

# Class Updates - 12.12.2025



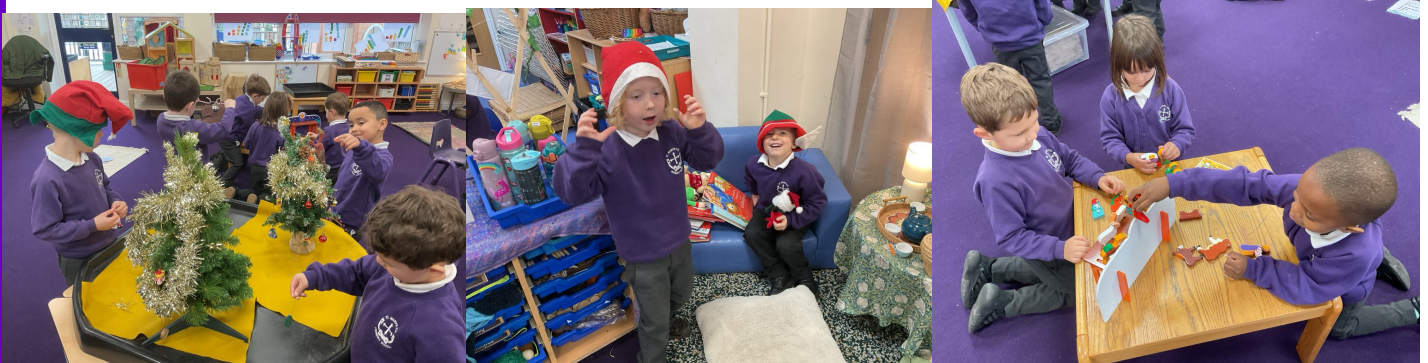
## *Reception Butterflies update*

What a busy week!!! It has been filled with festive fun in Butterfly class. On Monday, the children sang and danced their hearts out in our Nativity play. We were so impressed with how well they behaved in the church.

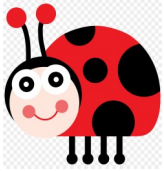
On Wednesday we had a Scoot Fit session, where they learned some important skills and how to ride their scooters safely. The Scoot Fit teacher said they all listened very attentively and tried their hardest.

Thursday it was time for the Christmas pantomime, a performance of the Christmas Carol and the children also made decorations to send to Stanley Wilson care home, as we have been talking about the importance of taking care of older people.

We have also been hand crafting some beautiful Christmas wrapping which will be for sale at the Christmas Fair on Friday.



**Miss Nicholson, Miss Hunter and Miss Murnane**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week has been filled with glitter, laughter, singing and scooters!

In PE we continued thinking of our movements and how we can incorporate these when moving on equipment. We balanced on benches, jumped off from different heights and made different shapes with our jumps.

In DT, we finished our moving Christmas cards and evaluated our final products. We also had fun creating our wooden tree decorations ready to sell at our Christmas Fayre.

We practiced stopping on our scooters using our breaks, played 'Follow the Leader' and learnt all about riding safely.

A huge thank you to all the parents for providing such wonderful costumes for our school nativity. It was a beautiful performance and all the children worked incredibly hard.

This weeks panto- 'A Christmas Carol' was lots of fun and had us all laughing! It was very interactive with chants, bubbles and balloons!

### Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What an exceptional week it has been for Year 2. I could not be more proud of the class for their outstanding contribution to the EYFS/KS1 Nativity. Their confidence, teamwork, and enthusiasm shone through from start to finish. Every child performed with real commitment, and it was wonderful to see them showcase the speaking and listening skills we have been developing throughout the term. They should feel incredibly proud of themselves.

In mathematics, we have begun our unit on subtraction. The children have been exploring subtraction both practically and through the column method, building a strong understanding of how to exchange and how to work systematically. Their focus and effort during these sessions have been excellent.

This week also marked the beginning of our Design and Technology project. The children have started researching and designing their own pizzas, thinking carefully about ingredients, flavours, and how to combine them effectively. Their creativity has been fantastic, and they are very excited for the next steps.

In English, we have been planning ahead for our Non-chronological reports, which we will begin writing next week. The children have been gathering facts, organising information, and preparing to structure their writing clearly and confidently.

Well done, Year 2, for a productive, joyful, and hardworking week.

