

## Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Headteacher's comments

I can't believe how quickly this term has gone. I am immensely proud of all of the children who have worked so hard.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the festive activities planned this week. Please ensure you have looked through the dates for next term and ensure you have them in your diaries.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Laura Fielding

#### Parents lunch

We are continuing our parent lunch sessions this year. Please check the diary for the date of your child's class and ensure you book your lunch on Arbor (School Shop) by the Friday before so we can cater for the right numbers. Thank you!

#### *Dates for the diary- Parent lunches!*

21<sup>st</sup> January- Clovers

4<sup>th</sup> February- Iris

11<sup>th</sup> February- Lily

4<sup>th</sup> March- Poppy

11<sup>th</sup> March- Daisy

22<sup>nd</sup> April- Butterfly

29<sup>th</sup> April- Caterpillar

#### Christmas Fayre

Thank you so much for all of your support for the Christmas Fayre. We raised an astonishing £640. We would like to give a special thank you to Liz Roberts and Sarah Bage, our PTA representatives for all their hard work.

#### Christmas Decoration Day

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came and participated in our annual Christmas decorations day.



**Christmas Lunch**

A huge thank you to our cook Mrs Hardy and the catering staff for cooking our Christmas Lunch, we had crackers, music and Christmas jumpers!



**Progress report to parents**

At the end of each half-term, parents will receive a progress report for their child. This is showing where your child is predicted to be at the end of the academic year. If you would like to discuss this further with your child’s class teacher, please book an appointment with them in the new year.

**Car park**

A reminder that the car park has limited space and only those who have successfully applied for a parking permit are able to park or drive onto site. This is for health and safety reasons. The permits will be allocated on a need basis and in accordance with how many spaces we have available. Please may I also ask that you do not park in the disabled bay unless you have a disability badge and a valid permit. At no point should anyone park in the fire evacuation point which is now coned off. The permits will be renewed on a termly basis.

**A Virtual Visit from Santa!**

Santa paid our school a special visit this week via TEAMS! The children were so excited to see him online. It was a fun and magical moment that brought Christmas cheer to everyone.



## Clubs

The clubs for next term will go live on Arbor on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Please see below the clubs we have available:

Monday: Construction 15:15-16:00 (£3.50 per week)

Tuesday: Arts and Crafts 15:15-16:00 (£3.50 per week)

Wednesday: Board Games 15:15-16:00 (£2 per week)

Thursday: Makaton 15:15-16:00 (Free)

Active Play Education are also running their own clubs, please keep an eye out for clubs they are running, please book these via Active Play Education.

## Dates for your diary

5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET day- school closed to children
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term starts for children
7 <sup>th</sup> January	SEND coffee drop in 1430
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Year Two learn with parents- maths @1100-1200
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception learn with parents- maths @1100-1200
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Year One learn with parents- maths @1100-1200
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Clovers parent lunch
<b>February 2026</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Iris parent lunch
11 <sup>th</sup> February	SEND coffee drop in 1430
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Lily parent lunch
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Progress report home to parents
14 <sup>th</sup> February	APDR deadline
16 <sup>th</sup> February-20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children back in school
<b>March 2026</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents evening 1530-1730
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening 1530-1800
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Poppy parent lunch
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book day
11 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND coffee drop in 1430
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Daisy parent lunch
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 1 dress rehearsal to the school
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 production to parents 1400
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 production to parents 1400
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Progress report home to parents
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring term

## What have the children been learning?

### **Nursery/ Pre-school**

The children have been enjoying using snow dough to create snowmen, chalk to decorate our gingerbread house and craft supplies to create and decorate our very own Christmas tree.

### **Reception**

This week the children performed their Christmas nativity. They were so brave saying their words on the stage and sang their songs beautifully with all of their actions. The children have created a 'five frame' of ingredients and have scooped, sprinkled and poured to make a bag of reindeer food for Christmas Eve! They have been involved in lots of Christmas based activities in the provision and enjoyed a fun filled party. It's been a great way to end a busy term.

### **Year One**

In Writing, we wrote letters to Father Christmas, carefully thinking about what we would like to ask for and practising our letter-writing skills.

In Maths, we completed our topic on shapes, where we compared and named different 2D and 3D shapes. We also enjoyed some Christmas-themed maths investigations, including *dressing the elves*, which helped us apply our maths skills in a fun and festive way.

We also enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts, such as making decorations and creating our own Christmas cards for special people in our lives.

Across our wider curriculum, we completed our topics in each subject. We learned about local history, explored different artists who use line in their artwork, and in science we learned about animals and their needs. Perhaps you could ask your child to tell you a fact they have learned about animals!

To finish off our festive fortnight, we had a fantastic time at our Christmas party, playing games, dancing, and enjoying some delicious party food together.

### **Year Two**

We have had a very busy time in Year 2! In English we have been doing lots of Christmas themed writing, including Winter acrostic poems, expanded noun phrases to describe Christmassy pictures and instructions for Christmas baking! In Maths we have worked hard on 2D and 3D shapes. We finished our Ferris Wheel designs in DT and they looked brilliant! We have all had such a fantastic term and look forward to more learning in the New Year!

### **Clover, Iris and Lily**

In Iris and Clover class we have been telling sensory stories linked to journeys. Iris class have enjoyed the story 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels', where they made the sound of the bicycle bell and used water and soap to wash the bike. Clover class enjoyed 'The Lion on the Bus' story where different wild animals travel on the bus. The children enjoyed playing with the toy bus as well as painting a red bus and exploring wild animals in gloop during messy play. In Lily class they have enjoyed the story of the 'Rainbow Fish' about friendship. They have also explored different sensory experiences with water beads and wet sand.