



Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 2023

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Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it's been with Christmas performances from y1-y6! The children have all done brilliantly and it's been wonderful to see so many of you in school to enjoy the festivities!



Christmas Read-In

We hope you'll be able to join us for our Christmas Read-In event after school on Tuesday, when there will be refreshments, raffle tickets and some Xmas stalls as well as Xmas stories being read by teachers.

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Christmas Talent Show

Next week, each class will be holding their own Diddy-Talent-Show, an opportunity for any of the children to perform individually or in groups. They can choose whatever they like to perform... jokes, singing, musical instrument, sports skills, magic acts, poetry, dance...or something we've never seen before!

Following their class talent-shows, two acts will be chosen to perform in the hall on Thursday morning, for all of the children in y1-6. In the Juniors, the children vote for which acts should perform again, but in the Infants, we've found it's usually fairer for the staff to select—then they can make sure that different children are chosen for the Christmas and Summer shows.

Occasionally children can be disappointed if they're not chosen to perform in the whole-school talent show so please reassure them that performing in front of their class is a big achievement in itself.

Next week, we've got a busy end-of-term so please see the diary dates on the next page.



Wishing you all a very happy and relaxing weekend, Miss CB x

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Term Dates and Events

Mon 18th Dec



9:30am EYFS Xmas performance

2pm EYFS Xmas performance

Tues 19th Dec



KA Christmas Service in St John's at
9:30am



Fingers-crossed for a visit from Santa!



Christmas Read-In after-school family
event 3:30-5pm

Wed 20th Dec



Toys, games and films day

Thurs 21st Dec



Y1-6 Talent show



Term ends 2pm



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What have we been learning? Nursery



This week we have been very busy in nursery getting ready for Christmas.

We have been practising the songs and rhymes for our Christmas Performance. We have been finishing off our cards, calendars, baubles and wooden Christmas tree decorations . We have been using positional language in maths to say where the Elf is sitting .

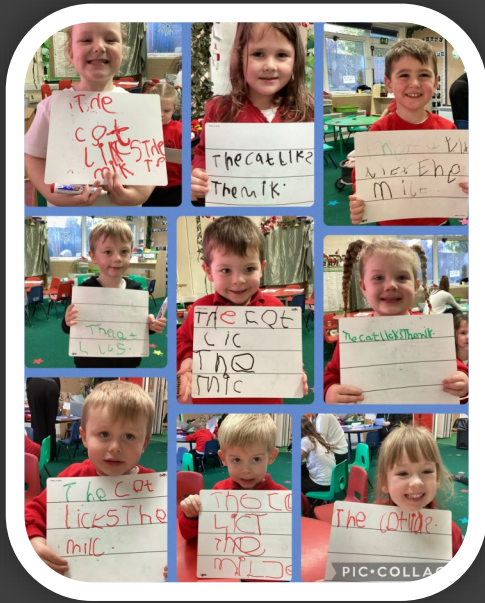
Our class elves Jack, Jill and Elvis have been very mischievous this week . They put undies on the Christmas tree, made snowmen from loo rolls and covered the Christmas tree in toilet paper also . We love coming in every morning to see what they have been up to ! In phonics this week we having been finding out all about the g phoneme and also rhyming pairs .

We also revisited the story of the first Christmas and read Stickman by Julia Donaldson .

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What have we been learning? Reception



This week Reception have been in full swing with Christmas activities (thrown in with a little phonics and maths). They have been practicing their songs and signs all under the watchful eye of Elfie!

The children had a go at writing independently and have been making lots of crafts to bring home!

We have learnt the sound 'l as in lion' this week and will continue our phase 2 (very nearly finished!) after Christmas.

Thank you for another lovely week Reception ☺

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What have we been learning? Year 1



This week Year 1 have made us all so proud with their performance skills. I'm sure you'll all agree that their hard work has paid off, as they were all amazing! In English, we've been planning our own story with a happy ending and in Maths we've focused on number bonds to 10. Around all of our Christmas performances and rehearsals we listened to some music and discussed how music can make us feel different emotions. We've had a brilliant week and are looking forward to our last week in school before we break up for Christmas!

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What have we been learning? Year 2



This week Year 2 enjoyed singing some Christmas songs and reciting Christmas poems to their families. The children worked very hard, with very little rehearsal time and we are all so proud of them! Well done Year 2!

The children have continued their religion work on Hanukkah and they made a dreidel from the Jewish festival and they even enjoyed a chocolate coin to go with it!

We had a mindfulness session on Thursday where we had time to relax, enjoy a massage and reflect on the business of the last 2 weeks!

Year 2 have also been very busy finishing off their book art creations this week. They can't wait to show off their final pieces of work when they get them finished!

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What have we been learning?

Year 3



Year 3 have had a busy week preparing for their Christmas production. I am sure you'll agree they all did it brilliantly and have beautiful voices. We have also finished off our Christmas decorations which we began at Forest School. They loved Computing with Mr Buck as it involved some Christmas activities too. In our reading lessons we read *The Gingerbread Star* by Anne Fine and have thought about how Hetty was feeling using emoji's.

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What have we been learning?