### Mr Brown & the Year 2 Team





## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

This week in maths, we have continued working on multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, building confidence and accuracy. In English, we have been practising using a range of conjunctions to improve our non-chronological reports.

In music, the children did a fantastic job learning to play the whole of Jingle Bells on their recorders – a brilliant achievement! In science, we compared different animals and their skeletons, discussing how these help them survive in their habitats.

One of the highlights of the week was our DT project. The children designed and made their own sandwiches, and we were especially impressed with how bravely they tried new foods.

We also really enjoyed the school pantomime this week, kindly supported by FOSM. The characters were very funny and everyone loved joining in with the audience participation.

The countdown to Christmas is well and truly on now! Well done for a great week, Year 3 – let's make our final week of the term even better. Enjoy the festivities this weekend, and we'll see you all on Monday.

### Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team





## Year 4 Fireflies Update

What a busy week in Year 4!

This week, we ended our **Courageous Advocacy** topic with a trip to the Church. Reverend Jeremy spoke to the children about the Eco Church initiative and reminded the children of ways they could spread awareness to others about Fair Trade. They also gave their information leaflets to be displayed on the Church noticeboard. We were also lucky enough to be visited by a parent who gave a very informative talk about Farm Direct and gave the children the opportunity to take part in activities where they undertook roles within a supply chain and saw the payment distributions first-hand.

We have also enjoyed our **History** topic day, dressing up and immersing ourselves in all things Ancient Greek! The class listened to Greek music, sampled Greek food, made their own menus and took part in a boys versus girls quiz. They also acted out Greek myths and finished the day by taking part in the Olympics, with their very own closing ceremony featuring the Olympic torches. I was so impressed by how much the children involved themselves in the day and how much they remembered about their learning this half term. Thankyou for such an enjoyable day, Fireflies!

In **Maths**, we have been continuing our application of multiplication and division facts and I have noticed how much more confident the children are becoming with all of their times tables, which is lovely to see.

I hope you all have a restful weekend,

**Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team**





## Year 5 Busybees Update

I can't believe we are coming into our final week of Autumn term! This week, in Maths, we have been identifying multiples and factors (this is basically just using times tables in different forms).

In English, we have been using vocabulary effectively to create suspense and atmosphere through setting and character description. Next week, the children are going to write the opening paragraph(s) to their own suspense story.

Our other main focus this week has been finishing our Christmas tree decorations for the Christmas Fair. I am looking forward to you all being able to see and buy the amazing creations. The children have been really thoughtful when designing and making their decorations and have worked really hard.

On Thursday, we had our annual pantomime 'A Christmas Carol'. It was very interactive and load of fun—there were balloons and bubbles!

***Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Driscoll***





## Year 6 Dragonflies update

It's definitely starting to feel festive in Year 6!

In Maths, the children carried out an investigation into exponential growth. We looked at how a virus might spread if each infected person passed it on to two others every day. The children worked out how long it would take for the virus to spread through St Mary's, then County High, Saffron Walden, Essex, and eventually the whole UK! It was a great way to see how quickly numbers can grow and made us all glad this was just a maths problem!

Our classroom also turned into a bakery this week as we made biscuits for our Christmas Fayre stall. The children worked in groups to mix the dough, roll it out and cut out shapes (the flour may have travelled further than expected!). Once baked, we decorated the biscuits as snowmen; so come along to the fayre this Friday and grab one before they all go! (See more photos on the next page.)

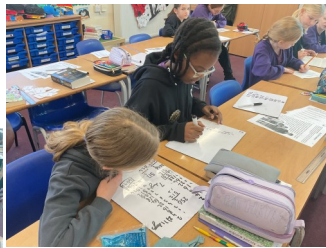
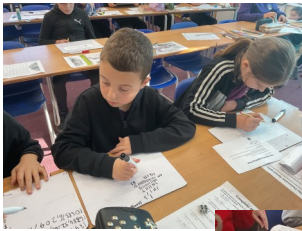
We also had a trip to see a Christmas panto, and the children were absolute stars throughout. They joined in with the fun, sang along, and were brilliant role models—kind, inclusive, and a credit to the school.

In DT, we began our new project on pop-up books. The children learned how to make v-folds and how to attach 3D shapes to bring their pages to life. It was fiddly and tested their patience, but they persevered really well and showed great teamwork in helping each other figure it out.

A brilliant (and slightly flour-covered) week: well done, Year 6!

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Clarke**





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