



## A message from Mrs Overland

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2024 and what a term it has been. This year has ended on so many positives seeing the children attend a whole school visit to the pantomime and engage with other local trips this months. We have also had a parent visitor come into the school to show the children what their job is like. All of the pupils loved having a turn in Mr Inwood's truck – a huge thank you to him for giving up his time to come and spend the morning with us. The classes have enjoyed learning about different places in the World for their Geography topics this half term. After Christmas we will be focussing on History topics and the classes will be learning about childhood in the past and making comparisons between past and present when learning about school, toys and home life.

Mrs Overland

## Calendar Dates:

- **December half term- 20th December- 7th January**
- **Non Pupil Day- 6th January**
- **Christmas Eve- 24th December**
- **Christmas Day- 25th December**
- **New Years Eve- 31st December**

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## A message from Miss Kinsville.

What an exciting term it has been and can't quite believe that we are at the end of 2024!

The children have enjoyed swimming, trips and Christmas activities this term.

We also had a parent bring in his work lorry and the children enjoyed climbing in, flashing the lights and beeping the horn.

If any parents are still keen to support the school and get involved, we welcome any suggestions.

Please be reminded that attendance is really important for the children's continuity of care and education, so ask that absence from school is kept to a minimum.

Myself and all the staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will be so excited to see the children in 2025

## A reminder for parents/carers.

**Just a reminder for parents and carers, there will be no swimming in the new half term, the students will be coming back to school on Tuesday 7th January as the 6th is a non pupil day and there will be some forest school letters going home with some pupils**

# Our School



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And that's a wrap!

Another fantastic half term in Ash Class; the children continue to flourish; the classroom continues to be full of laughter and positive choices all whilst the sense of belonging for all within our Ash Community goes from strength to strength!

We've explored continents and the world map, became shape detectives, and can now identify a shape at a quick glance ... even sides and vertices! We've splashed around during our swimming lessons and built up our resilience within our p.e!

Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas, looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year!





We can't believe it is nearly the Christmas holiday, but they do say time flies when you are having fun, and we have had lots of fun learning in Beech class this half term.

In Geography we have been looking at the area around our school, visiting the farm and making maps of the area and adding pictures to show where things are. We also used google earth to look at the areas where we live and looked at the similarities and differences between a globe and an atlas.

There were lots of learning opportunities during a shopping trip to Aldi, the children wrote shopping lists, counted out coins, carried their own bags and pulled the basket along, found the items on their lists, scanned the items and then paid using their coins. They were respectful to the other customers, and we were all very proud of them. We then made melting snowmen biscuits with the things they had bought.

Our highlight was when our families joined us for Children in Need, joining in with dances and Pudsey bingo with the children as the bingo callers.

We are excited for Christmas and have made our own Christmas tree with our hand prints, made reindeer hats to wear at our Christmas dinner, got cosy to listen to a story called Santa's Magic Key and loved meeting Santa when he visited our school. All the staff in Beech class would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



What an exciting month we have had in Oak class! We have been learning the story of Meerkat Mail and learnt a story off by heart from the Jackal's perspective. We then wrote our own version of this story, which was amazing! We have learnt more facts about the Amazon Rainforest: we learnt all about the different animals that live there and are endangered. We were shocked to learn how many trees there were. We have loved our painting unit in creative time and love our new thrive right time each day.





In Willow class we have been learning about cave paintings as part of our creative lessons. We made our own cave wall textured surface then put our own hand prints onto the surface.