Year 4



Christmas is fast approaching here at Knotty Ash! We have had a wonderful week performing our Christmas play to our Parents and Carers. The children did fantastically well singing, signing and acting! We are so proud of them. The children have been continuing to work hard with their times tables in Maths with some children now knowing all of their times tables up until the 11 times tables. We have also been working hard with our Book Art on Liverpool. The children can't wait to show you them! In PE, we practiced our football skills and in RE we learnt about things we might find in a church and their uses.

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What have we been learning?

Year 5

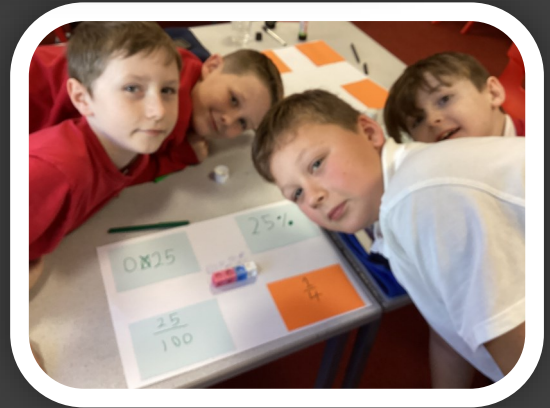
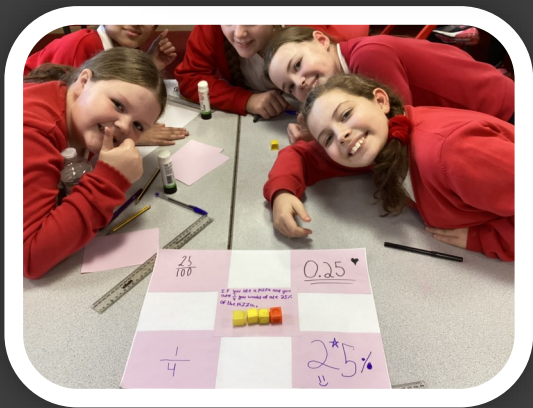
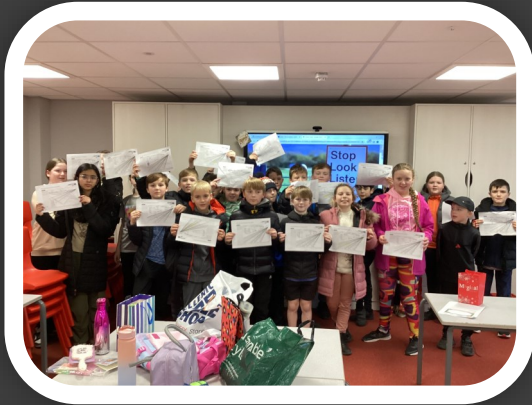


This week, we smashed our Christmas play! We retold The Grinch and did our families proud. We were all so proud of each and every child for getting stuck into learning songs and their parts, as well as, singing loudly and speaking clearly on the day! Well done Year 5! We also have explored common factors and multiples in Maths. We have squeezed in a little description in English too. This week, we have practised counter balance in PE and also continued to practise the Fresh Prince of Belair song! Not only that but a small group of children recorded their own version of Billy Bragg's famous song A New England and even managed to receive a tweet back from the big noised bard of Barking! What a legend!

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What have we been learning? Year 6



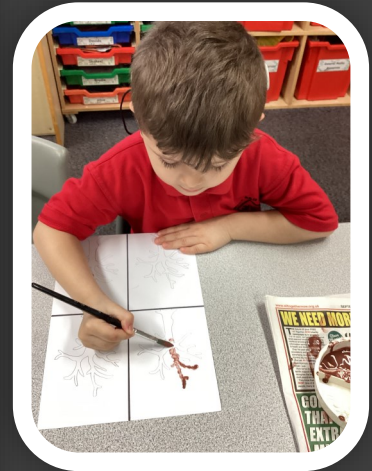
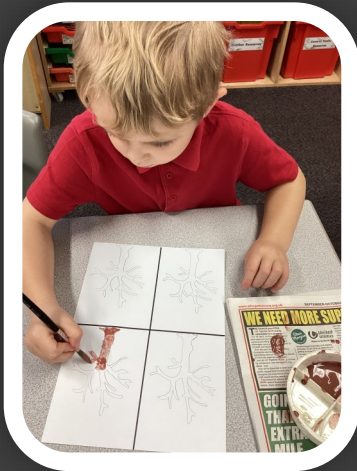
We've had a delightful Friday to cap off a lovely week in our school. First and foremost, it has to be said that all of the children in my class did a fantastic job of putting on an excellent Christmas show. They sang a beautiful rendition of Silent Night, and then performed a poem brilliantly too. As a reward, they got a Christmas cup filled with hot chocolate, real squirty cream and marshmallows to thank them for their hard work. In addition to all of this (we've been busy!) we studied rail safety this week. We learned that a train takes over a mile to stop completely - so if you're messing about anywhere near the train tracks and get stuck, a train just won't be able to stop in time before hitting you. We also learned that the powerful electricity running through the cables and rail lines can jump 3 metres! Please stay safe everyone and have a great weekend!

