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# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We we are all  
Maths writers ...



## Newsletter

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### Christmas Fair

Please don't forget that tomorrow is our PTA Christmas Fair from 12.00p.m.—2.00p.m. at AF.

A whole host of stalls and food to tempt you to spend your money. Our choir will be regaling us with a few songs, a plethora of games, food to keep you warm, Tombola and raffle etc etc.

This year, each year group is going head to head in an enterprise competition and they have come up with different ideas to try and make as much money as possible—The year group that makes the most money from their 'enterprise' wins!

A lovely way to spend a couple of hours. Please pop along if you can.



Assembly Theme for WB: 2/12/24—Advent

### Term Dates

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January— Christmas Holiday.

(Please also see school online calendar and school website)

### Diary Dates

**Saturday 30th November - 12.00p.m.—2.00p.m.—  
Christmas Fair @ AF**

Monday 2nd December—Flu Immunisations for children @ AF.

Friday 6th December - Terrific Tree Challenge Entries— Non Uniform Day

Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th—EYFS Nativity 'The Honky Tonky Donky' 10.00a.m. @ AF.

Tuesday 10th December—EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Lunch.

Wednesday 11th December—2.30p.m. @ AF—Year 1 Christmas Songs to parents @ AF.

Thursday 12th December—Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch.

Friday 13th December—9.00a.m. @ AF—Year 1 Christmas Songs to parents.

Monday 17th December @ 10.00a.m., Tuesday 18th December @ 1.45p.m. & Thursday 19th December @ 1.45p.m.—Year 2 Production @ T— Our Happy Christmas.

Friday 20th December—Year 2 Pyjama Day.

**Please keep an eye on the school's website calendar for dates/times relating to Christmas.**

### Rights Respecting Schools

**Article 2** (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

### Year 5—Stargazing

Huge thanks to Mr. Bates yesterday evening for waxing lyrical and talking us through some of the planets that could be seen from the school playground as well as some of the stars and constellations.

Mr. Bates talked about Pegasus and The Big Dipper as well as showing us where Jupiter and Saturn were.

Most specifically and very important as we approach Christmas—Mr. Bates showed us that two of the stars on the end of the 'Big Dipper' point to Polaris, or the North Star and this is very important because it's where Father Christmas comes from.



### Year 6 Squash

Really well done to some of our Year 6 children who were chosen last week to go and represent the school in a squash tournament at the Garrison.

It's never easy, going from playing against a net to a full size court but the children were amazing and gave their all. We didn't win—but what an experience!

If some children have gained an interest from their experience, then the club is just up the road...

<https://www.offthewallsquash.co.uk/>



### Primary School Admissions

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 4 November 2024 for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2025.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admission](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admission)

### Year 2 Visit to St Botolph's

On Tuesday, our Year 2 children visited St Botolph's Church. Whilst there, the children learnt about:

- the Nativity story - through decorating a Christmas tree

- the importance of light - linked to lighting candles every week in December to represent hope, peace, joy and love.

-and that Christian's believe that Jesus is the light of the world.



### Ian McMeekan

Many of our children and parents will be aware that Ian McMeekan has been a big part of our school life for a significant numbers of years and has been instrumental in creating links between the School and the Rotary Club—'Pinkie Purple Day, Crocus Bulbs, Finger Puppets, Dictionaries, Handwriting Competition.'

Very sadly, Ian has had a stroke and a subsequent operation. He is now recovering well but won't be in and around school for a bit.

The School has already passed on it's wishes for a speedy recovery but if any children want to draw or send something to Mr McMeekan, we will make sure it's passed on.



Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term— Celebrating Difference

The **Big** Question for the Autumn Term Assessment Period — Where are my Roots?

### Community Cupboard

Please remember—If you are in a stronger position financially and do feel you may be able to support, any donations of tinned food, toiletries, pasta (sauce) rice, biscuits, etc., would be so much appreciated for our families that are struggling.

Every little bit does make a huge difference.

Thank you.

### Awards

STAR— Amelia (MM), CHARIOT— Chloe (MM), JUMBO— Max (MLM) & Makai (MM).

EAGLES— Urwa (MM), ROSES— Charlie (RREX), CIRCUS— George (MM).

MERCURY— Zuva (RREX), CLAUDIUS— Kiare (MM), ROMANS— Mila (MM).

DUTCH— Harrison (MM), ICENI— Isaac (RROX), PAXMAN— Joshua (RROX)

CASTLE— Scarlett (MM), GARRISON— Isabel (MLM), CAVALIER— Daisy (MM).

OYSTERS— Ellis (CC), RAEDWALD— Alfred (RREX) & William (MLM), MAGNETS— Logan (RREX).

TRINOVANTES— Amr (CC), CYMBELINE— Ellis (RROX), LATHES— Zariana (MM).

ATTENDANCE— Mercury

### Breakfast Club Assistant & Mid Day Assistant Vacancy

5 days per week

6.25 hours per week

1.25 hours per day

Not contracted for non-pupil days

Scale 2 point 3

£3,386.07pa

£282.17 per month

For details and an application form please contact either School Office.

### Flu

Our school is booked to have the Flu Vaccination at our Abbey Field Site on Monday 2nd December. Years Reception, Yr 1, Yr 5 and Yr 6 children will be given the flu vaccine if you have booked direct.

An email has been sent to all parents with children in EYFS, Yr 1, 5 & 6. Please follow the link to complete the consent form.

### Kingswood (Year 5)

Year 5, Please remember that the first payment of £70 is due by Friday 6th December.

As always and as was said in the initial meetings—the best way to do this is little and often.



As you grow older, your Christmas list gets smaller and the things you really want for the holidays can't be bought.



# XMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

AT

ABBEY FIELD SITE

12 NOON – 2.00 P.M.

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YEARS 2/3/4 - CHOIR PERFORMING AT 1.00 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS (HOT FOOD)/DRINKS/SNACKS

CAKE/SWEETS

TOMBOLAS

RAFFLE

BRIC A BRAC/ BOOK STALL

YEAR GROUP STALLS

GAMES/CRAFTS

SURPRISES .....

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# Christmas

## Wreath making workshop

*Let's spend a fun afternoon learning how to make  
homemade Christmas Wreaths.*

**Saturday 7th December**

From 2.30pm to 4.30 pm

Abbey Field site

**£15 per wreath**

*Please pay at either office by Friday 6th December*

Whats included: A wreath ring, wire, moss and foliage

What you need to bring: Strong scissors or secateurs and anything you would like to personalise your wreath with..... decorations, ribbons, baubles etc

Bring snacks & nibbles, no alcohol allowed as this is a family event.

