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We we are all  
Maths writers ...



## Newsletter

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Quite frankly I'm amazed we've got through this week—there's been so many brilliant things going on in school as we well and truly get into the Christmas Spirit. I cannot thank the staff enough for all their effort and enthusiasm for bringing some wonderful Christmas-massey things together for the children.

Please don't forget that Monday is our Christmas Dress Up Day and children (and staff) can come to school dressed as Christmas as they like.

Eight more sleeps until Christmas!

### Tickled Pink Pantomime—The Wizard of Oz

Huge thanks to the PTA for paying for a Christmas Pantomime for all the children on Monday.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road we most definitely did as 'Tickled Pink Productions' regaled the children with Dorothy's adventures as she went to find the wizard—meeting on the way, a scarecrow, a tin man and a lion.

The great thing about 'Tickled Pink Productions' is that they involve the children as well, so in both performances we had children up on the stage dazzling us all with their acting talents.

A great way to start the week and as always, our thanks to the PTA for paying for this Christmas Treat for all our children.



### EYFS—A Bundle of Joy

How amazingly did our EYFS children do this week as they dazzled us with their Christmas Production?

Only 4 years old and yet they all did brilliantly as they sang and walked around the school hall very much creating a very festive atmosphere.



A huge thanks to all the parents for coming along and supporting so brilliantly and to all the EYFS staff—who did magnificently in bringing it all together.

Seeing Is Believing. But, Sometimes, The Most Real Things In The World Are The Things We Can't See

THE CONDUCTOR

EVERYDAY POWER

### Year 5—Kingswood Residential

Please remember that the £70 deposit for Kingswood (the Year 6 Residential) is now overdue. Many thanks.

### Awards

- STAR— Whole Class (CC), CHARIOT—Tommy (MM), JUMBO—Olivia (RREX).
- EAGLES— Henrik (RREX), ROSES— Elle (RROX), CIRCUS— Noah (RROX).
- MERCURY— Whole Class, CLAUDIUS—Whole Class, ROMANS— Sofia (MM).
- DUTCH— Max (CC), ICENI— Thomas (MM), PAXMAN— Kane (RREX).
- CASTLE— Cher (RREX), GARRISON—Anna (RREX), CAVALIER— Emilie (CC).
- OYSTERS— Erica (RROX), RAEDWALD—Whole Class (MM), MAGNETS— Aidan & Holly (MLM).
- TRINOVANTES— Phoebe (CC), CYMBELINE— Oscar (MM), LATHES— Layla (MM).
- ATTENDANCE— Roses & Romans

### Christmas Dinner

Huge thanks to Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Blackery and our catering team for both dazzling (and feeding) us with our Christmas Dinners this week.



Thanks as well to our PTA who made sure that every child in the school had a festive cracker to help the meal go off with a bang!

### 25 days of LEGO CHRISTMAS BUILDING IDEAS

- Build a Christmas Tree
- Build a Candy Cane
- Build a Wreath
- Make an Ornament
- Build a Santa
- Build Santa's Hat
- Build a Sleigh or Slot
- Build a Reindeer
- Build a Snowy Scene
- Build a Christmas Scene
- Build Presents
- Build an Elf
- Make Another Ornament
- Build a Stocking
- Build a Fireplace
- Build a Gingerbread Man
- Build a Gingerbread House
- Build a Snowman
- Make Another Ornament
- Build a Star
- Build a Chimney
- Build an Angel
- Build a Candle
- Build a Plate of Cookies
- Build a Christmas Nymph
- Build a Plane for Santa
- Make Another Ornament
- Build a Truck for Santa
- Build a Family Scene

### Lego Club

Really well done to our two Lego Club groups, led by Mr. Payne and Miss. Longmate who have been being busy creating some superb Lego models this term. And if you fancy a challenge over the Christmas Break—some festive Lego building ideas!



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### Term Dates

Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term  
Thursday 4th January—First Day of Spring Term  
Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February—Half Term  
Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Break.

### Diary Dates

Monday 18th December—Christmas Dress Up Day—Come to school as Christmas as they like  
Monday 18th December @ 2.15p.m.—Year 1 Christmas Songs to Parents

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—  
Celebrating Difference

### 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.

Assembly Theme for WB: 18/12/2023— The Christmas Story

Please remember that the closing date for Reception Admissions is 15th January 2024.

### Year 2 - Our Happy Christmas

The singing from our Year 2 children was just sublime as they told us a Christmas Story that reminded us of the meaning of Christmas.



As well as the signing, decorations and acting, they also threw in a Christmas joke or two...

How do Christmas Trees get themselves ready for a party?

They spruce themselves up.



Really well done to all our Year 2 children and my thanks to all the staff—who brought it all together for a lovely Christmas experience.

### Year 4 Danbury

Just a reminder that the next Danbury Payment of £25 is due on Wednesday 20th December. Sorry about that!



### EYFS & Year 1—Polar Express

Our EYFS and Year 1 children have finished off today their two week unit of work on the Polar Express.



Over the last few weeks, they have been immersing themselves in the story and learning their different curriculum subjects through the story. Trains have been made, stories written and maths challenges completed as well as some hot chocolate drunk.

Today, all the children (and staff) came to school in their pyjamas to board the Polar Express in their journey to the North Pole - once they'd got their ticket of course.

