



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Collective worship

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Today we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany with our Epiphany Liturgy in the chapel. The children played the parts of the Three Kings visiting Mary, Joseph and Jesus, and not following King Herod's wishes to know where Jesus was. The story was beautifully narrated by the students and everyone joined in with the singing. Our first full week back ended with a very spirited singing practise.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Dates for the Diary

School Photo's Monday 15th
January

Ash Wednesday 14th February

Half term begins Friday 16th
February

Return to school Monday 26th
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Head Teachers Message

Happy Ney Year to you all, it has been so lovely to have the school back after the Christmas break.

This week we have opened up another classroom as our school continues to grow, we welcome Wonder class; inspired by the Howgate Wonder Apple grown in our orchard.

A big welcome to our new teachers Ollie, Dom and Claire, and our new students Yusuf, Sofia and Alyssia.

Beacon:

Happy New Year! We are so pleased to be back after a well-deserved break. Beacon students went back to their routines straight away. It's lovely to watch their excitement when seeing all their friends again. We started the week celebrating the New Year with students preparing the food and the decorations for a new year party. We thought carefully about what shapes we would use to make our sandwiches and banners connecting our party to our cognition topic. In RE we focused on the Epiphany, we have followed a star in our way to the chapel, we decorated presents for to give our friends, we looked at the transportation that we use for our journeys nowadays in comparison to what the three wise man used on their journey to Bethlehem.



Bramley:

This week in Bramley class we have been getting to know our new teacher Oli. We have been focusing on our communication skills and have been choosing our favourite songs on the board to share with our friends, take turns and share our amazing dance moves. We explored the story of Epiphany and made and decorated crowns. We also explored different lights. Our star of the week this week is Freddie! Have a lovely weekend!



Discovery:

Welcome back everyone and what a freezing start to the New Year. We are so happy to have everyone back and finding out about what the children have been up to in their holidays! This week we have jumped straight back into our topic of Aliens and Astronauts with cake decorating alien making and exploring space in the OMI room! We finished the Christmas Story this week with a reminder of what Epiphany is and the story of the 3 Kings and King Herod. We have been so impressed with how settled the children have been after their time at home and so it was very tricky to choose a star of the week this week! However, there has been one person who has really stood out for us this week and that's Denny! We look forward to everything our new term has to offer!

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Jubilee:

Dear family and friends. We have completed our first week and we have been very busy! We attended our weekly Church farm day on Thursday. We fed the chickens, collected eggs and sized them. We fed the pigs and we enjoyed observing them warming their trotters in the warm and steamy hay. We have worked as the farm team pushing wheelbarrows and doing very heavy work as you can see in the class photo! We are VERY PROUD OF OUR EFFORTS!



Pippin:

Great start in Pippin class, all children joined in and worked hard. We welcome Claire to our class as a teacher, a fresh and exciting way of working. This week we continued our journey exploring the story Animal Boogie through different props. Children also concentrated on exploring shapes by manipulating them and building the towers. We visited on site project Ashvale and everyone practiced skills how to clean the eggs and flower's pots as you can see on the pictures attached. We made amazing cheese stars during food tech lessons. In RE we finished the nativity story by role-play being a wise king. We made fantastic dreamcatchers to share with friends on our houses. Our star of the week goes to Destiny for her anticipation during cheerleading.



Stirling:

Stirling students have returned with determination for 2024 having been fantastic at engaging with this weeks activities. The week started with us visiting the drawing room to begin work on our Jesse tree inspired decorations as part of our RE expressive arts collaboration. The students created clay medallions with personalised etched drawings inside each one. Later this week our second visit to the drawing room focused on creating a huge canvas painting which all students in the school will be involved with as this will be displayed in our eventual learning cabin in the orchard once renovated. Students attended Tesco for their food tech shop and created a very tasty chocolate mousse. Students then tended to their allotment in Ashvale, ensuring their board beans, garlcs and onions are growing nicely. Students also made comparisons to A Christmas Carol characters and explored how to spend money effectively. Students then explored the positives and negatives of social media in our modern age.



Winston:

Winston class have had a fantastic start to the year. In topic we have explored the economies of the richest and poorest economies in North America. In R.E we continued reflecting on the nativity and looked at why the Shepherds were chosen as visitors for Jesus. In Food tech, as a nod to Moby Dick, we made fish finger burgers and some of us tried tartare sauce for the first time. We also linked this to science and investigated reared and caught animals in food production, as well as the impact of overfishing. In Maths we are still looking at money, and in PSHE we considered how money can impact our mental health.



Wonder Class:

We were so pleased to welcome all our new students to Wonder class this week and have really enjoyed getting to know each other and make new friends. We have visited the OMI room this week and have explored our new spaces. We have used switch toys and made a bubble machine and disco lights work, and have listened to lots of music and stories. We are looking forward to the weekend after a busy week at school.



Friday's Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the future that stretches ahead of us. Remind us of the possibilities open to us and let our imaginations wander freely. At the end of this year, may we look back with a sense of achievement and joy. Help us to overcome disappointments. Help us to have the courage to face problems and difficulties. Help us to live our lives to the full and have a wonderful year! Amen.



Class	Star of the Week
Beacon	Bobby
Bramley	Freddie
Discovery	Denny
Jubilee	Kayvaan
Pippin	Destiny
Stirling	Roan
Winston	William
Wonder	Yusuf