

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN



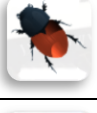




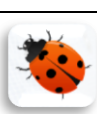
## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

DATE: FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023



Good morning,  
It's hard to believe we're at the end of week 5 - this half term is certainly flying by!  
Next week, the children will be completing their end of term assessments. It is important that they are in school to do these as it gives us a good understanding of how they are progressing in their year group. Unless they are ill, please ensure they are in school on time. Alongside the assessments, the rehearsals for the Christmas Performances begin for Y2 and KS2 next week. EYFS and Y1 have already begun practising their performance so please make sure you have got your tickets from the class teachers. The Y2 and KS2 performance will be in the church on the final Thursday. Tickets are not required but, as always, please ensure you are there early for a good seat and don't block the aisles. On Wednesday, we'll have Christmas Jumper Day so that we feel as festive as possible when eating our Christmas Lunch. On the same day, we also have our second reading for pleasure event where the children who have returned their slips will either have a story with Santa (EYFS & KSI) or Christmas stories with their teachers after school. This will certainly get us all in the Christmas spirit.  
And finally, the PTFA have braved the elements this week to sell tickets for their Christmas Disco. Priced at £1.50 they are a bargain so please go and see them in the main playground at the end of each day. The disco takes place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and all money raised goes towards activities for the children.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLASS TEACHERS

CLASS		TEACHERS	THEIR MESSAGE TO YOU
NURSERY		MISS MURPHY & MRS LARQUE	Nursery have had a very exciting week where we have begun our nativity rehearsals and have been learning all about Advent in RE. We have also had a workshop in the Parish Hall all about People who Help us, where the children have so enjoyed dressing up and roleplaying in the community. Please be aware that the final Forest School session is on Wednesday. Have a fab weekend!
RECEPTION		MRS HICKMAN & MRS JONES	Well done for a fantastic week! We have been busy practising our Nativity songs, enjoyed a great Forest School session and had an amazing time exploring our topic of All about me at little Dots Play Village (role play workshop)! If you are providing a costume for the Nativity, please bring them in on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (next week) at the latest. Thank you 😊
YEAR 1		MR ABNETT, MISS CASHMORE & MR FALLOWS	We have had a fantastic week in Year 1. We have been so impressed with the children learning their lines for our nativity! Keep it up! Please keep going on Numbots and logging on Go-Read!
YEAR 2		MISS ELLIOT & MRS BARNETT	The children have been busy practising the songs for the Christmas performance as well as working hard in the lessons. Please read the letter sent out on Wednesday to see who your child will be dressing up as and whether you need to provide part of a costume. Thank you for your continued support.
YEAR 3		MR MCNAMARA & MRS DECADES	Well done to year 3 for a fantastic week. Our foundation focus has been on forces and magnets and the children have loved exploring this. Keep up the good work.
YEAR 4		MR CLEWER & MRS HAWKINS	Well done for a fabulous week and assembly Year 4, remember to keep practicing the songs for the nativity!
YEAR 5		MISS NEVILLE, MRS EDGINGTON & MR LAHERT	A truly fantastic week for Year 5 - we have been so proud of their behaviour and attitude this week. Please remind your children to go to their files to practise the Christmas songs for our performance on 21 <sup>st</sup> . Aside from TTRS and reading, this is the only homework they have now so let's make the performance amazing by putting in the effort now!
YEAR 6		MISS MAPOTHER, MS ELSBY-ARNOLD & MISS PLANT	Year 6 you have shown good enthusiasm in our science topic this week all about light, well done! Just a reminder that we will be learning and rehearsing the songs for the Christmas performance a lot more next week so please practise them at home as they are in your files! Have a good weekend!
DAILY ACTIVE & AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS		MR READ	I want to sincerely thank all the kids who came to my after-school clubs this week. Their overall behaviour has been overwhelming. Well done all!















