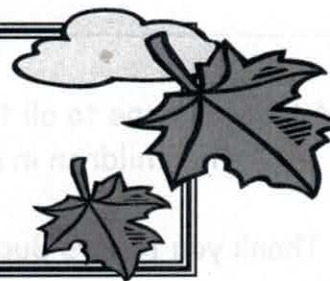




NEWSLETTER

December 2021



We are well into the term, and still feeling the continuing effects of the covid pandemic. We are not able yet to return to the normality we were hoping for at the start of term.

As everyone knows, this has not gone away and we all should still follow the national guidance as well as take personal measures to protect ourselves and others.

We have had a small number of confirmed cases in school, and are informing parents of children who are in classes where cases have occurred.

Lateral Flow tests can be a good way to identify cases and so reduce the spread. Regular testing is undertaken with high school pupils, and adults can also access regular testing. .

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

The symptom checker is on the school website as a reminder outlining the steps to take, if your child has symptoms of coronavirus. Any child with symptoms must not come to school.

We want to express our huge thanks to staff, pupils and families for all the efforts they are making, around school and in daily life, to ensure that everyone is kept safe and well as far as possibly can be.

We continue to keep separate class groups for most activities, including key stages for lunchtimes and break times, and have 'virtual collective worship assemblies' during the week - It's become too cold for outside get togethers!

Hand hygiene, ventilation and continued additional cleaning during the school day are also in place.

The weather has turned much colder recently. Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for cold conditions, and has a warm named coat. Hats and gloves should also be named so they can be returned promptly if they are misplaced.

We are going outside for playtimes and lunch breaks unless it is raining.

PE for Oak on Monday, Willow on Wednesdays and Rowan on Thursdays also take place outside, as well as sports clubs, so additional layers will be needed.

We have to keep rooms in school regularly ventilated and most of the time doors are opened at break, lunchtime and whenever the class goes outside. We are doing our best to keep everyone warm, but we have a balancing act to ensure adequate ventilation and thermal comfort!

There will be times when windows and doors have to be opened and this can make the room feel chilly. Providing warmer layers such as long socks/ tights, vests etc can help if your child feels the cold.



BBC Children In Need

A big well done to all the children, and adults who took part in the Pudsey Power Walk. All the children in school on the day took part and received a Pudsey wristband.

Thank you to Mrs Buchholz and Mrs Eagling and all the bakers for a fantastic cake stall.
We added in the Harvest collection

An amazing total of £398.03 was raised!



Christmas Services at the church - We are still planning separate services- a Cherry and Willow service and a Rowan and Oak service, both at church, to which parents are invited. However, we will have to be prepared for this to be cancelled at short notice, for example in the event of an increase in cases or changes to guidance for primary schools.

Cherry Willow is Wednesday 8 Dec at 10am; Rowan and Oak is Tuesday 7 Dec at 1.45pm

The children are excited and looking forward to welcoming you. However, we ask that you agree to the following if you are intending to join us:

- Numbers are limited to 2 adults per child for the Cherry and Willow service.
- Numbers are limited to 1 adult per child for the Rowan and Oak service.
- Wait outside the church until all the children are in and ready to start and leave promptly.
- Wear a face covering inside the church.

Other Christmas events

Christmas post box from Monday 6 December— children can bring Christmas cards and post them in the School Christmas post. These will be delivered every week. Make sure the child's name and class is written on the envelope. This is entirely optional.

Christmas Christingle in School – Reverend Helen will be talking to the children about Christingle, and all pupils will make a Christingle in school.

This is taking place on the morning of 15 December.

Please can each child bring an orange to school.

Everything else for the Christingle making is provided.

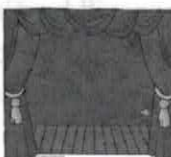
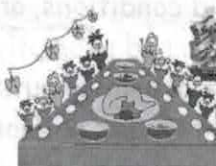
Also on 15 December is the **Christmas lunch**.

The menu and order forms have been sent out.

Thursday 16 December -**Christmas jumpers** can be worn on this day, with a collection for Save the Children. If you haven't got a Christmas jumper, don't worry, you can just add a bit of sparkle to an everyday jumper.

Friday 17 December – on the last day, we will be having a **Pantomime** once again in the morning and in the afternoon, all Classes will be going outside together, singing **Christmas songs** and drinking hot chocolate.

Every Child will have a chocolate treat to bring home, kindly provided by FOLS.



Thank you to FOLS for organising a Christmas tree for the school, and a big Thank you to Mr A Thomas of Woodforde Farm for donating such a lovely tree.



