



Dear Families,

I trust this letter finds you well and that preparations for the festive season are in full swing. As we approach the end of another fantastic term at Foxwood, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been a joyous time for our school community.

As I often say, being part of a special school is one of education's best-kept secrets, and this term has been no exception. Celebration is at the heart of our school's values, and the past weeks have been a perfect example of that. From our wonderful Christmas Fair, which raised over £700, to the magical carol concert and the many class trips and activities, it has been a season filled with joy, laughter, and shared memories.

In the spirit of the holidays, I want to emphasise the importance of keeping our children safe online. Many of our pupils will be engaging with technology over the break, and I encourage you to review [this expert advice on online safety](#) for helpful tips and guidance. If you need additional support, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to help with settings, advice, or any concerns.

I also want to extend our thanks to the incredible individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes at Foxwood. Neil, our caretaker; Julie, Elaine, Ruby, and Aleesha in the office; and Sam, our Business Manager—all play an essential role in ensuring our school runs smoothly. We are truly grateful for their dedication and hard work, please remember to say hello and thank you if you get the chance.

Finally, we bid a fond farewell to Rachel Kelly, who has been an exceptional teacher at Foxwood for the past three and a half years. Rachel is taking a career break, and we wish her every happiness in her future endeavours—though we hope to see her again in the not-too-distant future!

Wishing you all a restful and peaceful holiday season. We know that this time of year can be challenging for some, so please remember that we are always here if you need us.

Warm regards,

J Hutchinson
Headteacher

Carol singing at Victoria Centre

This year's carol singing was took place at Victoria Centre on Thursday 12th December 2024. Thank you to everyone who supported the staff and students from Foxwood who had an amazing time.



We raised over £400 to support residential trips for our students!



3X

3X have had a brilliant Autumn term. We've all settled in well and already making lots of progress. A particular highlight of this half term were our trips out to the National Space Centre and the National Memorial Arboretum.



Well done 3X on a great first term!

3F

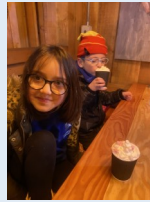
During this half term 3F have been doing various activities based on our World War II topic. We made a poppy wreath for remembrance and we simulated the blitz by using boxes as building and dropping heavy balls onto them.

We also visited Sherwood Pines so we could walk through the trenches there and then to see the craters on the otherside. It helped us experience a key part of the book we have been reading 'Where the Poppies Now Grow'. The students loved being in the woods in the crisp and sunny autumn weather.



Rabbits

This term the Rabbits enjoyed a trip to the Winter Wonderland Nottingham Ice Bar. The Rabbits braved the cold and enjoyed exploring a range of ice sculptures. Afterwards we all enjoyed a warm drink, which was either a hot chocolate or warm apple juice.



Foxcubs

We have had a busy half term in Foxcubs with lots of wonderful opportunities.

One of the main highlights for us this half term was our Children in Need day and when the pupils got to meet Pudsey Bear and joined in with fun activities relating to Pudsey.



We have also been working hard in all of our lessons but the pupils have especially enjoyed their science lessons where they have explored different habitats and the animals that live there.



Squirrels

This term squirrels have been building their Independence by going out into the community, visiting supermarkets, garden centres and they particularly enjoyed visiting the pumpkin farm.



The children have all worked really hard on telling the time in maths and writing about Victorians in English.

Enterprise

This term we enjoyed celebrating the holidays by visiting our local cinema and dessert shop. All the students did Foxwood proud and enjoyed ordering their own ice cream.



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30 have settled into Key Stage 3, embracing their new classroom, staff, and curriculum brilliantly. They have formed positive relationships with both peers and staff.



We look forward to continuing our learning journey together in the Spring term.
Have a wonderful Christmas!

3S

The students in 3S visited The Galleries of Justice, where they participated in the Ben Kinsella Knife Crime Workshop. They also engaged in a simulated court case, giving them an insight into the justice system and how it operates.



To bring our Space topic in English to life, students took a trip to The National Space Centre in Leicester which had some fantastic hands-on activities and a planetarium show.

