

BUNNY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher update

I can hardly believe that we have only 1 more week at school before we finish for the Christmas break. This term has been jam packed with educational visits, incredible learning, new staff and sports festivals. It has flown by and everyone is very ready for a well deserved break. Before we finish though, we have a final week full of lots of super activities.

Next week it's our whole school nativity that we perform each year at St Mary's church. It's on **Tuesday evening at 6pm** and **Wednesday morning at 9.30am**. All classes are involved and it really is a special event. Oak and Hawthorn classes open our nativity by singing some carols then the children in Willow and Chestnut will perform "Knock, Knock". Children in Willow and Chestnut class need to be back at school for 5.15pm to get ready and children in Oak and Hawthorn need to be back at school by 5.45pm to walk over altogether to church. Children in Oak and Hawthorn need to wear school uniform but can have Christmas accessories e.g. Santa hats, tinsel.

Next Wednesday is Christmas dinner day after the nativity and this is always a really lovely event. The children will all be in the hall together and Granny Sue does a sterling job of rustling it all up for over 100 children and staff! What a treat. After Christmas dinner, we have Grandpa Sticks storyteller back in school. He always manages to create a super atmosphere and this year I believe his story may involve fairies, angels and singing grandmas!

After school at 5.30pm on Wednesday we have our "Carols by candlelight" in St Mary's church. Again this is a super event. It's very relaxed! Just come along, I put on the Christmas Carols CD, we have a sing in beautiful surroundings and FOBS will be providing mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

On Thursday, children can come to school in their party clothes as we have a Christmas party in the afternoon. We start off in the hall with party games, then back to classrooms for party food. Please do sign up on Class Dojo to send some party snacks in for your child's class.

On Friday we have to take down all our decorations so school can be thoroughly cleaned over the holidays!

There will not be a newsletter next week, so can I take this opportunity to wish you all a "Merry Christmas" and thank you all for supporting the school. I would like to also thank my staff who have worked tirelessly to make school so lovely for your children this term. I hope everyone has a wonderful, well deserved break.

See you back in school for Spring term on Monday 5th January 2026.

Kind regards

V. White

Victoria White, Head Teacher

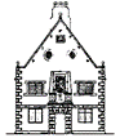


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Staffing update

Goodbye and Good luck.



We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Walters after the Christmas break. We have loved having Miss Walters as part of our staff and we will miss her dedication and support for the school. I would like to wish her the very best of luck in her new post. Mrs Fox will be taking on Miss Walters hours and we are delighted to have her supporting Miss Taplin in Hawthorn class.

Welcome to Mr Brodie!

I am delighted to let you know that we have finally got a new caretaker! Mr Jamie Brodie has joined our school this week and already he is having such a positive impact. Please do say hello to him if you see him around. He's very friendly!

Young voices update



Young voices tickets have been emailed to parents today. Please do check your junk boxes in case they have dropped in there. They will have come from AXS tickets.

Please note there is no Young voices practice next week.

School site update

Following a recent independent tree survey and a visit from the Rushcliffe Borough Council Tree Officer, we have been advised that the large ash tree beside the Discovery Den, as well as two cherry trees near Willow Class, need to be removed. In particular, the ash tree was found to be severely damaging the school's drainage systems and causing further structural concerns. Unfortunately, this situation is unavoidable, and the school must follow the professional guidance provided to ensure the safety and integrity of our site. This work will begin next week.

While we are saddened to lose these mature trees, we are pleased to share that our Gardening Club planted five new fruit trees in the school garden during the summer term. These young trees will grow to support our outdoor learning environment for many years to come.

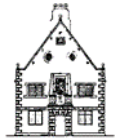
We are very pleased that Peter Leadbeater has volunteered his time to carve the trunk of the ash tree so it will make a welcoming sculpture into the school grounds. The children will be working on designs that he can incorporate into his sculpture.