Newsletter

Christmas 2021



Christmas festivities have continued this week, following our wonderful Christmas Church services this week. We are all so proud of the children. The Cherry and Willow Nativity musical was the lovely traditional story with narrators, characters and song. The children performed so well, having worked on learning their lines, and all those songs! The Rowan and Oak carol service was excellent, having a mix of traditional and more contemporary carols. We were also delighted to have musical pieces from both Rowan and Oak, as well as music and singing from the after school Music club, all supported by Miss Berners, our Music teacher. We hope that those of you who were able to join us enjoyed it too - must have been proud!

Reverend Helen and Reverend Richard have talked to the children about Christingle, and every class has made a Christingle in school. The sweets were very tempting for some, with some Christingles not making it home intact! There is a Christingle at St Mary's in Reepham on 24 December and a Dress Nativity at St Mary's in Elsing on 18 December.

We enjoyed our Christmas lunch this week, with a huge round of applause given to Miss Kashinska and Mrs Abel for all their hard work. In return, they were proud that all the roast parsnips and *almost* all the sprouts were eaten!

A pantomime returned for the end of term, and to round off the last day, we have had songs and hot chocolate together outside!

I have given a big well done to the children for all their positive attitudes and efforts with their learning this term. I have seen so many children for the Gold Book due to their efforts, homework and self-initiated learning. I also thank the staff, during these challenging times, for being here every day for the children and keeping everything as 'normal' as it can be to provide a safe and happy learning environment. To our parents, FOLS, and school community, thank you all for your support, generosity and care.

Mrs Watson

A few snapshots moments from Cherry and Willow pupils waiting for their starring moment in the Nativity Service.



Charity Fundraising

Poppy Appeal

We have received the total collected, which was £184.97.



Christmas Jumper Day

A fabulous array of Christmas jumpers – Santas on skateboards, minecraft lights, polar bears with sparkly shades, reindeers with pompom noses, sequins, bobbles and sparkle! Thank you all for the donations for this day ... all the contributions and the Christmas Church collection has been sent to 'Save the Children' as part of their annual Christmas jumper day event.

We raised £ 144.81

Thank you children and families for joining and supporting these events and sales.

TEAM SHIELD WINNERS for the most team points this term are THE KINGFISHERS

Attendance.

Our whole school attendance for the term is 95%. The Mousekateers have visited all the classes this term.

There are 19 children who have 100% attendance which is amazing with the current circumstances. Well Done!

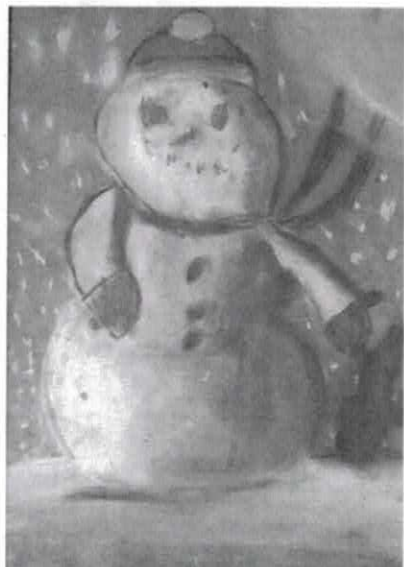
Christmas continues with a range of events planned by the local church, including Christingle, dress up nativity and crib service. Further details can be found in the Hill and Vale



Next term

We are planning for there to be continuing and potentially further measures for schools into the new term. As yet, we have no further information on any further or additional restrictions for primary schools.

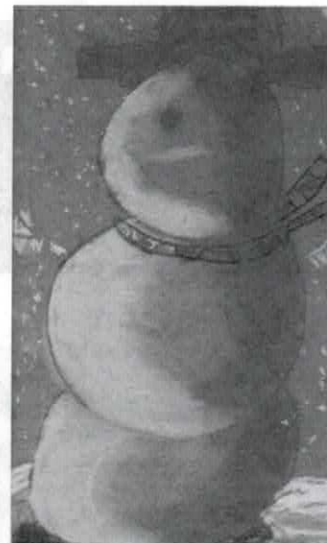
Children are back to school for the Spring Term on Thursday 6th January.



*From all of us, we
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Joyful, Happy
Christmas*

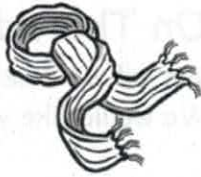
*We look forward to seeing you
on 6th January.*

Snowman art work by Sid and Jack L





February 2022



We have an exciting half term ahead, with lots going on. We are looking forward to having chicks in school as part of Willow's topic on Exciting Eggs. There are various sports events coming up in the next few weeks and Rowan and Oak class both have an Outdoor Day to Whitwell coming up. We also have World Book Day, Red Nose Day and our school is taking part in a Canaries School lunch programme this March. Year 6 will be attending the Norwich Children's Book Festival.

