

Academic Year 2024 - 2025



Head Teacher: Mr Paul Prigg



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

20TH DECEMBER 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Well here we are - Christmas is around the corner! We have had so much to **celebrate** this term:

We've welcomed in our new reception class, who have got off to a flying start. We have had many visitors to come and see what we do as a school including some very important people from the government as well as other schools. The shining light in all of this is without doubt, our children. They are confident to speak to visitors and always full of enthusiasm!

A special mention must go to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, for their excellent performances in our '**Big little Nativity**'. We are so proud of all of them. Standing up on stage in front of so many adults can be really scary and they did brilliantly – they sang confidently, spoke clearly and demonstrated fantastic acting skills.

Thank you to all who attended the **Christmas Fayre**. We had a wonderful time celebrating with you – thank you for generous donations and support. All the money raised goes straight back into school as we look to make our lunchtimes even better still.

It was great to see such a turn out for the **Christmas Assembly** too – performing to an audience is an important skill, and one that we celebrate with the children. It was lovely to hear how much it was enjoyed by you as the audience also.

Please remember that devices, including **mobile phones** are not permitted in class or in bags. If children need to bring a phone into school, it must be handed into the office and switched off. Please take the time to have this conversation with your children especially as some may return to school with a new present!

I would like to take this opportunity with wish you a very Merry Christmas. I hope that this break gives you an opportunity to spend time as a family. To talk, play a game and importantly relax.

I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th January as we jump into 2025!

Merry Christmas! Paul Prigg

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NURSERY



Nursery have had the most amazing build up to Christmas. We have had a jam-packed December full of festive activities, tree decorating, singing, dancing, goodies, Christmas lunches, and most importantly, seeing what our cheeky elf, Ray, has been up to.

I would like to wish Nursery a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you in 2025!

Mrs Hawkes



RECEPTION

Reception have had a great first term of school. It is amazing to see how much their independence, resilience and friendships have grown since starting in September.

The children have had so much fun getting to know their friends, the classroom and school routines. We have achieved lots since September, including learning lots of stories like Mr Wiggle and Mr Waggle, the enormous turnip and the gingerbread man.

Reception started off getting into the Christmas spirit by visiting West Midlands Safari Park. The children had an amazing time looking at all of the animals, visiting dino land and finally getting to meet Father Christmas and choosing a present from his workshop!



In RE the children have been learning about the nativity story. They loved dressing up in costumes and retelling the nativity story. They even made their own nativity scene out of small word parts outside. The children have also loved learning the songs for our 'big little nativity' and performing them to the school and their adults.



We have also been learning all about Christmas traditions.

The children have been busy making cards, wrapping presents, making paper chains and even trying mince pies!

From all of the reception team,
we wish you a merry Christmas!



YEAR 1



The children should be SO proud of themselves for their performances in The Big Little Nativity. They sang their hearts out and looked super cute in their costumes!

We wish all of Year 1 a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We can't wait to see you in the new term when we will be learning even more! Our first topic is Around the World where we learn all about Antarctica and penguins! See you then 😊



YEAR 2

Year 2 have been spreading so much holiday cheer! Every morning, we have looked forward to seeing what our elf, Buddy has been up to in our class. Here is the most recent thing he has done:



Some of our favourite events from this term were National Poetry Day, Healthy Living Day, and Nativity! We are so proud of everyone involved in this year's nativity and already cannot wait for next year's!

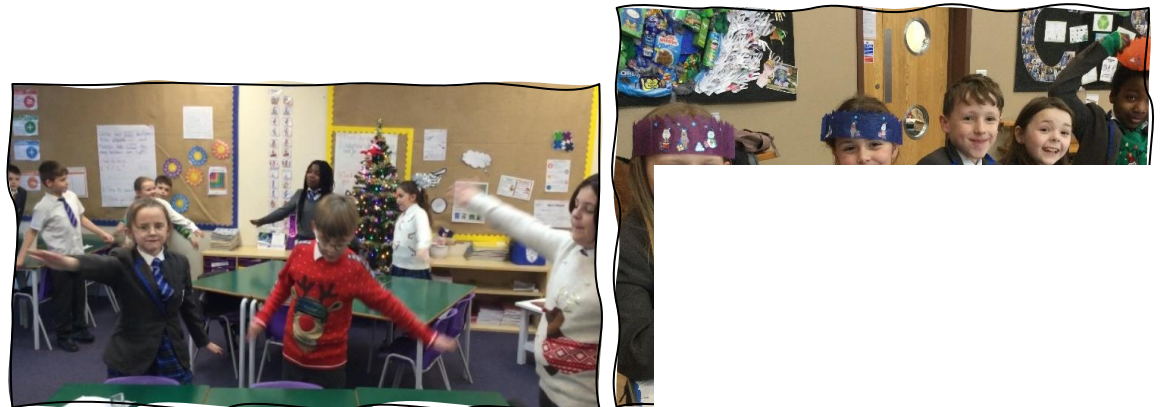
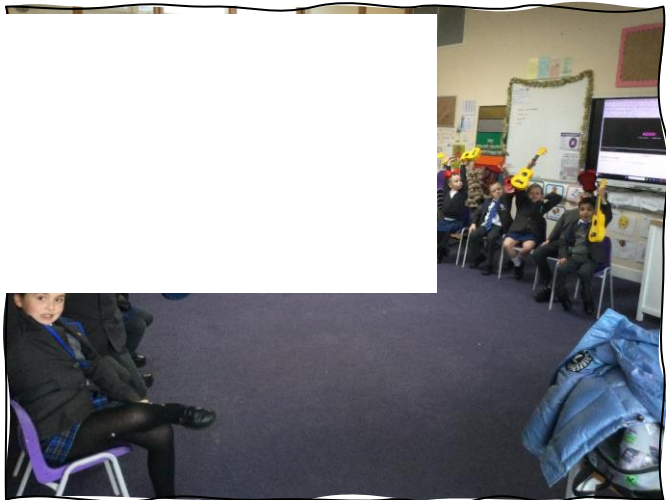