The class also had a wonderful time at The Ice Bar in Nottingham's Winter Wonderland.

The students loved the stunning ice sculptures and enjoyed a festive hot drink in the café.

Hedgehogs

We have had a really great term. Highlights have been our weekly trips to Morrisons to purchase Healthy and Treat foods and then trying them! Its been great seeing the students find different items and try different foods.

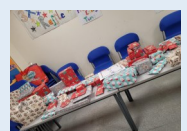
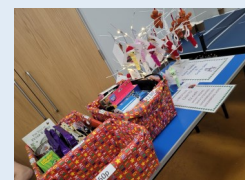
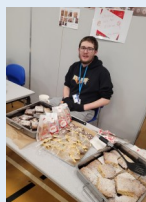
We have really enjoyed our sensory story 'Lost and Found' this half term, and it has linked really nicely to our Science topic of habitats where we've explored different habitats in a sensory way!



Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair took place on Wednesday 18th December 2024.

Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended. We raised over £700 to support residential trips.



Atlantis

Atlantis students favourite lessons this term have been in Employment. They have had CV workshops, mock interviews and either visited Broomfield College where they have been finding out about animal care or started the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and have helped make the wood area and sensory garden in school a better space for other students to visit and learn in.



Challenger

Challenger class have been very busy this term. In maths pupils have been learning about probability and pictograms. In English pupils have been studying Romeo and Juliet. In Science Challenger have been learning how the respiratory system plays a crucial role in keeping the body functioning. Finally, Challenger class really enjoyed their Christmas trip to the Nottingham Christmas Market. The class also visited the Ice Bar, enjoying a nice hot chocolate and having lunch at a local pub in the city centre.



This was then finished off with a look around the Christmas market stalls!

Xmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your support in helping us to raise over £45 for Save the Children fund.



Reminder—Student Absences

Please note that if you need to report an absence for your child please email the office on office@foxwood.notts.sch.uk or leave a voice message on the student absence line.

Thank you.

Endeavour



This half term, Endeavour have been focused on making their own cleaning products to use in the Oakfield flat. They measured and mixed the ingredients together and tested their effectiveness.

The class have also been

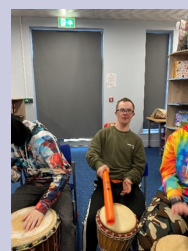
learning how to make hot drinks, using written instructions. They created shopping lists, located the ingredients in the shop and made delicious cups of tea!

In DIY, the students have been identifying tools and matching them to their purpose. We have focused on using saws to slice wood evenly to create Christmas decorations.



Discovery

This half term we celebrated Black History Month. We had a great time learning some dance moves and also took part in a drumming workshop. This is an important part of our school year that helps us celebrate the cultures and history of our Afro- Caribbean friends and families and the amazing contribution they make to all our lives.



Discovery also spent a wonderful day together experiencing lots of new and exciting things. First we went to visit Nottingham's winter wonderland's ice bar. This was VERY cold but had some amazing sculptures all made of ice. They had a 'The Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe' theme. After the ice bar we went for lunch at Ed's Diner. Not many of us have tried this before but it was a big thumbs up from Discovery!

Dates for your Diary

20.12.24—Last day of Term
06.01.25—All Students return
31.01.25—Yr8 & Yr9 Vaccinations
12.02.25—School Photographs
17.02.25—21.02.25—Half Term Break
25.02.25—3X Performance at Catapult Dance Festival
26.02.25—28.02.25—St Michaels Residential for Ex Students
06.03.25—World Book Day
12.03.25—14.03.25— 14-19 London Trip (TBC)
24.03.25—28.03.25— Mock Exam Week
04.04.25—21.04.25—Easter Break
22.04.25—All students return

Congratulations to the winners of the Design a dog jumper and human jumper!

Lucas Guthrie—3X



Dog Jumper



Human Jumper

DJ Cheetham—Atlantis



Dog Jumper



Human Jumper

Harley Cunningham—Rabbits



Dog Jumper



Human Jumper

Luke Bowdler—3S



Dog Jumper



Human Jumper