Easter Parents are invited to an Easter Hunt on the last day of term in the morning (weather permitting) See timings in the diary dates.

We will also have an Easter Bonnet parade for the children on the last day of term in the afternoon, and invite children to make a hat at home and wear it to school for the afternoon parade.

Staff

We are pleased to have welcomed Miss Allen's return to her class, following her absence last half term. Miss Dorr is currently away for personal reasons, and we look forward to seeing her return to Rowan class soon. In the meantime, Miss Forrest is continuing to support Rowan class.

Miss Phillpot is due to return from her maternity leave during the last week of term. This means we will be saying 'Goodbye' to Miss Rayner who has been a super teacher for Cherry class in Miss Phillpot's absence. Miss Rayner and Miss Phillpot will be working closely together in the next few weeks to ensure a smooth handover.

Covid Update

There has been no new guidance for schools following the further relaxing of rules on Monday 21st February (at the time of writing).

We are therefore following the guidance which states that where a child or adult is a confirmed Covid case, they stay off school for 5 days and then wait for 2 negative Lateral Flow tests taken 24 hours apart. We will continue to send home any children who display possible symptoms of the virus.

We are continuing with the hygiene and cleaning measures, as well as continuing to check our CO2 monitors and ensuring regular ventilation.

Parent Consultation Meetings

We are pleased to be able to return to 'face to face' meeting for our Parent Consultation Meetings. There will be an option for a Google Meet for any parents who would prefer or are unable to attend Covid reasons (for example you are in an 'extremely vulnerable' group and are taking steps to minimise contacts).

Please take this opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about their progress and next steps.

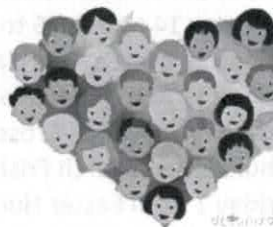
Parent Consultation meetings will take place during the week's beginning 7 March and 14 March.

Details on making appointments will be sent out to all families.

Our Values

This half term we will be learning about **Justice**. Children will be learning about Justice as: treating people fairly; making wise decisions, seeing the whole picture; Keeping God's rules.

In celebrating the Christian calendar, we will focus on the season of Lent and Easter



On Thursday 3rd March, it is World Book Day.

We will be celebrating books and reading.

We would like you bring in a **favourite book** to school on the day- your teachers will too!

We are holding a **book swap** -If you have a book you would like to exchange for a different book bring it to school on Monday 28 February. Further details have been sent with the world book letter.

There is also a special **lunch** to celebrate the day.

Every family will receive a world book day £1 **book voucher**.

This will be sent to you. Instructions for redeeming the voucher are included with the voucher. Each year is a selection of £1 books available for exchange of one voucher or it can be used to purchase books of a higher value.

Details of the £1 books available can be found on <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



Norwich City's Community Sports Foundation approached Norse Catering to become a partner and run a school lunch programme over four weeks for their Health Month.

Our school is taking part.

The programme runs for 4 weeks during March, starting week beginning March 7th.

Each week there will be an online assembly and a special lunch menu on Thursdays representing nationalities of 4 of Norwich City's first team. The recipes have been developed by Daniel Savill, executive chef for the first team in collaboration with Norse Catering's menu development team.

Each week the menu will focus on a first team player linking with their nationality and the various types that help power them on the pitch:

Dimitris Giannoulis - Greek; Josh Sargent - American; Tim Krul - Dutch; Teemu Pukki - Finnish

There are also 4 collectable cards.

We hope the children will be encouraged to take part and enjoy trying something different on the lunch menu!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 28/2 Bring in a book for our World Book Day Book Swap

Thursday 3/3 World Book Day, Bring your Favourite book to school to talk about

Friday 4/3 Football Festival (Y4-6)

Wednesday 9/3 Oak class to Crucial Crew Safety Day

Friday 11/3 Rowan class Outdoor Day Whitwell Centre

Monday 14 March Y6 to Norfolk Children's Book Festival

Friday 18 March Oak class Outdoor Day to Whitwell Centre

Friday 18 March Red Nose Day / Comic Relief

Tuesday 29 March Cross Country event (rescheduled event)

Thursday 31 March Frisbee Festival Y4-6

Friday 1 April Easter Hunt (parents invited)

Cherry and Willow 9.30 - 10 am Rowan Class 10.30 - 11 am Oak Class 11.15 am - 11.45 am

Friday 1 April Easter Bonnet Parade - Children invited to bring their creations from home.

School closed for Easter 4 April -19 April. Reopens on Wednesday 20 April at 8.45am

School closed for Summer Half term 30 May- 3 June. Reopens Monday 6 June

School closed for Summer 25 July- 5 September. Reopens Tuesday 6 September 2022