Family Update
Friday 20th November

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic and busy start to the half term and have thoroughly enjoyed seeing so much learning, creativity and excitement taking place across our school.

It has been wonderful to see the children embracing the many opportunities on offer and engaging so enthusiastically in all aspects of school life.

Already, we have welcomed back Sinfonia Smith Square, our orchestra-in-residence into Early Years for a special stay and play session, giving our youngest children the opportunity to explore and enjoy music together. It was great to see some younger siblings join the musical fun.

We have also enjoyed exciting trips to the Floating Classroom, providing memorable opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been busy recording a Christmas song, bringing their musical talents and creativity together in preparation for the festive season.

Across all areas of the curriculum, children have been immersed in rich and in-depth learning, asking thoughtful questions, developing their understanding and making meaningful connections. It has been a joy to see such curiosity, enthusiasm and commitment to learning across the school.

Maths Week

Next week is Maths week, and throughout the week, children will explore real-life applications of Maths, such as money, mass and capacity. As part of this, each class will design, produce and advertise products to sell to one another at the Business Fair on Friday 27th November.

On this day, children may wear a smart, business outfit to school and bring a maximum of £5 cash to spend at the fair. At the end of the school day, if classes have any remaining products, these will be brought to the playground for parents and carers to purchase.

The class that makes the most profit, will be awarded the Maths Week Trophy!

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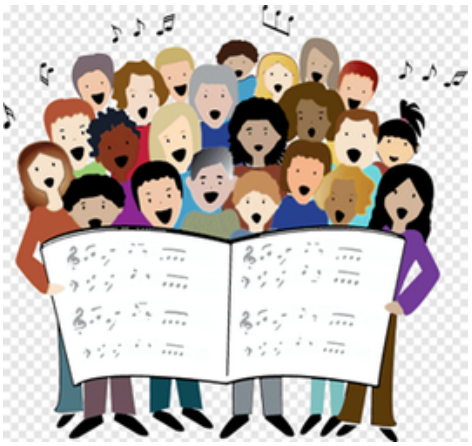
Parent Choir

As is now our tradition, we would like to invite parents to sing at our school Christmas service on Wednesday 16th December at 2.30pm. The parent choir will perform at the start of the service, and we will sing a version of 'O Come All Ye Faithful' in two parts. Click here to listen.



There will be two rehearsals:
1) Tuesday 8th December at 2.15pm
2) Tuesday 15th December at 2.15pm

There will be a brief opportunity to warm up our voices and run through the song before the service.

Sign up here!

All parents are invited to join and you do not need to be able to read music to take part. We ask that all parents taking part attend at least one rehearsal.

Road Safety

Between 8am and 9am, and 3pm and 4pm, Enford Street is a school street, which means that cars should not be driving down the street. The cycle lanes are active at all times and the road is part of the cycle super-highway.

Please be vigilant as you leave the school at the end of the day, as not all drivers are adhering to the signage and on occasion, cars do drive down during the restricted times.

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Nursery Autumn 2 Learning



This term, Nursery and Preschool have been stepping into the magical world of Tradtional Tales. The children have been enjoying familiar stories such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Little Pigs. As part of our learning, the children planted their very own beanstalks and learnt about what plants need to grow. We have been exploring the importance of sunlight, water and soil, encouraging the children to take special care of nature around us. We even got to taste Baby Bear's porridge!

One particular highlight this term was taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week! A new nursery rhyme was sung everyday and the children had lots of fun engaging in it. The children developed their confidence in their use of language, singing and listening. It has been so wonderful to hear them singing throughout the classroom and outside. We have also engaged in developing our mathematical language with the concepts of big, medium and small, comparing the different-sized belongings to Daddy Bear, Mummy Bear and Baby Bear. Through The Three Little Pigs, the children have been developing their subitising skills, learning to recognise quantities of 1, 2 and 3 without counting.





As part of our learning about different celebrations, Nursery and Preschool discovered how families celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and created their own diya lamps. For Bonfire Night, the children created colourful firework pictures, exploring shapes and patterns. During Rememberance Day, the children learnt about why we take time to remember and the significance of the red poppy.

Year 1 Autumn 2 Learning

It has been another fantastic term in Year 1. The children are now settled into Year 1 life and are flourishing in all that they do. They are confidently using their phonics for reading and writing, exploring the world in Science and Geography, and starting to get their heads around History having happened even before they were born!

In **Design Technology**, Year 1 have been learning how to build simple structures. They have listened carefully and shown our school value of feeling safe when learning to cut wood using hacksaws.

