

Dear Parents and Carers

As this incredibly busy term draws to a close I would like to share some of the fabulous activities that have taken place in school.



No build up to Christmas would be complete without the annual Nativity performance. The children in Robins were delighted to be able to perform this for you and it was a pleasure to welcome so many parents, grandparents and members of our community to enjoy this special event.



Art club made some lovely decorations for our school tree that was part of St Matthew's Church Christmas Tree Fair Celebrations.

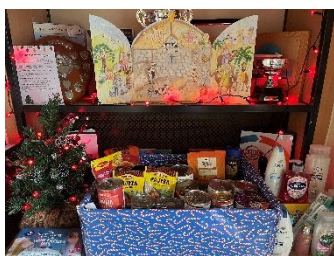
The children enjoyed sharing their Christmas service and songs with you at St Matthew's Church.

Many thanks to FONS and their little helpers who ran a stall selling delicious treats and cute decorations at the Coleorton 'On the Green' Christmas event. Although this year was relocated inside due to the storm. Well done for the bravery of the children that attended as we were on centre stage performing festive songs!



FONS Christmas fayre was a great success with its own Santa.





Thank you for all of the donations to our Reverse Advent Calendar. The donations have all been taken to the Ashby Foodbank.

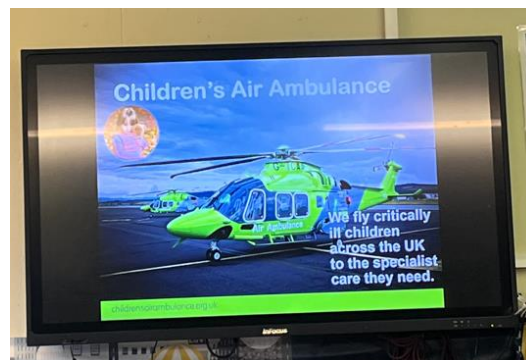


Our first Christmas craft activity afternoon was a great success, it was lovely to see so many Parents, Grandparents and Siblings coming into school to enjoy this festive event.

The children raised over £90 for Children in Need this year. The school council planned the fun raising events; challenging themselves to complete activities in a set time, finding Pudsey's in the school grounds, guessing the amount of marbles and a Pudsey drawing competition.



The Air Ambulance presented an assembly this term to explain their roll within the emergency services and advise why they played an important roll in supporting critically ill children. They explained their roll in attending accidents but also their work in moving children between hospitals to access specialist care.



Our community lunch this term was supported by past parents, parents, grandparents and members of the community, the Year Six children were delighted to meet you and try out their waiting skills. The next community lunch will be on 27th March 2025

Robins

Much of Robins' time this half term has been taken up with preparing for our Nativity performance of Countdown to Christmas. I am very proud of the result as the children sang and acted so enthusiastically throughout the rehearsals and performances. Thank you again for working with the children on their lines and I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

As well as our Nativity we have been reading books about Owls in literacy and finished by reading a book called The Dinosaur's Lunch by Jacqueline Wilson. The story resulted in some very exciting writing as we imagined what it would be like for Dinah when she woke up as a dinosaur.



We continued our theme of childhood and compared 1950's childhood with their own. We particularly enjoyed having Mrs. Laver visit us with her teddy bear which is one hundred years old. It was exciting to hear about the adventures that she had had with different members of the family during her history. We also learnt about timelines and put the different teddy bears in the correct order.

The Mastering number activities have continued to help everyone to talk about number and regularly practice core skills and we are starting to see the children's confidence in using mathematical vocabulary increase. We have been learning about the value of different coins this half term. This is a skill which all the children are finding hard as they have much less experience of seeing real coins than pupils in the past. It would be good to allow your children to explore the real money at home so they both recognise them and understand their value.

We hope you like your Christmas cards as they are the result of the work we have been doing in Design and Technology where we have been exploring different methods of adding moving parts to cards. Each child has designed their own card using one of the methods they have learnt. We are working hard on our colouring skills and think about the colours we are using too.



