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Information and Achievement Newsletter

A huge well done to the children in Reception and KS1 for taking part in their Christmas performances. All children acted very sensible and took a lot of pride in themselves. The singing was some of the clearest I have ever heard! I'm sure the parents and family members who attended the shows would agree that they were fantastic. Thank you to the staff for working so hard to ensure these productions were a huge success. Nursery's Christmas Performance is on Thursday 14 December which I am very much looking forward to watching. Yours sincerely

Mrs Green, Headteacher

Staff Changes

At the end of this term we are extremely sad to be saying goodbye to two members of our staff, Mrs Walker and Mrs Davis.

Mrs Davis has been with us since September 2021 when she joined as a Midday Supervisory Assistant. Very soon after she became a 1:1 teaching assistant. Mrs Davis has always been a great help in any school events and in the past year has been a huge help getting our PTA up and running again. Over the past couple of years, she has become a very valuable member of staff who has made great relationships with pupils, parents and staff. We will miss you greatly and wish you all the best in your new job.

Mrs Walker joined us at the start of the academic year but we have known her as a parent and Governor for many years. Although Mrs Walker has only taught here for a term, she became a great asset to our school. We are glad to still have her as an active Governor. Mrs Walker is returning to her previous school and we wish her the best of luck.

Welcome back Mr Jarman!

Mr Jarman will be returning to our school to teach Willow class from January. Unfortunately, his plans of moving away fell through and we are very lucky that he is able to return to us. I'm sure the children will agree that we all look forward to welcoming him back at the start of the New Year.

	Attendance Cup – Well done! Week commencing 20 Nov – Elm 98.0% 27 Nov – Willow 97.1%	Reading Cup – Well done! Week commencing 13 Nov + 20 Nov – Chestnut + Redwood!	<u>Illness</u> As you are aware, attendance is very important, however if your child is genuinely ill we ask that they are kept off school to keep the germs spreading from children and staff. Thank you for your understanding.
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Nappies

If your child wears nappies, please can you ensure they have been changed just before starting School. If your child soils the nappy on the way to school, please use the facilities in the school or Nursery prior to sending them into class.

Dogs

A reminder that no dogs, other than assistant dogs, are allowed on the school premises. Thank you.

December's book of the month

The Baddies by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. This fabulous picture book from superstar author and illustrator Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler is a riot of slapstick fun and silliness. The Baddies are the meanest, nastiest ghost, witch and troll in the land. They just adore being bad, and fight over who is the worst. When a little girl moves into a nearby cottage,

the Baddies can't wait to scare her out of her wits. But the little girl quickly shows them that you don't have to be big to be brave, and baddies don't always win. A brilliant paperback edition for new and old fans alike Perfect read-aloud rhyming text and stunning pictures on every page with lots of details to spot Julia and Axel are the team that have created picture book favourites such as The Gruffalo, Stick Man, Zog and The Smeds and The Smoos. The book will be available in our library later this month!



Upcoming events

27/11 - 18/12 Christmas Campfires - classes will let parents know when their Christmas Fire is. 09/12 – Christmas Fair – Please come along to the Christmas Fair between 11.30am-2.00pm! 11/12 – UKS2 trip to the Harry Potter Studios – children need to arrive to school on time and will return for 3.00pm. Uniform must be worn. N-O 12/12 – Flu Vaccinations 13/12 - Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day - children can wear a Christmas jumper/top for a voluntary contribution of £1. Christmas lunch must be ordered on SchoolGrid. 14/12 - Nursery Christmas Performance to parents at 9.30am. 14/12 - Christmas Movie Night Year 1 - 6 (Foundation Stage 20/12 - School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays.