



## Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 19 December

### Whole School

**Moments Matter, Attendance Counts:** See below for the attendance data for this week.

Well done to **Year 6 Pygmy Class** for the highest attendance this week. We know it has been a rather long term and there have been a lot of bugs around, so our attendance has dipped a bit. Hopefully the break will give everyone a chance to recover!

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.4	94.1%	95.1%	91.4%	92.3%	93.3%	95.9%

**Term 3** - We are back to school on **Tuesday 6 January 2026**

It has been a very busy few weeks, but it has been lovely to see so many of you at the various Christmas events. The performances have been wonderful, and we finished off in assembly today with lots of certificates for reading, attendance and celebrating our children's achievements. We have also been successful in securing a grant to continue with our environmental projects and our outdoor area, so we will share more about that next term.

Mrs de Roeck is planning on adding some photos to the school website at some point during the holidays so do check out our website in the New Year to see what has been going on.

**Uniform:** A polite reminder about school uniform, which should be worn on all days, except PE days. Some children are starting to come into school in a variety of clothing, and this is not acceptable or fair on everyone else. We do have a uniform list and are very flexible, but we do expect children to wear the school PE kit on the days they have PE, which includes plain dark colour bottoms and a purple T-shirt. On the other days, they should wear the agreed school uniform, including footwear, although some children are wearing trainers, which is acceptable only if they are plain black. We have lots of pre-loved uniform should you need anything.

We would like to thank you for your generosity and many kind words at this time of year, it really is appreciated.

*We wish you all a Peaceful and Happy Christmas*

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**A message from Pneuma Church:** We are open this year from 10:00-12:00 on Christmas Day and everyone is welcome. We are asking for people to sign up in advance (so we can prepare enough cakes) but it's free and we'd love to see anyone who could benefit from friendly faces on what can be a tricky day for some people.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Primary age children's phones should all be monitored by their parents, and I would like to urge all parents to be aware of what your children are accessing online. There is an app called 'Talkie' AI based that children under the age of 12 should not be accessing:

*'One of Talkie AI's biggest red flags is the amount of personal information the app collects – including your child's birthdate, location information, voice recordings, and specific interests. Even more concerning is that Talkie AI can share or sell this personal data to third-party advertisers.'*

Have a wonderful Christmas!

### Billy Class

We are back to school on Tuesday 6 January.

We are so proud of how well all the children in Billy Class performed in their class Nativity to parents this week! Thank you so much for providing costumes for your children and for making sure they remembered their lines. It is a huge achievement for children so young!

Phonics first week back: We will be learning some new digraphs (two letters that make one sound) & some trigraphs (three letters that make one sound). These will be:

ai (as in rain)

ee (as in sheep)

igh (as in night)

oa (as in goat)

Thank you very much for all your kind Christmas cards, messages and gifts. They are very thoughtful and much appreciated.

We do hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year! 😊

### Angora Class - Year 1

We are back to school on Tuesday 6 January.

A huge well done to the children for completing a jam-packed term! Our experiences this term include: road sign fieldwork walk, street sign fieldwork walk, 2 Christmas productions, Christmas trip to Godinton House, Christmas Party, Christmas lunch, visit from Ricky the PSCO, visit from Father Christmas, watching Billy class's and KS2's dress rehearsals... as well as all of our day to day learning!

Everyone will need a good rest over the holiday! When possible, please try to fit in some phonics, reading and maths practise to help your child retain what they have learned so far!

**Next term** we will be answering the question 'Why do we remember key events?', focusing on the Great Fire of London and the Gunpowder Plot. There will be some optional topic themed home learning if you would like to get a head start on these big events!

**Phonics this week:** consolidating all our learning for this term - alternative spellings for...

- ai:, ay, a, a\_e
- Ee: ea, e, ie, e\_e
- Oa: o, o\_e
- Oo: u, ue, u\_e, uew
- igh: i, ie, i\_e

**Thank you** for all the lovely cards and gifts from the children and their families (greatly appreciated but not expected!) and thank you to everyone who has helped this term!

And finally... a very happy Christmas from us (Miss Caddy and Mrs Pilbeam). May you have a joyful Christmas break, and we will see you in 2026!

### Alpine Class - Year 2

What a great term we have had, these Alpine goats are absolute troopers, carrying on working hard to the very end of term! This week, as well as our usual learning, these little elves have made earrings, keyrings or necklaces which we wrapped in home-made gift boxes, we have also made beeswax candles, which we wrapped in hand-painted wrapping paper!

After the Christmas holidays our PE will continue to be on Tuesdays and Thursdays and children should wear suitable PE clothes on those days.

We have sent some fun home-learning challenges home for Christmas, these are optional so please don't stress over them if you have a busy few weeks ahead, but for those who have a bit of down-time or need something to keep them occupied; any task completed and evidenced in books will earn children 10 house points.