We have been set the challenge to make a Christmas paper chain that stretches the length of the classroom! Everyone in the class helped to make this chain and decorated it beautifully.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful term and are very much enjoying the run up to Christmas. We have loved going swimming every week. The children's confidence in the water has grown which is lovely to see. We celebrated our last session with a pool party! We have enjoyed writing to persuade based on the book Leon and the Place Between. We learnt how to exaggerate and use alliteration to make an advert rememberable. In reading, we have been exploring George's Marvelous Medicine. The children have loved this book and we've been in stitches of laughter many times! In maths we have started to learn the 4 times tables and how to multiply using arrays. We wrote and performed our own ballad in music and have been learning shapes and colours in French. On top of all of that, we've been squeezing in as much Young Voices practise as we can. A rest is very much a necessity before we do another fun term in the new year. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again in January!



YEAR 4

What an amazing term year four have had! We have learned so much and have settled into life being in Year Four.

We have done lots of learning like: drawing, making clay pots, writing persuasive letters, handball in P.E, deeping our reading comprehension, learning about teeth and the digestive system and making a soundscape for a story. Check out what we have been up to below:



Happy Christmas from
Year Four – see you in the
New Year!

We have also enjoyed lots of other events such as Children in Need, Healthy Living Day and a visit from Platform Rail. We also have been loving OPAL play

YEAR 5

We have had a fantastic Autumn term in Year 5 and have experienced some fantastic learning!



DRUMMING



BOXING WITH AN OLYMPIAN



RAIL SAFETY



PCSO VISIT

We can't wait for more fun and learning in the Spring Term.
Merry Christmas from Year 5



BASKETBALL



YOGA



Year 5

YEAR 6

This term has seen an amazing attitude to learning from inside the classroom to experiences outside the classroom.



As Readers, we have enjoyed engaging with Reader's theatre and scoring each other on our expression and volume, phrasing, smoothness and pace. We thoroughly enjoyed scoring each other to see if we were fluent readers. Thankfully, we all were.

As Mathematicians, we have been very resilient with long division. We are extremely looking forward to completing our fractions unit after Christmas.

Our favourite P.E has definitely been tag rugby and the corresponding dance lessons where we created our own Hakas. This allowed us to project our voice and actions to terrify our opponents.



As Geographers and Scientists, we have really enjoyed exploring our local environment for the signs of a temperate biome.

We have been very proud of ourselves this term, winning ourselves the attendance certificate multiple times. We will smash it again next term!

We are thoroughly looking forward to our well-deserved Christmas break and getting back after it to engage with even more enthralling, exciting, and enriching learning opportunities.

HEALTHY LIVING DAY



A huge thank you to Kaitlin Wise and Jay Powell for attending our Healthy Living Day on November, where the children had the chance to have a go at boxing!

PERDISWELL YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEISURE CLUB

Ages 8 - 11
Years
Welcome

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

HAF it!



Dates

Monday 23rd December: Christmas Party
(12pm - 4pm) £10.00 per child
supported by Platform Housing group

Tuesday 24th December: Treat Hamper & Activity Pack
(Haf Only)

Thursday 2nd January: Aladdin Pantomime at The
Swan Theatre
(12.00pm - 4.30pm) £12.00 per child

Friday 3rd January: Activity/Play Day
(10am - 3pm) £10.00 per child

Hot Food or Packed Lunch provided

If your Child/Children are entitled to HAF
please book via the HAF Worcestershire Website

Alternatively please phone or email Perdiswell for bookings



Perdiswell Park, Droitwich Road, Worcester
WR3 7SN

Tel: (01905 451372)

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Charity Number: 519825



ATTENDANCE



Year Group	Attendance
Reception	93.56%
Year 1	95.04%
Year 2	94.21%
Year 3	93.29%
Year 4	94.71%
Year 5	94.78%
Year 6	95.29%

Please remember that if your child(ren) are unwell and will not be attending school, please make sure you contact the school to inform them **each** day they are absent.