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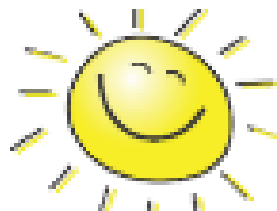
DATE	CLASSES	EVENT
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir, Sign and Ukulele	Sing, sign and strum concert – 3.45pm in the hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December		Stories with Santa & KS2 Christmas Stories After School Event – please note, you needed to have brought your forms back to attend this event after school.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		Advent Retreat Day with One Life Music
		Advent charitable giving – PTFA – please wear your Christmas clothes and bring in £1 to help support our amazing PTFA. Remember, all the money goes towards helping them organise events for our children.

## FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Week	DATE	EVENT
7	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	 EYFS Nativity (afternoon – 2pm) – <b>PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS</b>
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	 EYFS Nativity (morning – 9am) – <b>PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS</b>
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	 PTFA Christmas Disco (3.45 – 4.45pm) <b>TICKETS ONLY. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!</b>
		 EYFS & Y1 Theatre trip – Red Riding Hood @ Birmingham Rep
		 Whole school mass in church @ 10am – <b>Year 5</b> will be leading the readings and prayers* (*may be subject to change by Father Gary)
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	 An evening of Cards @ St Thomas Aquinas – 5.00PM – 6.30pm
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	 Advent charitable giving – Anawim Women's Charity – please bring in £1 for this amazing charity and wear your own clothes as a thank you for your kindness.
 Break up for the Christmas Holidays @ 1.00pm		
Spring 1		
1	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Teacher training day
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	 Children return to school @ 8.30am
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	 Years 2 – 6 Theatre trip – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe @ Birmingham Rep
3	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	 Gymnastic festival for Year 1 timings TBC (Your child will be given a letter if they are involved in the festival)
4	All week	 National Storytelling Week
5	All Week	 Safer Internet Week
	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	 Break up for the half term holidays at 1.00pm

HAVE A FABULOUS WEEKEND!  
MR CARROLL AND MISS NEVILLE





# Our librarian's book recommendations



We have a fantastic team of librarians in school who work tirelessly in the library. Of course, one of the most important roles for them is to read – something we are all passionate about. They have all chosen a book from the library and produced a review, to help inspire other children to read their book.

Each week, we'll highlight two of their book recommendations for you so you can talk about them with your child. Simply scan the QR code below to read and listen to what they have to say about their chosen books.



## Advent Stories

Have you been reading the daily Advent stories with your children?

They provide the perfect opportunity to sit down and enjoy a good story together.

Plus, this counts towards your daily reading AND you can receive an additional 2 housepoints if you tell Miss Neville about it!

Keep an eye out for the Advent Stories and Prayers message on your School App.

## Why read for 20 minutes every day?

Child A	Child B	Child C
Reads <b>20 minutes</b> per day	Reads <b>5 minutes</b> per day	Reads <b>1 minute</b> per day
Hears <b>1,800,000</b> words per year	Hears <b>282,000</b> words per year	Hears <b>8,000</b> words per year



# NEWS

The PTFA have been working incredibly hard organizing different Christmas events for the children for the end of half term and we are very grateful for the time and support they are offering the school.

## Christmas Disco

The PTFA Christmas Disco takes place on  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 3.45pm - 4.45pm in the school hall.  
Tickets will be on sale from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, priced at £1.50 per child.  
*Tickets prices include admission, a drink and a cookie.*



To purchase tickets, please see a member of the PTFA in the main playground.  
Please note, ALL children MUST be accompanied by an adult to the event.  
*Children will not be admitted without an accompanying adult for safeguarding reasons.*

In addition to the Christmas Disco, the PTFA will also be supporting the school Christmas Stories event on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

The PTFA will also be treating all the children to a little surprise on the final day of half term - the perfect way to start the Christmas Holidays!

We thank them all for their support as we know it makes a huge difference to the children of our school!