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What have we been learning?

DRB 1



What an amazing week we have had! We've really enjoyed performing our Christmas songs and poems on the stage in front of a large audience. We would like to thank all KS1 and DRB families who've attended the performances this week. We hope that you've enjoyed it too!

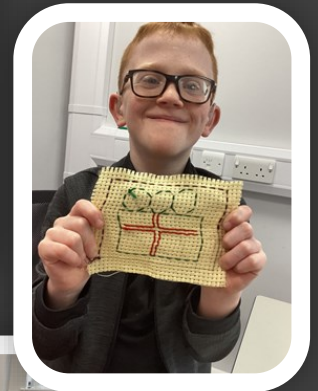
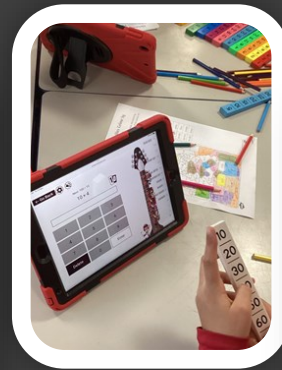
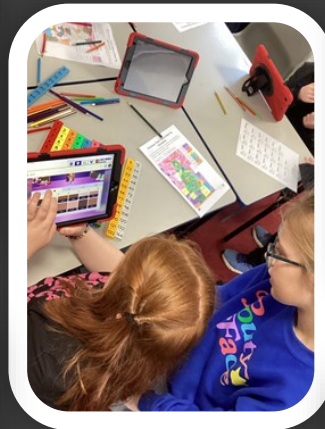
On top of the performances, we have also been busy looking at 2D shapes and thought carefully about what shapes we would need to make a Christmas tree, angel and presents. We also got stuck in and made some calendars which we cannot wait to take home to show our families.

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What have we been learning?

DRB 2



We are racing towards the end of term and the Christmas celebrations are well underway in Knotty Ash. KS2 DRB have performed brilliantly in both Christmas shows and watching dress rehearsals was really good fun too!

All our activities in class have had a Christmas theme. We used our sewing skills to create calendars for 2024. We have used our maths skills to solve Christmas colouring puzzles and we have enjoyed wordsearch challenges to find seasonal vocabulary. We have been getting ready for our Carol Service next week in St. John's Church and can safely say we are counting down to our Christmas holidays.

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Attendance



Class	Attendance
Reception	86.5%
Year 1	90.6%
Year 2	87.1%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	87.6%
Year 5	90.3%
Year 6	95.1%

Whole school attendance this week **90.5%**

Class attendance winners **Year 3 96.4%**

Attendance has been patchy again this week due to some nasty bugs going round.

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**MAKING MONEY
MAKE SENSE**



Do you need help or advice with:

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| Money management | Maximising income |
| Budgeting | Welfare benefits |
| Banks/credit options | Energy efficiency |
| Housing | |



**We can offer advice and support that is
free, independent and confidential.**



Signs of a Rainbow CIC

will be at Knotty Ash Community Hub

Tuesday afternoon—1.00 —3.00 pm

Wednesday morning 9.30—11.30 am

Please contact Ruth Carson on 2284222 to make
an appointment

or complete a Googlform [https://forms.gle/
cbwKstUAtnk15F3M7](https://forms.gle/cbwKstUAtnk15F3M7)

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Family Activities & Support

The latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter is here.

www.allabout-family.co.uk/liverpool

You will find new information about local support available for families and children in Liverpool, along with information regarding events and activities on offer running from March to May 2023.

We have also been sent information about Family Learning and Engagement Courses run by LCC Adult Learning Service. This can be found on our school website, link here:

<https://knotty-ash-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/family-information-and-support/>

For families in receipt of benefits related free school meals, there are a variety of activities over the Summer break, all of which are free and include a meal:

<https://merseyplay.com/summer-haf-holiday-activities-food-2023/>

Locally, St John's Church offer a range of community groups and activities for families:

<https://www.stjohnsknottyash.org/our-community>

There's also a range of groups and activities available at Yew Tree Children's Centre for parents whose children are 0-5 years.

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years-and-childcare/childrens-centres/yew-tree-childrens-centre/>

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Date: 4th December 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Winter HAF programme starts on the 27th December and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16 (including year 11 leavers), who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half term holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at **no cost**. There's a great range of activities across the city including **Christmas arts, crafts, discos and pantomimes, boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, podcasting, basketball, arts and crafts, drama, zumba, trips out** and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.

To find out where the nearest scheme is click on this link <https://merseyplay.com/winter-haf-liverpool/> or go to <https://www.merseyplay.com> and click on the Winter HAF link.

When you have chosen the activity/scheme you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If the child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when booking. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and contact the providers directly.

- ☐ If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- ☐ You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.
- ☐ If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/> or go to <https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living>

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- ☑ If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>
- ☑ If your child is not eligible for benefits related free school meals you may be eligible for support with childcare costs - <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Winter HAF programme. This programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards

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It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

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Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough, there's no need to keep them off school. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice but tie hair back. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups .

Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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