



Message from Headteacher

We had a hectic but exciting Tuesday this week. Years 5 & 6 visited The Friary to watch 'The Wind in the Willows' show. Well done to the staff and pupils for putting on a wonderful performance. We really enjoyed watching Mr Toad and friends – Boom Boom!!

Whilst the older classes were out Year 4 children went to Wade Street church for a Christmas Workshop which included reading a bible comic, visited the Palace of the Three Kings and studied Christingles.

Also in school we had well-being sessions of Yoga for children in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 4. (Children in Years 3, 5 and 6 had theirs previously in the term). All the teachers and staff thoroughly enjoyed these sessions where the children did sun salutations, working through yoga postures through stories and learnt meditation and relaxation techniques.

We are full steam ahead with Christmas performances full details will be sent out by letter early next week.



What's on next week

Monday 9th December:

- KS2 Football 3.20-4.20pm
- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 6 Late Birds



Tuesday 10th December:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Singing, Woodwind & Guitar Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 5 Late Birds
- EYFS & KS1 Festive Film Night – Santa Buddies

Wednesday 11th December:

- Street Dance Club 8.15-8.45am
- EYFS Nativity 9.30am
- Violin & Keyboard Lessons
- KS2 Festive Film Night - Elf

Thursday 12th December:

- School closed due to Polling

Friday 13th December:

- KS1 Nativity 9.30am
- KS2 Extreme Sports 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 4 Late Birds

School Council

This week school council have met and talked about all the suggestions made this Autumn term by staff and pupils. Children are busy building a PowerPoint for the front entrance hall television with information for parents and have been considering ways to fund-raise to support our In2Ed project in Africa and an additional project called "Plant a tree, Save the World" suggested by Oscar in Year 4. Watch this space for plans in the new year. Please see the school's website school council area for minutes of the school council meetings.

Years 1 & 2

In Year 1, the children have been revising previous learning in order to consolidate skills and knowledge from this term's lessons. This has included property of numbers to 20, addition and subtraction facts and shape, space and measure.

Year 2 children have been showing off their maths knowledge in their assessments of this term's learning and skills.

In theme, the children have been learning about Grace Darling; who she was, where she lived and what she is most known for. Ask your children about her and see if they can recall the key facts!

Years 3 & 4

It has been a really busy week in Years 3 & 4 with lots of assessments being done in maths, English reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling. We have also used the children's final story about a monster and a hero to assess their writing. These assessments help us target children's specific needs as we can identify what they are now competent at and what they need further help with.

It has been a real pleasure reading their work and seeing how far they have come this term.

It was great celebrating all things Viking today when we had a 'real Viking' visitor who the children loved. Thanks for the many Anglo Saxon/ Viking outfits which children wore to help bring the theme to life.

Writing homework went out yesterday with spelling tests being postponed from Tuesday 3rd to Tuesday 10th December due to assessments. Thanks for your support here.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 were lucky enough this week to be invited to the Friary to see their dress rehearsal of Wind in the Willows. It was an excellent performance and it made us so proud as a school to see so many of our ex pupils taking part. Maybe it will be some of our existing pupils in future years?

We have continued our journey on Alchemy Island during our theme lessons and have investigated a variety of materials that were found there during our science lessons.

Alongside this we have begun to learn and rehearse our Christmas Performance.

