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Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all our children and families for making this term such a success. It has been fantastic to see the high level of engagement from parents using the new online reading records. It really does make a difference when children read at home, and we have enjoyed working with you on this.

It has also been lovely to welcome so many parents into school this week for our Christmas craft sessions. We are always pleased to welcome you into our school family and value the strong partnerships we continue to build together.

Many families have been affected by seasonal sickness bugs, and we hope you all find time to rest and recover so that everyone returns healthy and refreshed for the Spring term. Let's keep working together to help raise our attendance.

We hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable break. We're excited for the learning, opportunities, and shared moments the new term will bring.

Wishing you well

Mrs Glock

Head of School

Ms Garratt

Executive Principal



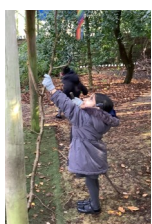
Year 1—Design & Technology

We have been learning about the importance of eating colourful meals in our unit 'eat a rainbow'. Using lots of different coloured fruits, the children designed, prepared and made their own fruit kebabs.



Reception

In Reception this term, we have had lots of fun exploring our Forest School on Fridays. We have been climbing trees, apple picking, digging for worms, and observing how the weather changes. The children have been fantastic at noticing how the clouds change in colour and size, and we have loved watching the seasons shift from autumn to winter!





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Year 5—Music

Our children enjoy ukulele lessons every week, bringing music to life in the classroom.



Year 6—Zip World Heaton Park

Our children enjoyed a memorable day at Zip World Heaton Park, where they demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and enthusiasm while taking part in a range of adventurous activities.



Year 1—Christingle

We had a lovely time making Christingle oranges in school with Reverend Hannah. They enjoyed learning about the meaning behind each part of the Christingle and took pride in creating their own. A big thank you to Reverend Hannah for sharing this special tradition with us.



Nursery—Reading

The children have been reading *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and have been thoroughly enjoying the story. To extend their learning and bring the book to life, we went on a bear hunt in the reception garden. The children explored different areas, re-enacting parts of the story and using imaginative language as they went on their hunt.





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Year 4—PE

Our children have been working really hard on their gymnastic skills and their team work skills. As you can see, they created some amazing balances!



Christmas Crafts

Parents joined us in school for a festive Christmas craft session, creating wonderful memories alongside the children.



Year 1 & Year 3 St Matthews Church visit

It was a joy to visit St Matthews Church to learn more about Christingle and celebrate the Christmas season.



Year 3—Zoom Call with Paul Bahn and Elle Clifford

Paul and Elle are archaeologists specialising in the stone age. They spoke to the children about some of the discoveries they have made.



Good Hand Hygiene – As we go into winter, common illnesses can keep children away from their classmates and studies. One of the best things we can all do to avoid illness is to practice good hand hygiene. Good hand hygiene helps stop infections from spreading, which means less disrupted learning time.





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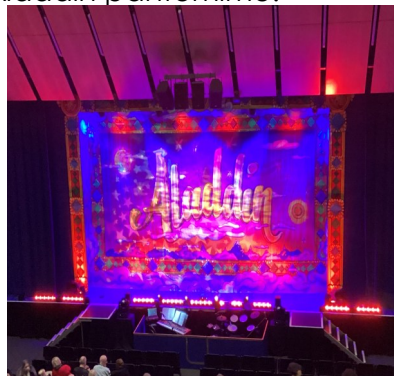
Year 2—Christmas Production

Our Christmas production was a wonderful success, made even more special by all the parents who came along to support the children.



Year 4—Aladdin Pantomime

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their trip to Middleton Arena, enjoying a fun-filled performance of the Aladdin pantomime.



Attendance

Our attendance so far this year has not been as high as we had hoped. Many classes have suffered from the illnesses going round. We have been teaching the children about good hygiene routines to help stop the spread of germs. We are aiming for 96% attendance. We end the Autumn term at 92% so we still have a long way to go! We hope everyone gets lots of rest over the holiday and fully recovers for the new term.

Reporting Absence – If your child is absent from school, please message via the Arbor Parent app. Ongoing illness needs to be reported daily.

End of Term

School closes at **1pm** on **Friday 19th December** for the Christmas holidays.

Children are to return to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

