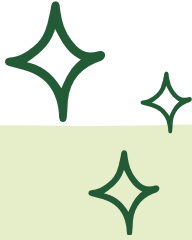




SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 7

6TH DECEMBER



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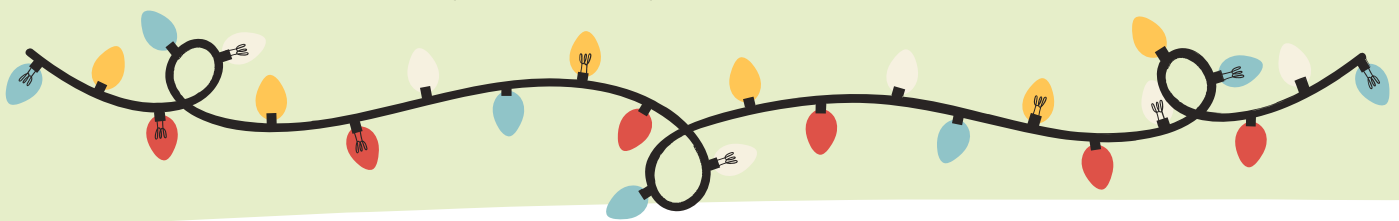
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We're kicking off our holiday festivities this afternoon with the much-anticipated Winter Fair, happening right after school today.

Our annual Pines Christmas Celebration Day will take place on the penultimate day of term, Thursday 19th December. On this day, everyone is invited to wear festive jumpers or festive tops (while the rest of the uniform remains unchanged). We'll also be celebrating with our Christmas dinner with decorations, music and of course, crackers. Christmas dinner can be booked through the Innovate website. Please note that the deadline for ordering Christmas dinner is Saturday 14th December, as we cannot accommodate orders on the day itself.

The catering team, IFG, are hosting a "Design a Placemat" competition for ALL children. The placemats will be created at school and judged on Christmas Dinner Day. The Prize was very kindly donated by Harriets Tea Rooms.

Additionally, we're eagerly anticipating the delightful nativity plays from our wonderful KS1 and Reception classes in the final weeks of term. The school is currently filled with the sound of beautiful singing, so those attending are in for a true festive treat!



SCHOOL COUNCIL



Our school council recently had the pleasure of welcoming our School Chef, Trina, and Ryan, a representative from Innovate. They took the time to listen to the children's ideas and suggestions for improving school lunches. The council was particularly excited about exploring a variety of world cuisines, with sushi emerging as a standout favorite. During the discussion, the team brainstormed ideas for upcoming theme days and explored the possibility of organizing taster sessions for both parents and children. We are eager to see how these plans unfold in the near future.

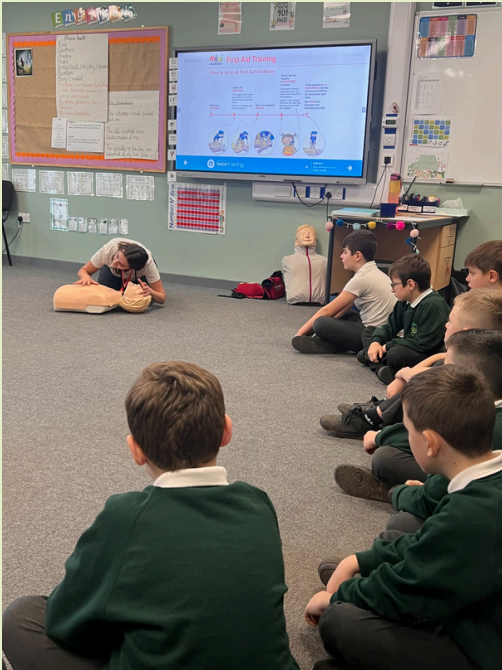
REAL LIFE HEROES

Hedgehog class has had an incredible week filled with visits from various community helpers as part of their learning about the people who support us. Mrs. Piper shared her experiences as a veterinary nurse, inspiring the children to engage in imaginative play with animals. Our community police officers also visited, explaining their role in helping others and teaching the children what to do in case they ever need to contact the police. Finally, today we welcomed Mr. Brown, who captivated the class with his insights into the life of a paramedic.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who took the time to share their knowledge and experiences, creating these invaluable learning opportunities for the children



OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS...



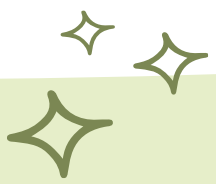
This week, our Year 5 and 6 students participated in a comprehensive first aid training session. They learned essential skills, including resuscitation techniques, how to respond to choking, and practising the recovery position. Additionally, they gained valuable insights into the significance of first aid skills and how to effectively respond in various emergency situations. We were impressed by their engaging questions and their eagerness to learn and practice new skills. Our values of Citizenship, Critical Thinking and Communication were clearly demonstrated throughout both sessions.

ROCKET PHONICS

On Friday, the entire staff team participated in a full day of training on our new phonics scheme, Rocket Phonics. This approach builds on the foundation of our previous Pines programme, while offering a closer alignment with our current phonetically decodable reading scheme.

In the coming terms, we will be providing parents with more detailed information. In the meantime, a parent guide, along with helpful pronunciation videos, can be found [here](#)





LIBRARY BOOKS

We politely ask that all children return their library books before the end of next week so that the library can be organised and replenished. If you are unsure if your child has an outstanding library book, please contact the office and they can advise you.



Y6 BAKE SALE RAISED - £301

Thank you to everyone that donated baked good for Y6 to sell and to everyone that purchased a yummy treat



TERM DATES 2025/2026

Term dates are now on the [website](#) and MCAS for 2025/2026



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**



OPAL PLAY

Since starting our OPAL journey the children have been voting for different areas they would like in our outdoor area.

The areas with the most votes were Den Building, small world and dressing up..

To help launch this we are asking for specific donations of
-Lego.

-Tool boxes and plastic crates.

-Any hard small plastic toys like animals or people that can be used for small world.

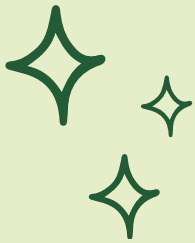
-Scarves, hats, gloves, shoes and any large pieces of material for dressing up(no character costumes).

-Rope or tarpaulin and outdoor equipment.



Please see this 2minute video which shows OPAL play in action

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=XZFRMY9TUCM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZFRMY9TUCM)



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WINTER FAIR

Experience the joy of the season with a delightful array of games, treats, and entertainment for the whole family

6TH DECEMBER

3:30-5:00


Free entry
Game cards to play games £3
Raffle, drinks, snacks and cakes for purchase will be available.







DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



6th
Dec

3.30 - 5pm PFA Christmas Fair

11th &
12th Dec

Reception Nativity

17th &
18th Dec

Y1 & Y2 Nativity Performance

19th
Dec

Christmas Dinner Day
Christmas Jumper Day

20th
Dec

Last day of term

6th
Jan

PD Day - No pupils on site

8th
Jan

Y2 Trip to Duxford