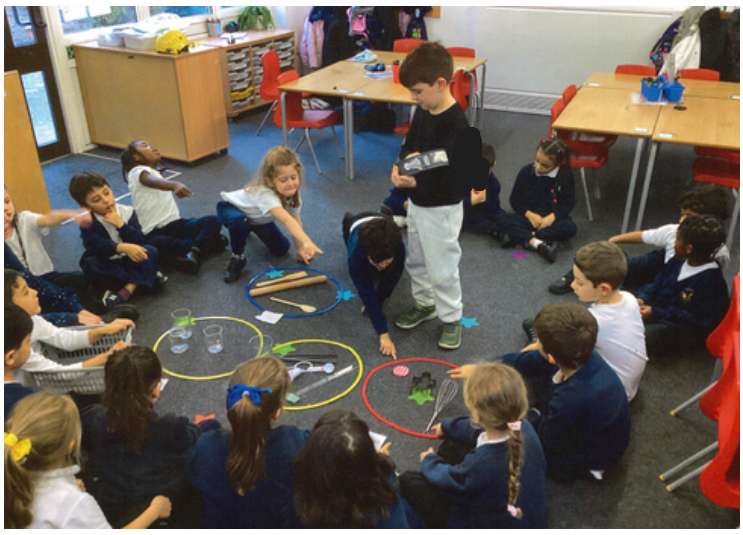


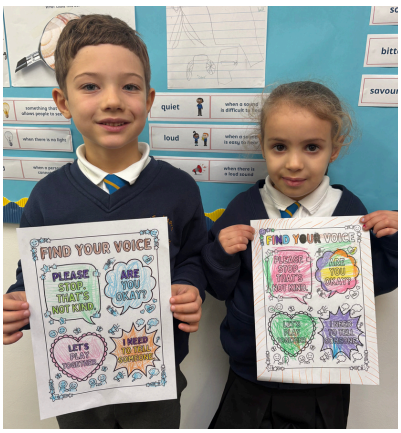




In **RE,** we have been learning about important people in the Christian Nativity story. We really enjoyed dressing up as shepherds and acting out the shepherds being visited by the angels to hear the Good News!

In **Science,** as well as learning about autumn, we have started a new topic on materials. We have been learning to classify and group materials based on their properties, and using key vocabulary to speak like scientists.





For **Anti-Bullying Week**, linked with our **PSHE** learning, we explored different situations in which someone might need help. Then we discussed what children could say if they see someone being left out or treated unkindly. We made speech bubbles and psoters with ideas about how we can use our voices to speak up and speak out.

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Dates for the diary

Please add the dates below to your diary so that you don't miss out.
All of the dates are available on the school website too.

Date	Time	Focus	Led by/who is invited
Mon 23rd -27th Nov	All Week	**Maths Week**	Whole School
Fri 27th Nov	2:30-3:30pm	**Maths Business Fair**	Children from Nursery - Year 6
Mon 30th Nov	3:30pm - 4:30pm	**Christmas Fair**	Whole School
Mon 7th Dec	2pm	**Christmas Instrumental Concert**	Invited pupils and parents
Fri 11th Dec	3:30pm - 4pm	**Christmas Bake Sale**	Whole School
Sun 13th Dec	10:30am	**Members of the school choir singing at the St Mary's Church Family Carols**	Invited members of the school choir
Mon 14th Dec	9:30am	**Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show**	Year 1 and Year 2 Parents invited. Two adults per family.
Mon 14th Dec	4pm	**School Choir singing at Marylebone Station**	School Choir
Tues 15th Dec	9:30am	**Early Years Nativity**	Nursery and Recption parents invited. Two adults per family.
Wed 16th Dec		**Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**	Whole School
Wed 16th Dec	2:45pm	**Christmas Church Service**	Whole School
Friday 18th Dec	1:30pm	**Last day of term - School finishes at 1:30pm. There is no wraparound on this day!**	Whole School
Mon 4th Jan	9am	**Back to school!**	Whole School

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A Message from FOSMA

Dear Parents & Carers,

Help us make this year's Christmas Fair on 30th November extra special! ❤️
We've created an Amazon Wish List for anyone who would like to donate items towards the fair. Donations can be made anonymously, and there's absolutely no pressure to contribute!

Every little contribution helps create magical memories for our children! 🎄✨
Thank you for your continued support! ❤️



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Attendance

Class	Attendance This week	Attendance this year so far
Nursery	96%	93.7%
Reception	96.3%	94.9%
Year 1	93.6%	93.8%
Year 2	95.6%	95.6%
Year 3	96%	96.7%
Year 4	98.3%	96.7%
Year 5	95.3%	96.8%
Year 6	95.8%	97%

Congratulations to Year 4 our attendance winners this week!

Well done, Year 4!

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for this school and for all the wonderful things that have taken place here this half term.
We give you thanks for all the children and adults that make up our school community. We give thanks that each one of us is unique, and known and loved by you.
Be with us as we learn and play.

Amen