Please do continue to read with your children throughout the holidays, it is so important to keep up the practise, as a two-week gap can really put them back in their reading and makes it much harder for them to catch back up to where they are now.

**Thank you so much** for all the lovely cards and gifts we have received for Christmas; they are very kind and deeply appreciated but absolutely not necessary ♥

We are back to school on Tuesday 6 January and can't wait to see you all then!

Have a wonderful break!

### Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been an enjoyable and jammed packed term in kinder class, which has been full of fun. The children have worked very hard and deserve a well-earned break.

The children were amazing in their Carol concert and made all the adults in Kinder class proud. Thank you to all those of you who were able to come and watch out KS2 Carol Service. It was so lovely to see so many happy faces in the audience and the children were so pleased to see their families supporting them.

On Thursday 8 January will be taking part in Kic theatre which will be very enjoyable. Next term our PE days will still be **Monday and Friday**. The children will need to come into school in their PE kit

#### **Homework :**

Whilst there will be no homework pages set over Christmas, in the English and Maths books, **we still expect the children to be reading and recording it in their home reading book and we will be monitoring who has been active on TTRS**

Also, as an optional task please could your children write a small diary entry for anything that they get up to in the Christmas holidays. We will share these entries to the class on the first day back to school. House points to awarded to those who complete this task.

We are back to school on Tuesday 6 January.

To conclude, we in Kinder class (Mr Harrison, Mrs Denny and Miss Wilson-Bell) wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope that everyone has a safe and joyous time.

#### Cashmere Class - Year 4

It's certainly been a long term, and we've managed to squeeze so many different topics and lessons into it, so it has certainly been full-on but fun! I'm sure the children are ready for a well-deserved break.

Thank you to all those of you who were able to come and watch out KS2 Carol Service. The children were so pleased to see their families there supporting them and it certainly added to the festive spirit.

We will have KIC theatre when we return in that first week. Our PE days will be the same as they are now, so Monday and Tuesday the children will need to come into school in their PE kit.

Please ensure they all have a coat or they may not be able to go outside for break times and PE lessons if the weather is less than pleasant.

Whilst there will be no homework pages set over Christmas, in the English and Maths books, **we still expect the children to be reading and recording it in their home reading book and we will be monitoring who has been active on TTRS and awarding dojos where children have put in the effort to keep up with their times tables practice.** Please ensure that if your child reads at home, you record it in their home reading book so we can ensure that no one misses out on the stickers that go towards their Reading Certificate, if they've put in that effort, it should be acknowledged and rewarded.

Lastly, have a wonderful, restful (but fun) break and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

#### Pygora Class - Year 5

Phew!! We have made it through the busiest and longest term of the school year! Thank you to everyone that came and watched our KS2 Carol Service. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it, and that it has filled you with festive spirit!

Miss Chapman taught the children for art this week - her skills are far better than ours! We were so impressed with their penguins and thought you'd like to see them before we send home the final copy at the end of the year. So, your child 'should' bring home a photo of them today.

**Swimming** - A reminder that swimming begins on the first day back after the Christmas holiday on Tuesday 6 January. Children need to remember to bring their swimming kit, and they must have a coat as it will feel even colder after getting out of the pool in January! Payments for swimming need to be made via Arbor school shop.

Hopefully you have received an email earlier this week from us via WeTransfer with a copy of your child's nature documentary - they were very large files, so it was the easiest way to send it! If you were unable to download it and would still like to view it, then speak to one of the Year 5 adults who will be able to help.

**KIC Theatre** - Our session will be on Thursday 8 January, where the children will be finding out more about The Maya and if they were the most important Stone Age civilisation.

#### Homework

A reminder that the children have some holiday homework (which was sent home last week) to complete an activity on our new topic about The Maya. We look forward to seeing what the children create, especially as they set the bar so high with their last holiday homework on the polar regions!

This should be handed in on Wednesday 7 January. There are no pages set from the usual workbooks, but they still need to *continue reading and filling in their reading records*.

*We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year and look forward to seeing you all in January!*

### Pygmy Class - Year 6

What a week to finish Term 2! Well done to the class for their final Christmas production performances

We are back to school on Tuesday 6 January.

**PE** - As we have now finished our swimming sessions, our new PE days will be on Tuesday and Friday.

**KIC Theatre** - Our session will be on Wednesday 7 January, where the children will be exploring what it is like to live in North America.

### Homework

A reminder that for homework over the holiday, the children need to please read as much as possible and complete the recap of the arithmetic questions we completed in Term 1 - these were sent out earlier in the week.

**Personal hygiene** - At the start of next term I will be talking to the class about personal hygiene, the importance of washing regularly and using deodorant, as we have started to notice that quite a few of the children are beginning to have a noticeable body odour. While a little of this is to be expected as they begin to go through puberty and as changes in hormones start, it is important that they do keep themselves clean to both stay healthy and to maintain a pleasant environment for the class to work.