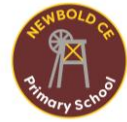
In computing we have been thinking about instructions and algorithms, Reception and Year One have been learning to use the Beebots and Year Two have been learning to give instructions clearly so that next term they will be able to program using Turtle Logo. Understanding left and right is starting to improve.



It has been a very long term for us but it has been good to see the Robins all working so hard and improving their skills. Please continue to read to them and listen to them read regularly so that they see themselves as readers.

It is really important to make sure we are expecting them to say their sounds correctly mmm not muh, nnn not nuh, Please use the link below to check the pronunciation.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/phonics-pure-sounds-video>



KS2



The children travelled to Measham to plant trees, organized by Leicester City community support group. This supports our work around protecting our environment and our school commitment to work towards being carbon zero. We worked hard and planted 74 trees opposite the Measham car boot field. Keep an eye on how that part of the National Forrest is growing and feel proud that we have made a difference to the oxygen levels!



Newbold took part in the Unity Football Tournament at Hood Park, it was a Year Five and Six competition. Due to lack of numbers we were lucky enough to have some brave Year Three children that offered to take part. We narrowly missed qualifying for the Semi Final but the spirit and the way the children supported each other was commendable. In PE, we have understood the advanced basics of football, gymnastics, fitness and dodgeball.

In KS2 this half term, we have been very busy writing an adventure story and a non-chronological report. Who knew we would be stranded on places like Neptune and Venus? The children have developed their use of semi-colons and relative clauses as well as alliteration for effect.

We have enjoyed learning about the solar system and exploring the different planets. We have finished our work comparing the ancient civilisations of the world. It surprised us that there were so many similarities across the world. We now understand the different time zones, vegetation belts and biomes of the world and how the climate affects what can survive there. We have begun to understand the motorway network of the UK and how they connect important places. Our work on pneumatics has resulted in a collection of models of useful household gadgets.

In music, we have developed our vocal skills, enjoyed Gustav Holst's 'The Planets Suite' and played the glockenspiel.

School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will run from Monday 6th January to Thursday 10th April

Monday: Nerf Wars all classes

Tuesday: Art Club all classes

Wednesday: Drama all classes

Thursday: Multi Sports all classes

If you would like to run an after-school club please phone or message the office.



Key Dates 2025

Monday 6th January: Term Starts

Saturday 25th January: Woodstone Cross Country (Ravenstone)

Friday 7th February: NSPC Rocks (Timetables rock starts)

Tuesday 11th February: Safer internet Day

Friday 14th February: End of Half Term

Monday 24th February: Term Starts

Saturday 1st March: Packington Cross Country

Friday March 7th: Celebrate World book Day

Friday 14th March: KS2 Singing rehearsal Leicester am.

Saturday 15th March: Snarestone Cross Country

Monday 17th March: KS2 Singing at De Montfort Hall 6pm

Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day

Thursday 27th March: Community Lunch

Thursday 3rd April: Easter Church Service at St Matthews 2.30pm

Saturday 5th April: Griffydham Cross Country:

Thursday 10th April: KS1 Singing at Loughborough Town Hall.

Friday 11th April: Term Ends

Monday 28th April: Term Starts

Headteachers Message

As this busy term ends I would like to thank all members of the school community for their support.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas Holiday and a great New Year. A massive thank you for supporting our fundraising events, both the children and staff appreciate your contribution to making school a great place to be.

Our reading challenge continues to be a great success. Please continue to hear your children read and discuss their books, it makes a considerable difference for their enthusiasm for reading if they know that you love to share their books with them.

FON's would like volunteers to help to plan and run events to raise money for the school and the community please let the office know if you can help with this and we will pass the message on.

Please remember that we are here to support you, so message us via Weduc or email office@newbold-cecp.leics.sch.uk if there is anything we can support you with.

Take Care & Thank You

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sherryl Hitchman'.

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