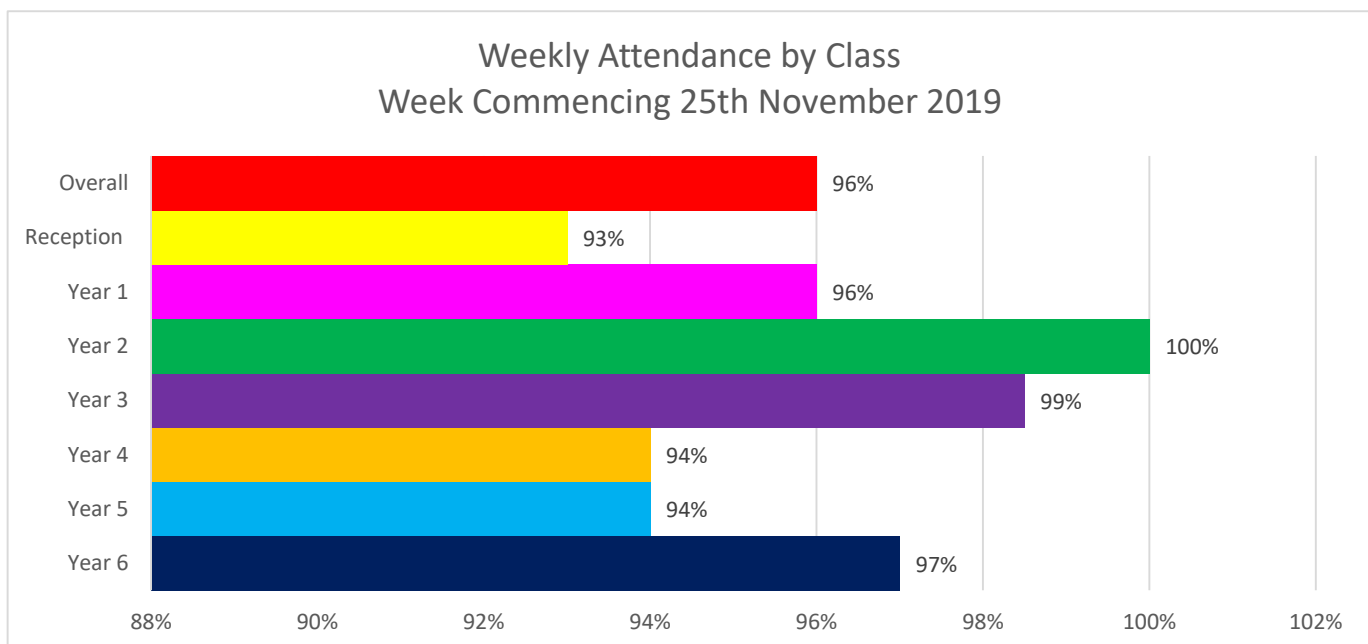
Finally, Years 5 & 6 would like to say well done to Daneen. All pupils entered a local poetry competition which had over 1000 entrants in the various categories. Daneen was shortlisted in her category; she attended a presentation at the Cathedral this week and we are so proud to say that she came third. Well done Daneen from all of your peers and your teachers.

Christmas Fayre and Disco




A big thank you to Creative Cakes and Sarah Cutland for the fabulous cake at the Christmas Fayre, the winning weight was 3.48kg and was won by Mrs S Critchley.



Weekly Attendance by Class
Week Commencing 25th November 2019



House point totals
Week Commencing: 25th November 2019

	190		204
	250		249



Little Princess Trust

Well done to Ellie who had 39cms of her hair cut off to donate to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides free wigs to children that have lost their own hair through illness. We are very proud of you Ellie.



Advice for Parents and Carers about Norovirus

Norovirus is commonly known as Winter Vomiting Disease and often occurs in the community and in schools and nurseries at this time of the year. If your child is ill, you may find the following information useful:

- Make sure they get lots of rest.
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids
- Give infant Paracetamol or Ibuprofen to help keep their temperature down.
- Please ring your child's nursery/ school and let them know that your child is ill and what symptoms they have.
- Keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. If your child has been suffering from vomiting keep please keep them at home until they have been free of symptoms for 24 hours, if they have been suffering from diarrhoea please keep them at home until they have been free from symptoms for 48 hours.
- Hand washing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person looking after them.

Pathways Project

Thank you again for all your donations towards the Pathway Project, Mrs Grainger met with them to hand over the cheque this week.



Alcohol and Drug Use

Parents and carers are advised NEVER to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst bringing your children to and from school. Any parent believed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs should expect to be challenged by us. Be aware that we always pass on any concerns on such matters to Children and Families Services or Education Safeguarding, as required.

Never be in possession of weed, cannabis, marijuana or other drugs on school premises. The casual and habitual use of drugs at home becomes a most serious safeguarding matter if children are involved. DO NOT come into school if you smell of such substances. Thank you.



Christmas Fayre Photographs



Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 18th December

To coincide with Christmas Dinner, Wednesday 18th December will be Christmas Jumper Day. All other school uniform should be worn but children may wear a Christmas jumper instead of a school jumper. Donations received will split between Save the Children charity and school, who are raising money for a sensory garden.

**Christmas
JUMPER DAY**



Christmas Fayre

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who attended the event last Friday. Specific thanks to those who helped set up, run and tidy away. A particular favourite of mine this year was the Christmas Hat competition. Such creative ideas, and the children were so proud, Mr Stevens also took part and won the best hat made by a teacher – well done to all who took part. The Year 5/6 fundraising was again a success. They were incredibly organised and the classrooms were buzzing – well done. They raised £337.06 The team that raised the most money was 'Hit the Colour' who collected £69.03 Overall the school raised over £1,700, this will be put towards the Sensory Garden Fund.