



Weekly Newsletter

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Christmas Festivities... the countdown has begun!

Next week the children in KS1 are beginning our run up to Christmas by watching a pantomime performed by a professional theatre company, M & M Productions.

Tickets will be issued for our own Christmas performances shortly and every family will receive two tickets for each performance. Unfortunately, we have to limit numbers for safety reasons. This year, thanks to our wonderful PTA, we will be selling refreshments in the hall whilst you eagerly await your little ones performance. The PTA will also be selling raffle tickets to win one of our fabulous hampers.



We will be hosting our Christmas Movie Night on Friday 8th December and letters will be sent home about this next week.

Finally, the PTA would like to start a new Penketh tradition of wearing Christmas jumpers on the last day of term for a donation of £1.00.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to:

Reception: Finn

Year 1: Harry

Year 2: Jamie

Year 3: Ivy

Year 4: Holly

Year 5: Harriett D.

Year 6: Kayden



ATTENDANCE



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.9%	94.6%	92.4%	90.1%	99.3%	95.4%	99.1%



OUR LEARNING

In Reception...We began our new book 'Stanley's Stick' by hunting for lots of sticks amongst the school grounds. We used our imaginations and fine motor skills to decorate the sticks with pom-poms, pipe cleaners and sequins. This week, we have written about what our stick might become. The children have had some brilliant ideas including 'motorbike', 'a magic wand' and 'hot chocolate spoon'!

In Year 1...This week we have been finishing off our English work on 'The Lion Inside'. We have been writing character descriptions of the lion and the mouse and then comparing them! In Maths, we have worked incredibly hard, using part-whole models to write linked addition sentences. We have also loved using the BeeBots in our Computing session this week!

In Year 2...The children have loved learning lots of different facts about owls in preparation for our fact file writing piece.



In Maths, we are continuing to add and subtract numbers that cross the tens boundary. In our Science lessons, we have been learning about different habitats and the animals that we could find in each one.

In Year 3...This week Year 3 received a letter from the aliens that live on the moon. They have written back as Bob (the man on the moon). Also they have been adding and subtracting ones, tens and hundreds from 3-digit numbers using bead strings and number lines.

As part of their Science work they have learnt how magnets can repel and attract and have 2 poles – a North and a South.



In Year 4...This week, we have been learning all about what makes a sound in Science. In Geography, we have been learning about the different nationalities within our class and plotting the locations of those countries on our world maps.



In Year 5...Year 5 are loving Forest School! This week, they built dens, made mud pies and played imaginatively.



The children have also started writing informal character descriptions based on the characters in Hansel and Gretel.

In Year 6...This week Year 6 have been writing tense stories using cliff hangers. They have really blown me away! We have looked at how using different sentence lengths, repeating phrases and rhetorical questions can help to build up tension, and make the reader want to come back for more!



OTHER AWARDS



Congratulations to:

- **Football Superstars; Bobbie** (Coaches Player of the Week from Matthiola Stars JFC), **Eve** (Managers Girl of the Match from Whittle Hall Madrid JFC), **Logan** (Parents Player of the Week from Whittle Hall Cosmos JFC), **Leo** (Player of the Match from Warrington Town U8 Wires JFC) and **Holly** (Player of the Match from Cromwell U9 Vulcans).
- **Dancers; Lailah** (Pupil of the Week from Supreme Dance Academy) and **Mia** (Star of the Week from Abigail Barlow Dance Academy).
- **Gymnasts; Alice** (certificate from Warrington Gymnastics Club) and **Hayden** (Gym Star of the Week from Beth Tweddle Gym Stars).
- **Super Swimmers; Eva** (Star of the Week), **Vinnie** (Level 1) and **Amelia** (Level 3).
- **Hayden**, who was awarded a Blue Peter badge for gardening and a certificate from his Taekwon-Do class.





READERS OF THE WEEK

Reception: Francis

Year 1: Alice

Year 2: Lily

Year 3: Henry

Year 4: Lailah

Year 5: Charlie

Year 6: Morris



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 28th November: Reception Intake 2024-2025 Open Morning 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 28th November: Cinderella Theatre Production for Key Stage 1

Friday 8th December: Whole School Christmas Film Night 3:20 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Letters will be sent out next week.

Monday 11th December: Flu Immunisation Program Catch-up Session (Reception to Year 6)

Thursday 14th December: Reception Nativity 2:30 p.m.

Friday 15th December: Reception Nativity 9:10 a.m.

Friday 15th December: Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production 2:30 p.m.

Monday 18th December: Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production 2:30 p.m.