

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today marks the start of our final full week of 2025, and it has been a lovely one to reflect on. The school has been full of energy, excitement and learning, with children continuing to impress us through their positive attitudes and enthusiasm. From special moments to everyday classroom successes, it has been a wonderful week across school. Thank you, as always, for your continued support! We hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter.

- **In Nursery** - Nursery have had a lovely week full of excitement. The children really enjoyed taking part in the Stick Man story trail earlier in the week, bringing the story to life as they explored around school. Today, they are especially excited for the EYFS party 🎉 – a perfect way to celebrate the end of term with lots of fun and smiles.
- **In Reception Hill** – Reception Hill have had a busy and enjoyable week, continuing to develop their learning through play, stories and hands-on activities. The children have shown great enthusiasm and independence, and it has been lovely to see their confidence grow as the term comes to an end. They are finishing the week with lots of excitement and smiles, celebrating a brilliant end to the term together.
- **In Reception Bond** - What another action packed week in Reception Bond! They've been singing Christmas songs, making crowns to wear for their Christmas dinner day next Wednesday, making Christmas cards & of course writing our letter to Father Christmas!
- **In Year 1 Browne** - In 1 Browne this week they have been getting into the Christmas spirit. They've been busy designing and making cards to sell at the Christmas Fayre and they have also been practicing singing their Christmas songs for their performance.
- **In Year 1 Potter** - This week 1B have been trying their best with their maths, reading and phonics assessments. They have also been learning more about the different seasons in science and explored what it is like in winter!
- **In Year 2 Blyton** – The children have been busy showcasing their resilience this week as they tackled both maths and reading assessments with determination and a positive attitude. Alongside their fantastic effort in these areas, the children have also been channelling their creativity by writing wonderfully imaginative independent stories. They have been practising and applying their knowledge of noun phrases, verbs, conjunctions, and prepositions, and it has been brilliant to see these features emerging confidently in their writing. In our topic lessons, the class have continued their adventures by designing their very own treasure maps, using grid references to plot locations and pathways. The children loved bringing their maps to life with imaginative details, and it has been a great opportunity to develop both their geographical skills and their sense of adventure.
- **In Year Dahl** - Year 2 have had a productive and enjoyable week, showing great focus and enthusiasm in their learning across the curriculum. The children have worked hard, supported one another well, and continued to develop their confidence and independence. It has been lovely to see their positive attitudes and pride in their learning as we come to the end of the term.
- **In Year 3 Simon** - This week in Year 3S they travelled from Salford all the way to sunny Sicily - discovering how different the weather, landscapes and way of life can be - and the children loved sharing their discoveries. They also celebrated finishing our class book, 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' which kept them laughing, guessing and completely hooked from start to finish. What an exciting week!
- **In Year 3 Walliams** – This week in English, the children let their imaginations soar as they designed and described their very own dragons, using exciting vocabulary and creative details. In Maths, they focused on inverse operations, practising how addition links to subtraction. In Geography, they explored places near and far by comparing our own city of Salford with the island of Sicily, looking at differences in climate, landscape, and daily life. It's been a busy and brilliant week of learning in Year 3.
- **In Year 4 Carroll** - This week in Year 4C they began their new maths unit on multiplication and division. It is clear that the children have been practising their times tables, especially on TTRockstars, as their confidence and accuracy have been fantastic! In science, they have been investigating how different

liquids affect eggs to help them understand how cause tooth to decay might be caused. The children will be observing the changes over time and discussing their findings. They have also been learning about good oral hygiene! They even brushed our teeth and talked about how to brush them properly and take care of them every day!

- **In Year 4 Wilson** - Y4W have worked so hard this week! They have been working on their geography understanding of the different types of farming in Geography, they have also gathered evidence from the text in English to give an impression of Lady Lansbury as well as summarise key chapters. We have produced a really detailed plan to help us when we write our retell of the story so far. The children were superb during the Santa Dash and have shown super skills in PE!
- **In Year 5 Lewis** - Another busy week in Y5L. Some fantastic results in our Autumn assessments across the board last week followed by lots of wonderful Christmas activities. They also had a lesson about the way our bodies change as we get older and all Y5L teachers were impressed at the maturity everyone handled it with. One more week to look forward too with lots more Christmas fun as well as finishing their class novel. Mr R would like to say thank you for all the birthday wishes too!
- **In Year 5 Rowling** - Y5 Rowling have been busy this week. They have been starting our new unit on fractions, beginning to understand the process of simplifying and finding equivalent fractions. In English, they have been continuing with the Explorer and have just written letters from the perspective of Fred to his Father. In the afternoons, they have been focusing on DT for the upcoming Christmas Fayre, designing and creating Christmas Wreaths. They look incredible. Well done Y5!
- **In Year 6 Morpurgo** - Y6 Morpurgo have been bringing their fractions unit to a close this week. The children have been working on multiplying and dividing fractions, before applying these skills to some challenging problem-solving tasks involving fractions of amounts. This has been a valuable opportunity for them to consolidate all of their Year 6 fractions learning so far, and they have shown real perseverance throughout the unit.
- **In Year 6 Shakespeare** - Y6 Shakespeare have been working on a news blog-style report this week, writing live-update coverage of the cabin boy aboard the HMS Beagle going missing, and eventually being found. The children revisited the key features of an effective news blog and explored real examples to help structure their own writing. They have really enjoyed experimenting with a different layout and style of reporting.
- **In The Blossoms** - This week in the Blossoms they have had so much festive fun! They enjoyed taking part in the whole-school Santa Dash, they met Father Christmas, celebrated their party day, and loved joining in with Christmas Jumper Day together. Their festive activities have included flour play, Christmas-themed painting, and exploring with gloop! They've also been staying active with plenty of physical fun, joining in with Wake Up Shake Up dances and Danny Go sessions. They can't believe next week is their final week of festive fun before we break up for Christmas!

As we come to the end of the week, it has been wonderful to see the magic that this time of year brings to our school, from special activities and celebrations to the smiles and excitement of the children each day. A huge thank you to all of our staff for their incredible effort, care and commitment in making this such a memorable time for the children. Thank you also to our families for your continued support, engagement and involvement! We wish you all a lovely weekend.

David Nightingale

Headteacher

Important Dates

Date	Event
15.12	Year 5 / 6 Christmas Party
16.12	Year 2 Performance – AM
16.12	Year 1 / 2 Christmas Party

17.12	Christmas Dinner Day
17.12	Year 3 / 4 Christmas Party Day
18.12	Panto Day
18.12	Christmas Assembly
18.12	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

Attendance:

Registration form(s) this week	Total Weekly Attendance
1 Browne	93.33
1 Potter	92.69
2 Blyton	93.21
2 Dahl	95.00
3 Simon	90.00
3 Walliams	93.79
4 Carroll	97.67
4 Wilson	95.86
5 Lewis	88.67
5 Rowling	92.67
6 Morpurgo	95.33
6 Shakespeare	96.67
N Donaldson	93.10
R Bond	93.33
R Hill	92.41
The Blossoms	81.11

A huge WELL DONE to Year 6 Shakespeare!

Office reminders

Messages from the office:

- **REMINDER** - All payments, including dinner money, are made via Arbor - log in via <https://the-deans-primary.uk.arbor.sc/>

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