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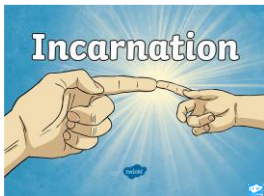


Willow Class



Willow Class have had a fantastic week. The children were amazing in their Willow Nativity. Myself and Miss Hughes were very impressed with their acting and singing. All the children should be very proud of themselves. They have been exploring human rights and thinking about how people can all care for each other. Reception have finished learning all the autumn graphemes and completed their phonics assessment. They have been working very hard with their writing and made lots of progress this half term. Granny Sue made the children some Christmas shortbread, which the children decorated and very much enjoyed eating.

Chestnut Class



Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have had a very productive week. They worked really hard on their end-of-term assessments and should be very proud of their efforts. The class also completed their clay project, creating beautiful house tiles featuring a range of textures. Nativity play rehearsals are now almost ready, and once again we are so impressed with the children's capacity for learning all their lines and songs from memory. They have reflected on their learning of the Nativity story in our RE topic on the key concept of incarnation in Christianity. The children especially enjoyed making their own "stained glass" windows using glass pens—thank you to FOBS for kindly providing these for us!

Oak Class



We are so impressed at how well the children of Oak Class have worked this week! We have had a few assessments throughout the week and the children have all tried their best and shown great perseverance. We have enjoyed publishing our non-chronological reports and putting them together to create our 'Class Book of Dragons'. We have also finished our 'How to Train Your Dragon' display with our reports and dragon eye art. It looks fantastic! We also enjoyed finding out about the jobs of the Anglo-Saxons and had a go at carving clay tiles. In D.T, we continued to make our pneumatic toys and have begun installing our pneumatic mechanisms. We are looking forward to finalising these and bringing them home next week. We have also been busy practising our song 'Feliz Navidad' ready for the Nativity next week.

Hawthorn Class



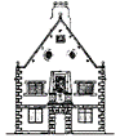
Hawthorn have enjoyed a very creative week. In RE, they explored how the actions of Jesus can inspire Christians in the world today. They studied the work of the Leprosy Mission, recognising how the charity reflects Jesus' compassion by caring for people affected by leprosy. The children then wrote thoughtful postcards of thanks, carefully linking their messages to the theme of asking "What would Jesus do?" and considering how to live in a Christlike way. In Computing, they created their own stop-motion animations. They worked with great attention to detail, reviewing their footage frame by frame to refine their sequences and experimenting with a variety of backgrounds to enhance their storytelling. In D&T, the children successfully completed their CAM mechanisms, demonstrating perseverance and creativity. The highlight of the week, however, was finally opening their mummified tomatoes after an impressive 70 days of waiting—an exciting and memorable moment for them all!

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Celebrations and successes!

 STAR assembly S - Sensational effort T - Teriffic teamwork A - Achievement R - Remarkable reasoning/ Remarkable writing	S	Lexi - Hawthorn
	T	Eliza - Chestnut Atlas - Willow Lillie - Oak
	A	
	R	
Class Recognition awards	Willow	Samuel - Courage
	Chestnut	Elsie- Aspiration
	Oak	Layla- Respect
	Hawthorn	Marley - Love
Headteacher award 	This week my Headteacher's award is for Ivy O . You have been spotted by so many grown ups this week being kind and loving to everyone. You are helpful to the younger children and you have really stood out. Well done Ivy. Keep this up.	
Lunchtime award - Top Table 	Today Quinn, Hattie, Alfie, Eliza, Oliver P, Evangeline and Matilda have all had a top table lunchtime! Well done.	

Diary dates for Autumn term

16/12/2025	6pm -Whole school Nativity at St Marys church
17/12/2025	9.30am - Whole school Nativity at St Marys church
17/12/2025	Christmas dinner
17/12/2025	2.00pm - Grandpa Sticks storyteller in school
17/12/2025	5.30pm - Carols by Candlelight at St Marys Church (all welcome)
18/12/2025	Christmas party day
19/12/2025	Finish for Christmas Holidays

Please note these diary dates may be subject to change and/or added to over the term.

