



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 8

## 20TH DECEMBER



‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

As we look towards the end of term we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a great holiday season filled with wonderful memories and happy times. The children will return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We would like to say a huge thanks to everyone who came, donated and helped make the PFA Winter Fest a huge success. A special thank you is due to the fabulous PFA who worked tirelessly before, during and after to create such a wonderful event for our school community as well as raising much needed funds to support The Pines. They managed to raise in excess of £500





# FATHER CHRISTMAS

We're excited to hear that our pioneers are eagerly anticipating some Christmas surprises that may soon come down the chimney on the 25th! This is also a great opportunity to remind everyone that toys of any kind are not permitted in school, as there is a risk of them being lost or damaged.

Additionally, please note that smartwatches (such as Apple Watches and certain Fitbits) are also prohibited under our E-Safety policy. If these devices allow for calls, messages, or photos, they are classified as mobile devices.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

# SAD FAREWELL

In January, we will be bidding a heartfelt farewell to Steph Lawrence, our Pre-School Manager. After five years of dedicated leadership and success in guiding our Pine Cones provision, Steph is moving on to pursue a career in the NHS. We wish her all the best as she embarks on this exciting new chapter



# HAMPERS



Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of your donations, we were not only able to provide hampers to families in need, but we also had enough treats to donate the remaining items to the Lightwave Foodbank. This donation will further support families in our local community. Once again, we deeply appreciate your kind contributions.



This term Miss Saunders and Mrs Scott have worked hard to get OPAL up and rolling during our lunchtimes. Thank you so much for all your kind donations and helping it to happen.

We now have den building, tyre play, Arts and crafts and small world. The children have already shown brilliant team work and communication skills. It has been a joy to see how engaged they are.

In January we have expanded our play team with some Play Detectives. These children will be responsible for spotting good examples of play and choosing the class for the best tidying up. Each week a different class will be chosen for the 'Golden Broom Award'. This group of children will also be our OPAL reporters and be able to share with you the wonderful developments with OPAL.

These children are:



# AN UPDATE FROM OUR CEO



As CEO of Anglian Learning, the multi-academy Trust which supports your child/ren's school, I would like to share some key highlights of the work Anglian Learning has undertaken in the last few months. These activities have benefitted our pupils, workforce and communities of our Trust.

As a large school trust, we received £1.8 million in government funding to enhance the condition of our schools. While this does not meet all our needs, it has allowed us to prioritise health and safety improvements, essential repairs and the energy efficiency of our buildings. A major piece of work was the installation of solar panels across all our schools, reducing energy costs and our carbon footprint. The money saved can be allocated to other areas for the education of our young people.

Other important areas we have focused on include:

- Strengthening our IT infrastructure to protect against cyber attacks
  - Reviewing safeguarding in all schools
- Introducing a Teaching and Learning Framework that sets out the principles of excellent classroom teaching to be adopted by each school
- Hosting leadership conferences for headteachers and deputy headteachers on creating strong teams, supporting positive relationships with pupils and much more
- Starting our 'Belonging by Design' strategy to improve pupil attendance, SEND support and mental health, supported by the funding we have received from Cambridgeshire and Suffolk Local Authorities.



Finally, in November, we celebrated our secondary school pupils' creativity with the Platform 24 art exhibition at The Michaelhouse Café. The exhibition featured inspiring work from our talented KS3, KS4 pupils and A Level students.

I wish all families a restful break and thank you for your continued support as we work to transform education together. For more information on our Trust's activities, please visit our website [www.anglianlearning.org](http://www.anglianlearning.org), or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Jonathan Culpin, CEO





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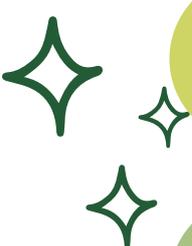
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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



20th  
Dec

Last day of term

6th  
Jan

PD Day - No pupils on site

8th  
Jan

Y2 Trip to Duxford

21st  
Jan

Wonderdome Visiting Reception &

17th  
Feb

Half Term