Swimming Wednesday 8th January.

For Year 2

Please return your consent form and pay on squid if you haven't already done so.



COMING UP IN JANUARY!

Year 3 Young Voices Monday 13th January



Year 5 Llanrug Residential 20th to 24th January



A link was sent out this week for you to complete the online medical consent form – if your child is attending could you please complete this asap. Thank you

Year 4 Trip to Malvern (via Train) Tuesday 21st January



Please return your consent form and pay on squid if you haven't already done so.

**PSCO's in school
Thursday 30th January**



Christmas Family Challenge

Your challenge is to embrace the great outdoors and PLAY.

You could try...
A festive walk

Building a den in the garden/nearby woods
Using natural objects to create potions

Going on a scavenger hunt
and many more!

Whatever you play, share it with us
by bringing in photos when we
return in January.

enjoy!



A huge well done to Gracie in Year 6 for her part in the dance competitions, where they all did amazing!

Worcester News 32
Wednesday December 11, 2024

Worcester Sport

www.worcesternews.co.uk/sport email: sport@worcesternews.co.uk

TROPHIES GALORE

Plenty of success in first year of contests

Theo Gardner

ODDSTEPPERZ - a dance school in Worcester - have enjoyed great success in their first year of entering dance competitions.

The dance school is based at The Green Hub (Community Centre) on Gresham Road in Worcester. It has been running for five years, delivering sessions for adults and children - as well as after-school sessions at schools around Worcester. The styles offered at Oddstepperz are breaking, popping, locking and hip hop.

This year marked the first time that the dance school has entered into competitions.

The first competition for the school was the Innovate Dance Challenge in June, the group walked away with a healthy 16 trophies.

However, they went even better at their most recent competition earlier this month.

On December 1, they competed in Audacity - a street dance competition. In total, the side walked away with 20 trophies, as well as a number of wild cards, which sees them move on to the championships.

The girls' under-12 hip hop and locking group category saw a third-placed finish, while in the kid's under-12 category the team finished in first place.

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SUCCESS: Oddstepperz had a great performance at Audacity street dance competition - taking home 20 awards. Image: Oddstepperz

DANCE

Dance school celebrates trophies haul

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They also picked up a silver in the boy's under-16 category, a gold in the mixed under-16s and another first-place in the teen under-18 category.

The same team that picked up gold in the mixed under-16 category also won team of the day for achieving straight 10s across the board.

Ellis Morse, won Dancer of the Day, while Guilherme Santos took home the Champion of Champions trophy.

In solo competition, the team picked up gold medals in the under-12 competition, the under-18 competition, and a pair of first-placed finishes in the under-14 competition.

There were also silver medals in the under-8 and under-12 competitions.

Finally, Oddstepperz dance company won the sportsmanship award.

The dance company, ran by director Daryl Curtis and team manager Charlotte Jones, can now look forward to a number of Championship appearances on the horizon.

'SNOW' MUCH FUN!

SEARCH

Find and circle the words in the grid. Look for them in all directions, including backwards and diagonally.

B	D	G	I	R	J	A	F	E	H
O	X	L	I	R	R	B	T	W	K
Z	S	R	O	C	F	A	T	I	V
M	E	O	T	C	N	O	M	N	E
D	K	I	L	R	L	L	X	T	G
I	C	E	E	S	S	R	A	E	B
L	K	B	U	E	T	S	V	R	W
M	I	G	R	A	T	I	O	N	O
H	H	A	A	J	Y	Y	C	H	N
D	H	E	B	A	A	L	N	E	S

ARCTIC
BEARS
COLD
FOX

HARE
HIBERNATE
ICE
MIGRATION

SNOW
SOLSTICE
WINTER



See you all on Monday
6th January!

WHO'S WHO IN SCHOOL 2024/25?

MR PRIGG : HEAD TEACHER

MRS FINNEGAN : DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL

MRS V SMITH : SENCO

OFFICE : MISS WALTERS & MRS RANSCOMBE

MRS HAWKES : NURSERY MANAGER TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS ARANYOSI

MISS HEMMING : RECEPTION TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANTS : MRS NEWTON-SMITH, MISS SMITH & MRS BEGUM

MISS L JONES : YEAR 1 TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANTS : MISS BURNHAM

MISS K JONES : YEAR 2 TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS HOLLAND & MRS KENWRICK

MISS EAST : YEAR 3 TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS L RICE

MS FERGUSON : YEAR 4 TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANT : MRS AKHTER, MISS J JONES & MR TEAL

MISS WALL : YEAR 5 TEACHER HLTA : MRS BECK

MR COX : YEAR 6 TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS PARKES

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS: MRS J JONES, MRS PEGRAM, MISS LORD & MR JEFFERIES

CARETAKER: MR JEFFRIES