



St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

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Our Vision:

At St Andrew's CE Primary School, we aim to bring children to a place where they can realise their full potential. Our Christian values are the foundation of all we do and each one is a facet of the central value, love, which 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:7) *Protect, Trust, Hope and Persevere*

Dear Parents and Carers,



Year 2 were able to share a wonderful performance of their production of 'the fleece force'. They all felt so proud of their achievement of being able to perform to an audience. If you have any costumes that you would like to donate from after the performance, then please pass them to the class teachers in Year 2. They also had a 'Sleigh Day' on Tuesday as they undertook a DT project. They learned all about wheels and axles and were able to design and build their own sleighs! Last week we also enjoyed a trip to forest school - the children took part in some festive activities and even made their own Christmas Tree Decorations!



Year 4 have had a fantastic term at Forest School despite the mud and rain! Lots of the children have enjoyed whittling for the first time and the new mud kitchen has been a big hit. We added some festive spirit by creating Christmas stars.

It's feeling festive in EYFS. The children have been creating Christmas cards and using their phonetic knowledge to write messages to friends and family.

Merry Christmas everyone!





This December, our Year 3 pupils have been learning about the Christmas story and its significance with the RE Inspired team. As part of the session, they created Advent wreaths similar to those lit in church on every Sunday of Advent. The four candles on their wreaths symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love, reminding us all of the true spirit of the season.

It was lovely to have parents joining Key Stage 2 this year for our carol services. The children sang beautifully, and it was very special to have Thomas and Lucy playing Walking in the Air on their brass instruments for us. Mr Matthews also shared his musical talent - joining Thomas and year 6 on his flute for their rendition of Deck the Halls.

We are thankful to Reverend Jacky for sharing prayers and blessings at the Carol services and also leading Christingle services for all the children in school.



This term, Year 4 have been working hard in Design and Technology to create their *very own* Christmas-themed light-up boxes! Combining creativity with practical skills, the students learned about electrical circuits, design planning, and construction techniques. They carefully designed festive scenes, wired light bulbs, and assembled their boxes to brighten up the holiday season.

The final products were *stunning*, showcasing their hard work and talent. From twinkling snowflakes to glowing Christmas trees, these boxes have brought festive cheer to the classroom and beyond. Well done, Year 4 – your Christmas creations truly shine.

The children in Year 1 have been like busy elves this week working in the St Andrew's sewing factory! As part of the D&T unit, they have researched, designed, sewn and evaluated their own Christmas Stockings. The children have shown brilliant resilience and concentration when learning how to sew and cut fabric. We hope parents and carers enjoy the finished results!





In Year 6 this week we have been creating our own water colour flowers inspired by our artist for this term - Georgia O'Keeffe. We have experimented mixing colours and layering the paint to add depth and shading to our paintings. We have really enjoyed the creative element and looking at ordinary day things close up in minute detail!



A group of Year 4 children enjoyed a wonderful evening of singing at the annual Thame Leisure Centre Festival of Christmas Music in early December. The children sang beautifully and the whole event was a joyous celebration and put all attending truly in the Christmas spirit!

Calling all Year 5 Roman legionaries! Our children channelled their inner Roman soldier during their History lesson this week. They created and designed their own shields and then practised different defensive formations. They then faced an onslaught from enemy archers (teachers armed with pool noodles) to test out the effectiveness of their defenses.



Happy Christmas Raggy.
Thank you for listening to us read and for helping us feel good when we see you visit us.
We love that you are part of our St Andrew's family.

Our whole school attendance is 95.3%
KS1 winners this term are Chiltern Blue 97.8% and have won a movie hour.
KS2 winners this term are Pacific 98.7% and have won their names to go in the raffle box.



**Merry Christmas Everyone,
From The St Andrew's Team**