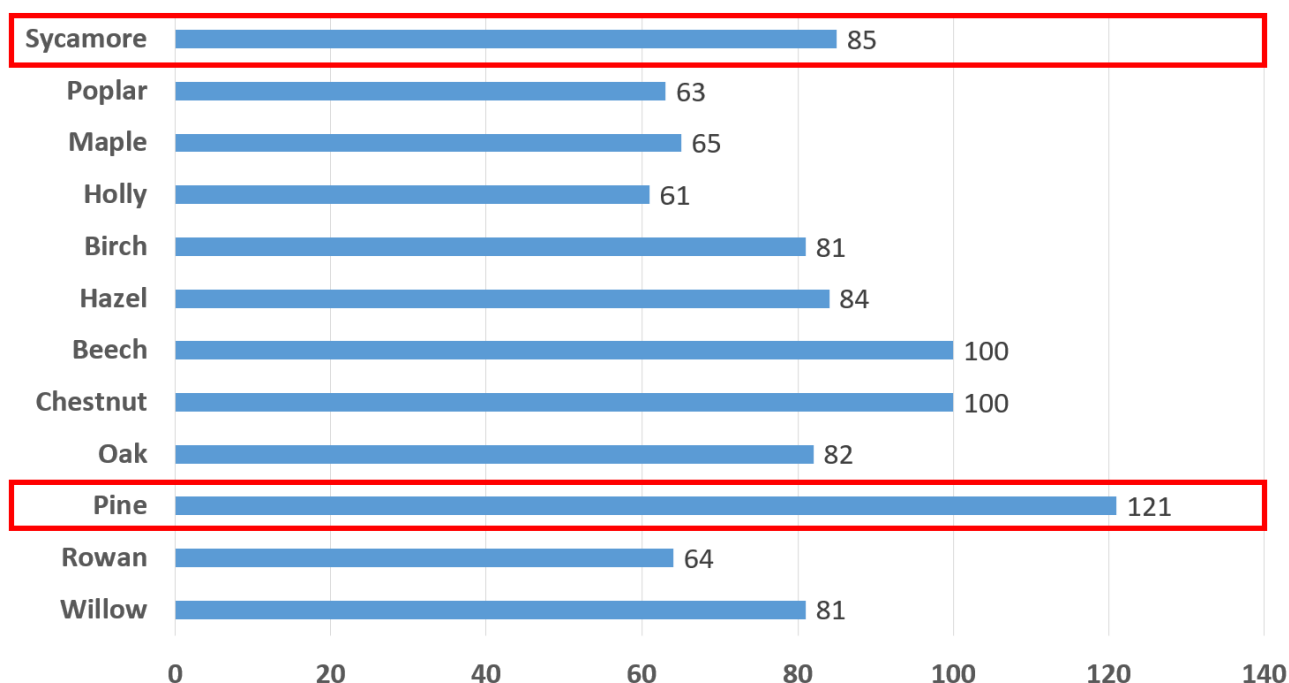
Celebration

Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Mary D (Willow) for always working hard and writing an exciting superhero story! <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Neivie B (Hazel) for always showing care and kindness to her peers without hesitation. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Theomel R-C (Rowan) for his fantastic superhero story in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Bella H-B (Birch) for being a great friend to her peers at all times. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Alex M (Oak) for passion and enthusiasm performing the songs in the Nativity <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Blake L (Holly) for being an excellent addition to Holly class and for working so hard on our values of creativity, excellence and resilience. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Oak Class for being absolute superstars in our Nativity performances. <i>Mrs Upton</i> | ☆ Dexter B (Maple) for showing creativity when making his Christmas cards for the community. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Isla I (Pine) for a lovely written description of Santa Claus using a range of punctuation. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Polly P (Poplar) for a beautifully produced poster promoting the work of Operation Christmas Child. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Michael P (Beech) for the great progress he has made with his writing this term taking on board any feedback given. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Ubran B-M (Sycamore) for having a positive attitude and increased enthusiasm with improving his English writing. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Avid T (Chestnut) for playing a very important part of our Samba line and watching Mr Miles carefully. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | |

Reading



Upcoming Dates

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar.

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 11th December		
Tuesday 12th December	Year R Nativity performance (2.15pm)	Gulbenkian Christmas concert
Wednesday 13th December	Year R Nativity performance (9.30am)	
Thursday 14th December	Christingle Services in school	Carols in the Village
Friday 15th December	Christmas Dinner	

Monday 1st January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET Day <i>School closed to children</i>
Wednesday 3rd January	
Thursday 4th January	
Friday 5th January	

Monday 8th January
Tuesday 9th January
Wednesday 10th January
Thursday 11th January
Friday 12th January

Year R Nativity

I hope that our Year R families are looking forward to a the Year R's performance of 'Hey Ewe!' in a few weeks' time on Tuesday 12th December (9.30 am) and Wednesday 13th December (2.15pm) – doors will open 15 minutes before each performance.

This will be a seated performance and you will be able to book up to two spaces for each performance from Monday 20th November. Please note that, in the interests of fairness, seating will be randomly allocated.

Carols in the Village

Not all of our community are able to make the journey to Bridge School and so, on Thursday 14th Dec, we will be visiting Bridge Haven, Mansfield Court and Saxon Lodge to share some festive joy. We will also be visiting Highfield Court on Friday.

INSET Day

A reminder that Tuesday 2nd January is an INSET day and so school will be closed to children.

School Meals

At Bridge & Patribourne, we believe that a nutritious meal plays a vital role in a child's overall development and well-being. Providing hot school lunches ensures that our students receive balanced meals, packed with essential nutrients, which are crucial for their growth, concentration, and energy levels throughout the day.

Here are some key benefits of hot school lunches:

- **Nutritional Value:** Our hot school lunches are carefully planned and prepared to meet the nutritional standards set by the Food Standards Agency. They consist of a variety of food groups, including lean proteins, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and dairy products, ensuring that our students receive a well-rounded meal.
- **Improved Concentration:** A balanced meal can significantly enhance a child's ability to concentrate and focus in the classroom. By providing hot lunches, we aim to support our students in achieving their academic potential by fueling their minds and bodies with the necessary nutrients.
- **Establishing Healthy Habits:** By promoting the consumption of nutritious meals, we hope to instill healthy eating habits in our students from an early age. These habits can have a long-lasting impact on their overall health and well-being, both during their time at Bridge & Patribourne and beyond.
- **Social Interaction:** Enjoying a hot school lunch together fosters a sense of community and provides an opportunity for students to engage in positive social interactions. Sharing a meal encourages conversation, friendship, and the development of social skills, all of which are essential for their personal and social growth.
- **Convenience for Parents:** Opting for our hot school lunches eliminates the need for parents to plan and prepare packed lunches every day. This not only saves valuable time but also ensures that your child receives a well-balanced meal without the added stress of meal planning.

We are proud to offer a varied and delicious menu that caters to different dietary requirements and preferences. Our kitchen team works diligently to provide appetizing meals that appeal to our students' tastes while adhering to nutritional guidelines.

I encourage you to take advantage of our hot school lunches and experience the benefits it can bring to your child's educational journey. If you have any specific dietary concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact our school office, and we will be happy to assist you.

The cost is £2.50 per day and meals should be booked through Arbor, ideally on the Sunday preceding the week. If you have any difficulties with this, then please contact the school office.

The school menu for the coming term can be found on the [school meals section of the school website](#) and it is also attached alongside this newsletter. Please note that whilst, we are continuing with the three-week rotating menu, there are a couple of days that are different.